UK Health NCP Newsletter
19 October 2021

Dear all,

Please find the latest Horizon Europe health news and funding opportunities below, including:

- Survey on UK Horizon Europe Health National Contact Point services
- Health Cluster 2022 Topics now open worth over €900 million
- Health Cluster 2022 Topics Info Day (28 Oct) and Online Partnering Day (29 Oct)
- Pump Priming Funding for Collaboration between UK and EU Partners (reminder)
- Policy Paper Presentation of the Advisory Group on R&I for Africa-Europe Cooperation
- 2021 Health Cluster Topics: Number of proposals received published
- Events on MSCA COFUND - Building and Enhancing Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programmes

As ever if you have any questions at all please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,
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Help us to help you! Share your thoughts on UK NCP support on our survey
In order to develop our UK National Contact Point (NCP) services for Horizon Europe Health, we are currently surveying the community on its preferences for communication channels and content for health-related Horizon Europe funding. We would very much welcome your views on the information which is most valuable to you, preferences for level of content and most useful communication channels – as well as any other views on how best to inform and guide applicants – and invite you to share your views here. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete and will close on Friday 29th October.

If you would rather share views over email, of course feel free to contact Jo (ncp-health@innovateuk.ukri.org) and Katie (ncp@mrc.ukri.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

2022 Health Cluster Calls now open worth €900 million
The 2022 Health Cluster topics opened on 6th October with a budget of over €900million. The 2022 calls include both single- and two-stage application processes, with deadlines depending on the call topic you are interested in:

- The deadline for single stage call topics is 21 April 2022.
- The two-stage call topics have a first stage deadline on 1 February 2022. For those who pass the first stage, the second stage deadline is 6 September 2022.

The 2022 call topics are listed below, each with a direct link to the call webpage for further info on the project type, budget, scope and expected impact. All call topics can also be found in the 2021-2022 Horizon Europe Health Work Programme.
Destination 1 - Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-01-two-stage: Boosting mental health in Europe in times of change
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-04-two-stage: Trustworthy artificial intelligence (AI) tools to predict the risk of chronic non-communicable diseases and/or their progression
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-05-two-stage: Prevention of obesity through the life course
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-02-01 - Personalised blueprint of chronic inflammation in health-to-disease transition

Destination 2 - Living and working in a health-promoting environment

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-ENVHLTH-04-01: Methods for assessing health-related costs of environmental stressors

Destination 3 - Tackling diseases and reducing disease burden

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-06-02-two-stage: Pre-clinical development of the next generation of immunotherapies for diseases or disorders with unmet medical needs
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-06-03-two-stage: Vaccines 2.0 - developing the next generation of vaccines
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-06-04-two-stage: Development of new effective therapies for rare diseases
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-07-02: Pandemic preparedness
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-07-03: Non-communicable diseases risk reduction in adolescence and youth (Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases - GACD)
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-07-01: Support for the functioning of the Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness (GloPID-R) – Please note that this call topic is to run the GloPID-R secretariat, so is unlikely to be of interest.
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-DISEASE-03-01: European partnership fostering a European Research Area (ERA) for health research – Please note that this call topic is to set up a 'co-funded partnership' collaboration expected to have research funders, public authorities, and policy makers at the core of the consortium. This call topic is NOT aimed at researchers and innovators.

Destination 4 - Ensuring access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality health care

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-08-02: Pre-commercial research and innovation procurement (PCP) for building the resilience of health care systems in the context of recovery
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-08-03: Public procurement of innovative solutions (PPI) for building the resilience of health care systems in the context of recovery
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-08-04: Better financing models for health systems
- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-10-01: European partnership on transforming health and care systems – Please note that this call topic is to set up a ‘co-funded partnership’ collaboration, which should include: government ministries in charge of research and innovation policy; national/regional research and innovation and technology funding organisations and foundations; government ministries in charge of health and care policy; and regional health and care authorities, organisations and providers. This call topic is NOT to fund normal research/innovation consortium projects.
Destination 5 - Unlocking the full potential of new tools, technologies & digital solutions for a healthy society

- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-11-01**: Optimising effectiveness in patients of existing prescription drugs for major diseases (except cancer) with the use of biomarkers
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-11-02**: New methods for the effective use of real-world data and/or synthetic data in regulatory decision-making and/or in health technology assessment
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-TOOL-12-01**: Two-stage - Computational models for new patient stratification strategies

Destination 6 - Maintaining an innovative, sustainable and globally competitive health industry

- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-IND-13-01**: Enhancing cybersecurity of connected medical devices
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-IND-13-02**: Scaling up multi-party computation, data anonymisation techniques, and synthetic data generation
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-IND-13-03**: New pricing and payment models for cost-effective and affordable health innovations
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-IND-13-04**: Setting up a European Smart Health Innovation Hub
- **HORIZON-HLTH-2022-IND-13-05**: Setting up a European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) Ecosystem

Information Day (28 Oct) and Online Partnering Event (29 Oct) for 2022 calls announced

The European Commission has announced an [online Information Day on 28th October](#), presenting each of the Horizon Europe Health 2022 call topics (listed above) and a session on essential information on clinical studies and gender equality. There will also be the opportunity to ask the European Commission questions. No registration is necessary.

