Dear all,

We are excited to announce a new funding opportunity, the ‘Horizon Europe Pump Priming Collaboration between UK and EU Partners’ to help UK organisations develop Horizon Europe collaborations.

We have also included an update on the European Commission’s recent launch of HERA (the European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority) as well as the launch of five Missions including the Cancer Mission.

More information is included below. If you have colleagues who would like to receive these updates, they can sign up here.

We hope this update is helpful,

Jo and Katie

UK National Contact Points for Horizon Europe Health Funding
UK KTN and NCP website on Horizon Europe Health Cluster

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NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Horizon Europe Pump Priming for Collaboration between UK and EU Partners

Up to £5,000 grant funding is available via the UK Government’s Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) Horizon Europe Pump Priming call for proposals. The funding is to help develop collaborative activity between UK and EU/associated countries’ entities who are intending to apply to a specific call topic under Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe which open between 1 Sept 2021 and 7 Sept 2022.

The 2021-2022 Horizon Europe Pillar 2 Work Programmes which include a list of call topics are:

- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Society for Security
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Pump Priming call:

- Funding can be utilised in a variety of ways but could include feasibility studies, application advice and training, partnership building, and dedicated time to take forward an application.
- The call will remain open on a rolling 2-week basis until all funding has been utilised, with the first wave of assessment on 13 October, the second wave on 27 October, and further applications considered every two weeks from 10 November if funding remains available.
- The call states “Proposals are welcome from research institutes and universities based in the UK, and proposals that involve working closely with any other type of organisations eligible for Horizon Europe funding (based in the UK and/or the EU/Associated Countries), including third parties, end users and similar bodies/organisations such as hospitals, libraries,
regulators, commercial partners, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), creative industry partners, museums, local authorities and associations, NGOs, charities and companies are particularly encouraged.”

- We’ve double-checked with the British Academy and:
  - Other participants/SMEs can claim staff costs, including from the UK, EU Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC). For anyone who is not a PI or Co-I, staff costs would go under the category 'Research Assistance'.
  - Other eligible participants/SMEs (including from the UK, MS and AC) can also claim costs such as travel and consumables.
  - The funding can also cover pump priming activities with:
    - organisations from Low and Middle Income Countries that are funded by the European Commission (listed on page 2 here).
    - US organisations for the Health Cluster only (the footnote on page 4 of the scheme notes explains more).
    - Switzerland, as long as there are enough MS/AC involved (since the Swiss government will fund Swiss organisations in Horizon Europe).

NEW: European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) Launched

The European Commission recently launched the European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) to prevent, detect, and rapidly respond to health emergencies.

- Press release, which includes further useful links.

NEW: European Commission launch five Missions, including Cancer Mission

The European Commission has launched five ‘Missions’ which aim to address some of the greatest challenges facing society: Cancer; Adaptation to Climate Change; Restoring our Oceans and Waters; Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities: and a Soil Deal for Europe.

- The Cancer Mission will aim to improve the lives of more than 3 million people by 2030 through prevention, cure and for those affected by cancer including their families, to live longer and better.
- The Cancer Mission, jointly with Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan, will:
  - Implement a strategic research and innovation agenda for a better understanding of cancer
  - Design effective prevention strategies
  - Develop new methods for screening and early detection
  - Enable optimised diagnosis and better treatment
  - Improve the quality of life of patients and their families
  - Provide tailor-made support to countries, regions and communities
  - Establish a high level of collaboration within the cancer community
- Cancer Mission actions:
  - The Horizon Europe programme will provide EUR 378.2 million in the period 2021-23 to support the implementation of the mission.
  - Set up the EU platform UNderstanding CANcer.eu (UNCAN.eu) and the European Cancer Patient Digital Centre, and support a network of Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures.

Further info: Press release, which includes a links to:

- Q&A on Missions
- Factsheet on Missions and each individual Mission including a Cancer Mission factsheet
• Detailed Implementation plans for each Mission, including the Cancer Mission Implementation Plan.
• Communication on EU Missions
• EU Missions Website

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REMINDER: UK National Contact Points – Horizon Europe guidance and support
If you have any questions about Horizon Europe Health funding, and are based in the UK, please feel free to contact the UK National Contact Points (NCPs): Jo Frost ncp-health@innovateuk.ukri.org (NCP for Industry) or Katie Dingley ncp@mrc.ukri.org (NCP for academia). Other sectors (e.g. local government, charity sector, hospitals) please copy both Jo and Katie into your email. Those based outside the UK can find their national contact points here.

REMINDER: European Commission ‘Q&A on the UK’s participation in Horizon Europe’
We often get asked "Can UK entities take part in the EU’s new Horizon Europe research and innovation funding programme?" The answer is YES. The European Commission has published a Q&A on the UK’s participation in Horizon Europe which confirms this.

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