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UK Association to Horizon Europe



UK association to Horizon Europe & Copernicus

On 7 September 2023, the European Commission and the UK Government [announced that they reached an agreement](#) on the association of the UK to Horizon Europe and Copernicus **from 1 January 2024**.

UK organisations will be able to participate in Horizon Europe calls for proposals on the same terms as institutions from other Associated Countries (except for the EIC Fund and a limited number of restricted calls).

Association to [Copernicus](#), the EU Earth Observation programme, will enable the UK's access to a state-of-the-art capacity to monitor the Earth and to its services, as well as provide the UK research community with **access to unique data, which is often required on Horizon Europe projects**.



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*“UK researchers will be able to fully participate in the Horizon Europe programme on the same terms as researchers from other Associated Countries, including leading consortia, **from the 2024 Work Programmes and onwards – including any 2024 calls opening this year.***

For calls from the 2023 Work Programmes, the European Commission will continue to administer transitional arrangements [incl. with UK organisations applying as beneficiaries and becoming Associated Partners at the granting stage] and the UK will continue to provide funding under the UK Guarantee.”

[Joint Statement by the European Commission and the UK Government, 7 September 2023.](#)



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Duly justified exceptional cases

*“In duly justified **exceptional cases** for actions related to **Union strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security**, Horizon Europe work programmes may provide that the **participation can be limited to those legal entities established in Member States only**, or, to those legal entities established in specified associated or other third countries in addition to Member States.”*

Restrictions are in place mainly in Horizon calls related to **Security** (Cluster 3), **Quantum technologies** and **Space** (Cluster 4)



Upcoming calls

It does not matter when the call opens and closes. The call ID matters!

UK entities must always apply as beneficiaries!

Upcoming Horizon Europe calls:
Check the topic/call ID, which sets out which programme year it belongs to.

Call ID includes '2023', then this call falls under the 2023 Work Programme.

ERC-2023-SyG;
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-01

UK entities must apply as beneficiaries, and change their status to Associated Partner during the GAP. Funding will be provided by the UKRI Guarantee

Call ID includes '2024', then this call falls under the 2024 Work Programme.

ERC-2024-SyG :
HORIZON-HLTH-2024-STAYHLTH-01-05-two-stage

UK entities apply as beneficiaries, and receive EC funding. The usual rules for beneficiaries apply.

**1/1/2024
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Horizon Europe Guarantee

*“A new scheme was announced by UK government on 29 November to guarantee funding for successful applicants to the **first wave of Horizon Europe grant awards** regardless of the outcome of the UK’s efforts to associate to Horizon Europe.”*

*“The guarantee is a **short-term measure** intended to address the delays in the formalisation of the UK’s association to Horizon Europe. ... the government has guaranteed funding for the first wave of eligible, successful applicants to Horizon Europe **if they are unable to sign their grant agreements with the EU.**”*

The Guarantee has been extended to cover all remaining Horizon Europe grant calls that are funded under Work Programme 2023 irrespective of the call closing or grant signature date.

Guaranteed
funding

for successful
Horizon Europe
UK applicants to
the first calls



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UK Guarantee - Statistics

Number of applications and grant offers made through the Horizon Europe guarantee up to 30 September 2023

Guarantee grant type	Applications submitted and verified	Value of grants requested in verified applications	Grant offer letters issued	Value of grant offers issued
Collaborative Horizon Europe guarantee grants (hosted on Innovation Funding Service)	1,821	£787.3 million	1,728	£750.5 million
European Research Council guarantee grants	352	£519.0 million	349	£515.8 million
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions guarantee grants	588	£131.6 million	577	£128.9 million
Total	2,761	£1,437.9 million	2,654	£1,395.2 million



UKRO resources available to everyone

- [UKRO website on UK participation in EU programmes](#)
- [UKRO factsheet on UK participation in EU programmes](#)
- UKRO webinar on GAP phase for projects with UK organisations:
 - [Watch the recording](#) (Zoom)
 - [Presentation slides](#)

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