The network of Health National Contact Points, the European Commission and Enterprise Europe Network will hold a virtual partnering/brokerage event for the Health Cluster on 29th October. The event will give you an opportunity to share project ideas and find partners for consortia for the recently opened 2022 Health Cluster topics. Registration for the brokerage event is open until 28th October.

**We advise you to register to the partnering event early to make the most of the opportunities to connect to others. We received great feedback on the last online partnering event and hope this one will also be a great opportunity for many of you!**

**Important tips on setting up your profile and interests:**

- Please ensure that you list all topics that you are interested in in the ‘Areas of Activity’ section of your profile.
- Please ALSO select all topics that you are interested in "MarketPlace Items- Project Cooperation" section.
- Please ensure that you do add the call topics you are seeking to participate in in the Marketplace area. If you do not, your profile will not be listed in the Marketplace for that call topic and other attendees will not see your profile. Unfortunately the ‘Areas of Activity’ on your profile will not auto-populate across to the Marketplace project cooperation area.

Reminder: 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 all topic under Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe which open between 1 Sept 2021 and 7 Sept 2022 (so this includes all of the Health call topics listed earlier in this email).

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 next deadline 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).


Six high-level and experts from Africa and Europe advise the European Commission on how to boost the potential of R&I for Africa-Europe cooperation in the field of:

1. Empowered Health Systems
2. Strengthened R&I Capacities in Africa
3. Innovation & Technology Revolution
4. Green Transition in Africa

The evidence-based policy papers of the Advisory Group refer each to one of the priority topics and reflect not only the decades of experience of the high-level experts, but also the feedback of over 500 African and European policymakers and other stakeholder collected during the participative
elaboration process during the last months. Besides an analytical study of the present situation, the papers include recommendations for instruments and priority actions for the dialogue between AU and EU policy makers. The event will present a summary of the four policy papers, of common and specific recommendations as well as a roadmap for implementation with a time frame of 7 years. Read more and register.

2021 Health Cluster Topics: Number of proposals received published

The European Commission has published the number of proposals received to each of the 2021 Horizon Europe Health call topics. This info is available on the call topic webpages on the funding and tenders portal in the ‘topic updates’ section and is also listed below. Evaluation results are expected to be communicated on Friday 28 January 2022 at the earliest.

HORIZON-2021-STAYHLTH-01-02: 45 proposals
HORIZON-2021-STAYHLTH-01-03: 17 proposals
HORIZON-2021-STAYHLTH-01-04: 4 proposals
HORIZON-2021-STAYHLTH-01-05: 1 proposal

HORIZON-2021-ENVHLTH-02-01: 12 proposals
HORIZON-2021-ENVHLTH-02-02: 52 proposals
HORIZON-2021-ENVHLTH-02-03: 19 proposals

HORIZON-2021-ENVHLTH-03-01: 1 proposal

HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-01: 37 proposals
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-02: 13 proposals
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-03: 58 proposals
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-04: 112 proposals
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-05: 1 proposal
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-06: 3 proposals
HORIZON-2021-DISEASE-04-07: 29 proposals

HORIZON-2021-CARE-05-01: 41 proposals
HORIZON-2021-CARE-05-02: 42 proposals
HORIZON-2021-CARE-05-04: 4 proposals

HORIZON-2021-TOOL-06-01: 7 proposals
HORIZON-2021-TOOL-06-02: 31 proposals
HORIZON-2021-TOOL-06-03: 46 proposals

HORIZON-2021-IND-07-01: 12 proposals
HORIZON-2021-IND-07-02: 2 proposals
HORIZON-2021-IND-07-03: 2 proposals

Events: MSCA COFUND - Building and Enhancing Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programmes

Registration is open for the upcoming UK webinar series on the 26 and 29 October for those interested in the 2021 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) COFUND call. The event is open to
research and innovation funders, staff from academic and no-academic organisations, as well as researchers.

The webinar set outs to explain how MSCA COFUND aims to support the development of new or existing doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship programmes. The inclusion of partners from all over the world, and the exposure to the non-academic sector, including industry and SMEs, is highly encouraged.

Session 1 Overview and Eligibility - 26 October 2021 10:00-11:30 UK Time

This session will focus on providing a comprehensive overview of the MSCA COFUND scheme, eligibility considerations, budgetary information, and an introduction to the Global Talent Visa.

Speakers include:

- Alan Craig, Head of Section MSCA COFUND, Research Executive Agency, European Commission
- Patricia McCrory, Queen's University Belfast, CITI-GENS MSCA COFUND Doctoral Fellowship Programme
- Gabrielle Newson and Ben Weeks, UKRI Global Mobility and Inclusion

Register here.

Session 2 Practical Considerations - 29 October 2021 10:00-11:30 UK Time

This session will focus on the practical elements of proposal development, including evaluation and submission. Speakers include:

- Alexandra Gonçalves Pedersen, Call Coordinator MSCA COFUND, Research Executive Agency, European Commission
- Dr Philip King, UKRI-STFC, RIFP MSCA COFUND Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme

Register here.

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. The List of Participating Countries in Horizon Europe also confirms that UK as one of the countries where association negotiations are being processed or where association is imminent.

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