



### Horizon 2020 - A spotlight on the Western Balkans

The EU framework programme for research and innovation, **Horizon 2020**, has been instrumental in helping the Western Balkans achieve excellent levels of science, competitive industries and improving society. With nearly 80 billion euros of available funding for the period 2014-2020, in addition to the private and national public investment the money has attracted. With nearly 80 billion euros of available funding for the period 2014-2020, in addition to the private and national public investment the money has attracted, Horizon 2020 is one of the biggest EU research and innovation programmes in the world. Supporting the Europe 2020 growth strategy, it places research and innovation at the centre of smart, sustainable and inclusive economic growth while tackling societal challenges

**The European Commission has announced to spend €30 billion of the EU research and innovation funding programme Horizon 2020 during 2018-2020**, including €2.7 billion to kick-start a European Innovation Council. During 2018-2020, the Commission seeks greater impact of its research funding by focusing on fewer, but critical topics such as migration, security, climate, clean energy and digital economy. Horizon 2020 is also more geared towards boosting breakthrough, market-creating innovation. Currently, the Horizon 2020 has entered its last year of implementation, spending the last and biggest annual tranche - €11 billion.



## • NEWS

- Posted on March 7, 2020  
**€99 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR HORIZON 2020 MOBILITY FOR GROWTH PROJECTS**  
15 Mobility for Growth topics under the 2018-2020 Horizon 2020 Work Programme are open for application as of today, 3 December. They make available EU funding of €99 million.
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**€83 MILLION AVAILABLE FOR HORIZON 2020 ENERGY PROJECTS**  
Six energy topics under the 2018-2020 Horizon 2020 Work Programme are open for application as of 3 December. They make available EU funding of €83 million in total. The topics relate to renewable energy...
- Posted on March 2, 2020  
**WBC UPDATE ON THE EU- WESTERN BALKANS RELATIONS**  
2020 seems to be a key year for the EU-Western Balkan relations with the revised methodology steering the enlargement process and opening of the negotiations with North Macedonia and Albania. Following...
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**ALBANIA IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
Albania is currently a candidate country of the EU, awaiting opening accession negotiations. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Albania providing €1.25 billion in EU pre...
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**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
Bosnia and Herzegovina is currently a potential candidate to the EU. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Bosnia and Herzegovina providing €1.19 billion in EU pre-accession...
  - Posted on March 6, 2020  
**KOSOVO\* IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
Kosovo\* is currently a potential candidate to the EU. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Kosovo providing €1.21 billion in EU assistance funds 2007-2020 €229 million provided...
  - Posted on March 5, 2020  
**MONTENEGRO IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
Montenegro is currently a candidate country to the EU with 3 provisionally closed chapters and 32 opened ones. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Montenegro spending €504...
  - Posted on March 5, 2020  
**NORTH MACEDONIA IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
North Macedonia is currently a candidate country of the EU, awaiting opening accession negotiations. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to North Macedonia providing €1.25 ...
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**SERBIA IN THE EU- EU FUNDING OVERVIEW, INCLUDING H2020**  
Serbia is currently a candidate country to the EU with 2 provisionally closed chapters and 18 opened ones. The EU is the largest provider of financial assistance to Serbia providing €2.79 billion...
- Posted on March 5, 2020  
**CORONAVIRUS COVID-19: HORIZON 2020 PARTLY FUNDING INNOVATIVE MEDICINES INITIATIVE FAST TRACK CALL**

The European Commission funds through Horizon 2020 up to €45 million of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) fast track call for research proposals in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. A commitment...

