Dear all,

Please find our Horizon Europe Health newsletter below with latest news and funding opportunities including article with updates on:

- **Wed 24 Nov event on EU Mission on Cancer and the Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan**
- **UK Government Budget Confirms Money for UK Association to Horizon Europe**
- **2022 Horizon Europe Health Cluster Calls (€900 million) & info/partnering days**
- **UK ‘Pump Priming’ Funding for Collaboration between UK and Partners in Other Countries Increased**
- Reminder - **Webinar/Partnering Event on 26 Nov: Horizon Europe Tackling Diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Call Topics + JPI AMR Therapeutics Call**
- **JPIAMR ‘Disrupting Drug Resistance Using Innovative Design’ Call**
- **JPIAMR ‘Diagnostics and Surveillance Networks’ Call**
- **Update on European Partnerships, including the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) and Global Health (EDCTP3) Partnerships**
- **European Commission Infosdays on Horizon Europe Cluster 4 ‘Digital, Industry and Space’**
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- **European Commission and Brazilian Funding Agencies Sign Agreement**
- Slides and Recording Available from UK event on MSCA Staff Exchange Scheme

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

Best wishes,

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**New Event - Wed 24 Nov: EU Mission on Cancer and the Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan**

The European Commission is organising a webinar about the Mission on Cancer, what it intends to deliver and how. It will also cover the implementation of the Europe’s Beating Cancer Plan. [Registration](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=123456789).

**New: UK Government Budget Confirms Money for UK Association to Horizon Europe**

- In late October 2021, the UK Government published its ‘[Autumn Budget Statement and Spending Review](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/autumn-budget-2021)’. This confirms (page 59) that it will “fund full association to Horizon Europe, enabling further collaboration with European partners.” The table below (also from page 59) shows that the UK government has set aside £5.6 billion over the next three years to fund the UK association.
Association remains the UK goal and the UK government is urging the Commission to make faster progress on finalising UK association. Meanwhile, the European Commission Q&A on the UK's participation in Horizon Europe from Feb 2021 confirms that UK entities are already eligible to apply ahead of formally associating. The UK remains committed to securing association and we continue to encourage UK-based researchers and innovators to take advantage of the opportunity to apply to Horizon Europe.

### Table 2.2: Departmental Capital Budgets (Capital DEL) on Research and Development (R&D)

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**Memo:**

Total R&D Official Development Assistance | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0

1. Spending Review 2020 multi-year commitment to increase funding for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and National Academies core research.
2. Third-country EU programme (Horizon, Euratom, ITER) participation contributions. Estimates are forecast in line with the terms agreed in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and using latest EU Budget and UK/EU27 economic data. Does not include Department for Food and Rural Affairs funding for Capemics, which is calculated by the same methodology.

Reminder - Funding Opportunity, Infodays and Partnering site: 2022 Horizon Europe Health Cluster Calls (Worth €900 million)

- The 2022 Health Cluster call topics are listed in the 2021-2022 Horizon Europe Health Work Programme or online here. The deadline for proposals is 1 Feb 2022 or 21 April 2022 depending on the topic.
- You can also watch presentations on the call topics and Q&A sessions on the European Commission infoday website (using the ‘watch the presentation’ and ‘watch the recording’ buttons respectively).
- An online partnering/brokerage event for the Health Cluster was held on 29th October. It has recently been announced that the website will remain open to use until end Jan 2022 – you can go to the ‘marketplace’ tab at the top right, then use the menu on the left to see which organisations are interested in each call topic. It is still possible to use the website both to register your interest (at the top right of the webpage), and to contact those organisations who are already listed on the website.
- The Northern Irish Contact Point for Horizon Europe for Health, Patricia McCrory, recently organised a very useful event on Horizon Europe. The recordings and presentations are now available online, including sessions on: Horizon Europe and 2022 Health Call topics; project types and funding partners; Horizon Europe novelties; a case study; pitches from Northern Irish organisations interested in Horizon Europe Health calls; an update on the Innovate Health Initiative (IHI) and the European Innovation Council (EIC); and support for applicants.

Update - Funding Opportunity: Horizon Europe Pump Priming Funding for Collaboration between UK and Partners

- A grant is available via the UK Government Horizon Europe Pump Priming call for proposals.
- The funding is to help develop collaborative activity between UK and organisations in other countries 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 2022 Health call topics).

- Please note the amount of money available per proposal has recently been increased from £5k to £10k.
- There are currently deadlines for the pump priming activity every 2 weeks. Please also see our thread on LinkedIn for clarifications on which countries can be funded and on eligible costs.

Reminder - Webinar/Partnering Event on 26 Nov: Horizon Europe Tackling Diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Call Topics + JPI AMR Therapeutics Call

- The webinar will be a chance to find out about, pitch, network and join potential consortia for various Horizon Europe Health Topics, as well as the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance (JPIAMR) call on 'Disrupting drug resistance using innovative design (DRUID)' (see separate article below for more info on the JPIAMR call).
- We are also delighted National Contact Points (NCPs) for Health from the following countries will also be available for 1:1s meetings with potential Horizon Europe applicants from their countries: Belgium (Wallonie), Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland, UK and Northern Ireland.
- Further information and registration

New - Funding Opportunity: JPIAMR 'Disrupting Drug Resistance Using Innovative Design' Call

- The JPIAMR (Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance) has preannounced a call on 'Disrupting drug resistance using innovative design' (DRUID) with a total estimated budget of €17 million.
- This call will involve 26 funding organisations from 17 countries. This includes the UK's MRC, BBSRC and EPSRC – for more info, see the UKRI preannouncement as well as funders from Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. Partners working in eligible low and middle income countries can also be funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).
- Don’t forget, there will be a presentation on this call, and a chance to find partners at out event on 26 Nov – info and registration.
- If you are interested in this call, please also hold the date for an infoday organised by the JPIAMR on 25th of January 2022 as mentioned on the call website.
- The call is planned to open on 11 Jan 2022, with a deadline for pre-proposals on 8 March 2022 and full proposals on 5 July 2022. There will also be a partner search tool which will open on 11 Jan 2022.