- Posted on March 5, 2020  
**€350 MILLION PROPOSED TO SUPPORT GREEN DEAL INNOVATORS ACROSS EUROPE, INCLUDING WESTERN BALKANS**  
A proposed update to the European Innovation Council (EIC) Pilot work programme, under Horizon 2020 includes €350 million 'green deal' calls for game-changing, market-creating innovation contributing...
- Posted on November 26, 2019  
**EC LAUNCHES NEW TOOL ON HORIZON 2020 RESULTS PLATFORM**  
The European Commission has announced the launch of a new tool on its Horizon 2020 Results Platform which can be found on the Funding and Tender Opportunities portal. The Platform is now providing...
- Posted on October 21, 2019  
**[PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT] PROJECT WIDE NET NETWORK OF NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCPS)**  
The main aim of the NCP\_WIDE.NET project is to create a transnational network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation under Horizon 2020 in order to facilitate...
- Posted on October 21, 2019  
**[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] HOW TO AVOID ERRORS WHEN CLAIMING COSTS IN H2020 GRANTS**  
The first ex-post audits in H2020 projects show that participants continue to make mistakes in their cost claims. It is in the interests of beneficiaries and the Commission that there are as few errors...
- **OTHER RECENT ARTICLES**
  - Posted on March 7, 2020  
**POSTPONEMENT OF THE WESTERN BALKAN R&I MEETING (SOFIA, 18-19 MARCH 2020)**  
The European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, has announced the postponement of the Western Balkans R&I Meeting which was to be held in Sofia , 18-19 March 2020. The decision to postpone...
  - Posted on March 2, 2020  
**[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ADOPTED ITS COMMUNICATION ON THE REVISED ENLARGEMENT METHODOLOGY : "ENHANCING THE ACCESSION PROCESS – A CREDIBLE EU PERSPECTIVE FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS"**  
The European Commission put forward a proposal to drive forward the EU accession process, by making it more credible, with a stronger political steer, more dynamic and predictable.
  - Posted on March 2, 2020  
**NORTH MACEDONIA GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATES PROMPT COAL EXIT**  
The North Macedonian government has approved a national energy strategy that makes it the first country in the Western Balkans to consider a coal phase-out before 2030.
  - Posted on March 2, 2020  
**WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION ACCELERATOR IN THE WESTERN BALKAN HAS BEEN KICKED-OFF**  
This is the first regional accelerator in the WEF's Global Accelerator Network. The Strategic Dialogue on the Western Balkans is a key initiative of the Forum to support the future-oriented agenda that...

- Posted on March 2, 2020  
**DISCUSSIONS ON #HORIZONEU IMPLEMENTATION ARE ADVANCING**  
Following graphic shows some of the important milestones that have been achieved.
- Posted on March 2, 2020  
**EU BUDGET DELAY LEAVES PARTS OF HORIZON EUROPE IN LIMBO**  
EU commission president warns of funding shortfalls for Horizon Europe and Erasmus in 2021 if member states do not agree on a budget quickly.
- Posted on March 1, 2020  
**[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT] POLICY BRIEF ON SCIENCE COMMUNICATION**  
SiS.net has compiled and published a new policy brief which is focused on Science Communication. This is the 5th policy brief in a series of documents that all focus on the different dimensions of Responsible...
- Posted on February 24, 2020  
**[EVENT REVIEW] ELETTRA SINCROTRONE TRIESTE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PRESENTATION**  
Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste is an international multidisciplinary research center operating as a user facility, featuring a 2.0/2.4 GeV third generation synchrotron light source (Elettra), a free electron..

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## • CALLS

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- Deadline: March 31, 2020  
**H2020 IMI2 - CALL 21: DEVELOPMENT OF THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS COMBATTING CORONAVIRUS INFECTIONS**  
The European Commission funds through Horizon 2020 up to €45 million of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) fast track call for research proposals in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. A...
- Deadline: April 2, 2020  
**HORIZON IMPACT AWARD**  
The uptake of R&I results created under the Framework Programme is important for the programme's success and is instrumental in contributing towards transformative impacts on the economy, society ...
- Deadline: April 21, 2020  
**EU PRIZE FOR WOMEN INNOVATORS 2020 OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS**  
The European Commission launched today the seventh edition of the EU Prize for Women Innovators. The Prize celebrates female leaders in innovation and aims to inspire the next generation to follow their...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**DT-ICT-12-2020: AI FOR THE SMART HOSPITAL OF THE FUTURE**  
Specific Challenge: European health and care systems face a number of challenges linked to the ageing of the population and an increase in the prevalence of chronic conditions. With budget constraints...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**ICT-49-2020: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON DEMAND PLATFORM**  
Specific Challenge: The challenge is to fully exploit the potential of AI in the economy and society. Building notably on Europe's Scientific and Technology strengths in the field, the supported activities...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**ICT-47-2020: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BOOSTING PROMISING ROBOTICS APPLICATIONS**

Specific Challenge: Robotics enables a significant part of the economic impact of AI by delivering physical intelligence. Logistics, Healthcare, Agri-Food, Inspection and Maintenance, Mobility, Construction...

- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**ICT-46-2020: ROBOTICS IN APPLICATION AREAS AND COORDINATION & SUPPORT**  
Specific Challenge: While robots originated in large-scale mass manufacturing, they are now spreading to more and more application areas. In these new settings, robots are often faced with new technical...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**DT-ICT-09-2020: BOOST RURAL ECONOMIES THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR DIGITAL SERVICE PLATFORMS**  
Specific Challenge: Rural areas represent most of Europe's territory (91%) and population (59%). When measuring against socio-economic indicators rural areas tend to lag behind urban areas. Lower population...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**INTEGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE EXISTING PAN-EUROPEAN ACCESS MECHANISM TO PUBLIC RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES THROUGH THE EOSC PORTAL (INFRAEOSC-03-2020)**  
Specific Challenge: The phase of integration and consolidation of e-infrastructure platforms initiated under the Research Infrastructures Work Programme 2016-2017 (in particular, through the EOSC-hub...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**DT-ICT-04-2020: PHOTONICS INNOVATION HUBS**  
The challenge is to provide a sustainable ecosystem of research and innovation support for the benefit of SMEs facilitating a broad uptake and integration of photonics technologies. These Photonics Innovation...
- Deadline: April 22, 2020  
**INCREASING THE SERVICE OFFER OF THE EOSC PORTAL (INFRAEOSC-07-2020)**  
Specific Challenge: While the overall management and operation of the activities of the EOSC Portal is addressed in INFRAEOSC-03-2020, the challenge in this topic is to effectively coordinate at pan...
- Deadline: April 24, 2020  
**DANUBIUS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD 2020**  
The Danubius Award was created in 2011 by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Research (BMBFW) and the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM) with the...
- Deadline: April 28, 2020  
**H2020-MSCA-RISE-2020: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE**  
The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). The...
- Deadline: May 3, 2020  
**JRC - SECOND CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE COLLABORATIVE DOCTORAL PARTNERSHIPS (CDP)**  
The Joint Research Centre (JRC) has published the second call for expressions of interest for the Collaborative Doctoral Partnerships (CDP).
- Deadline: September 1, 2020  
**EIC HORIZON PRIZE FOR 'EARLY WARNING FOR EPIDEMICS'**

The challenge is to develop a scalable, reliable and cost-effective early warning system prototype to forecast and monitor vector-borne diseases in order to contribute to the prevention of outbreaks mitigating...

- Deadline: October 15, 2020  
**CALL FOR EVENT PARTNERS: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020**  
The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to cohesion policy. It has grown to become a unique communication and networking platform, ...
- Deadline: October 15, 2020  
**#EUDATATHON 2020: INNOVATING FOR EUROPE WITH EU OPEN DATA: 18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020**  
EU Datathon is a competition intended to highlight the potential of linking EU data and regional data as well as to promote innovation and digital transformation opportunities by using open data. Participants...
- Deadline: October 15, 2020  
**CALL FOR UNIVERSITY SESSIONS WORKSHOPS: EU REGION'S WEEK**  
The EURegionsWeek is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy and attracts up to 10,000 delegates. This free event serves as a platform for discussing and showcasing the development...
- Deadline: November 1, 2020  
**ANNOUNCEMENT: SYNCHROTRON RADIATION TRAINING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS BY ELETTRA**  
Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste announced is launching PhD fellowship opportunities as well as postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in synchrotron radiation techniques and applications specifically ...
- Deadline: November 30, 2020  
**CALL FOR PAPERS: CONFERENCE 'INFRASTRUCTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE'**  
8th Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS), Regensburg Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future...