New - Funding Opportunity: JPIAMR 'Diagnostics and Surveillance Networks' Call

- The JPIAMR (Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance) has preannounced a 'Diagnostics and Surveillance Networks' call which involves funding organisations from 11 countries to date: the UK's Medical Research Council, as well as funders from Egypt, Estonia, France, Italy, Lithuania, Moldova, the Netherlands, Norway and Spain.
- Each network coordinator will be able to apply for a maximum of €50,000 for 12 or 24 months period for support of its activities.
- The detailed pre-announcement text will be available on 22 March 2022, the call will open on 12 April 2022, with a webinar on 28 April 2022 and a deadline of 14 June 2022.
Update: Council of EU Approves Establishment of 10 European Partnerships, including the Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) and Global Health (EDCTP3) Partnerships

European Commission and Council of the EU Press Releases.

IHI:

- Horizon Europe’s IHI is likely to have 1.2 billion funding from the European Commission over the next 7 years and a similar amount put in by other organisations.
- IHI is currently being set up and will follow on from the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI), but will be broader. It will cover the entire continuum of care, from prevention, diagnostics, to treatment and disease management.
- As reported in our 30 June newsletter, five industry associations (COCIR, EFPIA, MedTech Europe, EuropaBio and Vaccines Europe) representing the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical technologies industries operating in Europe, together with the European Commission, have published the IHI draft Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. It has 5 objectives:
  1. Contribute towards a better understanding of the determinants of health and priority disease areas
  2. Integrate fragmented health R&I efforts bringing together health industry sectors and other stakeholders, digital on unmet public health needs, to enable the development of tools, data, platforms, technologies and processes for improved prediction, prevention, interception, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases, meeting the needs of end-users
  3. Demonstrate the feasibility of people-centred, integrated health care solutions
  4. Exploit the full potential of digitalization and data exchange in healthcare
  5. Enable the development of new and improved methodologies and models for a comprehensive assessment of the added value of innovative and integrated health care solutions
- This was developed following a public consultation in 2019 where around 100 different stakeholders, including academic institutions, healthcare professionals and patients, responded.
- The first IHI calls for proposals are likely to be launched in early 2022.
- The UK is in the process of becoming an ‘associated country’ to Horizon Europe, which means that UK organisations will be eligible for IHI calls for proposals.
  - UK organisations received a total of €538 million euros funding from the IMI, with 200 UK participations according to the IMI statistics available online.

New Events 29 Nov to 1 Dec: European Commission Infodays on Horizon Europe Cluster 4 ‘Digital, Industry and Space’
The event will cover funding opportunities the 2022 call topics in the Horizon Europe ‘Digital, Industry and Space’ Work Programme, which has some funding opportunities that may be of interest to some working in Health.

New: JPND Call for Expert Working Groups on Impact of Covid-19 on Neurodegenerative Disease Research
The EU Joint Programme on Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND) has launched a call for expert working groups on the impact of Covid-19 on neurodegenerative disease research, which closes on 14 Dec 2021. The expert groups must be led by a coordinator from an institution eligible for funding from one of the ten funding organisation participating in this call (see page 6), which includes the UK’s Medical Research Council.

New: European Commission and Brazilian Funding Agencies Sign Agreement
The European Commission and three Brazilian funding agencies signed an Administrative Arrangement on the mechanisms to support Brazilian participation in Horizon Europe collaborative projects, Partnerships and Missions. The Administrative Arrangement aims to facilitate the co-funding of Horizon Europe collaborative activities set up by the three Brazilian funding agencies and it establishes the operational steps necessary to support other collaborative activities such as twinning of projects and the launch of coordinated calls, as well as actions to enhance mutual knowledge and awareness. Further Information.

New: Slides and Recording Available from UK event on MSCA Staff Exchange Scheme

The slides and recordings are now available from the above event. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, the call for proposals for the Horizon Europe 2021 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) ‘Staff Exchange’ scheme is now open and closes on 9 March 2022. With an overall budget of €72.5 million, the MSCA Staff Exchanges funds short-term international, inter-sectoral and interdisciplinary collaboration through staff exchanges in Europe and beyond. Staff Exchanges are open to global consortia of universities, research institutions and non-academic organisations, such as businesses and SMEs. The funding aims to help boost the careers of Research and Innovation staff, and funding is available for all areas of research and innovation. Support is available from the UK National Contact Points (NCPs) for Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCAs) (or for those of you from outside the UK, from your local NCP). The UK NCP has also written a recent blog post on ‘Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions build innovative industry networks’.

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 ncp@mrc.ukri.org (NCP for academia). Other sectors (e.g. local government, charity sector, hospitals) please copy both email addresses 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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