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## • EVENTS

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- June 15-17, 2020 | Tampere, Finland  
**TRIPLE HELIX CONFERENCE 2020**  
Tampere Higher Education Community welcomes you to take part in the conference, which unites scholars, policy makers and practitioners to discuss the future directions of innovation.
- June 18-19, 2020 | University of Aveiro, Portugal, Portugal  
**19TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES**  
The European Conference on Research Methodology for Business and Management Studies was established 19 years ago. This event has been held in countries across Europe, including Ireland, England, France...
- June 18-20, 2020 | Trieste, Italy  
**8TH STS ITALIA CONFERENCE**  
DIS/ENTANGLING TECHNOSCIENCE: vulnerability, responsibility and justice The 8th STS Italia Conference will be hosted by the University of Trieste, Italy, June 18 through 20, 2020, by the Italian Society...
- June 17-20, 2020 | Ljubljana, Slovenia

### **2020 RSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Transformations: Relational Spaces, beyond Urban and Rural The Regional Studies Association's Annual Conference 2020 #RSA20 is being held in partnership with the School of Economics and Business, University...

- June 23-25, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium  
**POLICY CONFERENCE OF THE EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK**  
The Policy Conference of the EU Sustainable Energy Week is the biggest European conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. Sessions organised by the European Commission and...
- June 24-26, 2020 | Groningen, Netherlands  
**9TH LIVING KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE, 24-26 JUNE 2020**  
Synergies in Research with and for Communities The 9th Living Knowledge Conference aims to bring together all those involved in doing or supporting research with and for communities. What can we learn...
- June 22-26, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium  
**EU SUSTAINABLE ENERGY WEEK**  
The Policy Conference is the biggest European conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. Sessions organised by the European Commission and energy stakeholders focus on sustainable...
- June 25-27, 2020 | Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung (IOS), Landshuter Str. 4, 93047, Regensburg, Germany  
**8TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES (IOS), REGENSBURG**  
'Infrastructure in East and Southeast Europe in Comparative Perspective: Past, Present and Future' Infrastructure has emerged as a key site for understanding such projects and processes as modernization...
- June 22-29, 2020 | Singidunum University, Belgrade, Serbia  
**2020 INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN COMPARATIVE CONFLICT STUDIES**  
The Center for Comparative Conflict Studies (CFCCS) at the Faculty of Media and Communications (FMK), Singidunum University is organizing the 11th International Summer School in Comparative Conflict Studies...
- July 5-9, 2020 | Trieste, Italy  
**ESOF 2020 - EUROSOCIOLOGY OPEN FORUM TRIESTE**  
The 9th edition of ESOF will take place from 5-9 July 2020 in Trieste. The EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) is a biennial, pan-European, general science conference dedicated to...
- August 24-26, 2020 | Novi Sad, Serbia  
**INISTA 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS AND APPLICATIONS**  
International Conference on INnovations in Intelligent SysTems and Applications (INISTA) has been organized since 2005. It aims to bring together the researchers from the entire spectrum of the multi...
- August 30, 2020-September 3, 2020 | Belgrade, Serbia  
**NEAR SURFACE GEOSCIENCE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION 2020**  
For this year's Near Surface Geoscience Conference & Exhibition, the 26th European Meeting of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics will be accompanied by two returning successful conferences, ...
- September 1-5, 2020 | Cologne, Germany  
**SDEWES2020 COLOGNE - 15TH CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS**

The 15th Conference on Sustainable Development of Energy, Water and Environment Systems (SDEWES) is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies and technologies for...

- September 9-10, 2020 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy  
**ICSD 2020 : 8TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, 9 - 10 SEPTEMBER 2020 ROME, ITALY**  
European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 8th ICSD 2020 International Conference on Sustainable Development...
  - September 10-12, 2020 | Split, Croatia  
**ENTRENOVA 2020: ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE**  
ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch INNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion the economic, management, organizational, marketing...
  - September 24-26, 2020 | University of Graz, Austria  
**10TH INASEA CONGRESS**  
Visual Cultures in Southeast Europe: globalization, gender, power and resistance
  - October 6-9, 2020 | Seville, Spain  
**37TH IASP WORLD CONFERENCE -THE HUMAN FACTOR: PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND THEIR INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS**  
The International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation (IASP) will organise on 6th – 9th October 2020 in Sevilla, Spain, the 37th IASP World Conference on Science...
  - October 7-11, 2020 | Šibenik, Croatia  
**IUAES CONGRESS 2020 - COMING OF AGE ON EARTH: LEGACIES AND NEXT GENERATION ANTHROPOLOGY**  
The IUAES 2020 Congress "Coming of Age on Earth: Legacies and next Generation Anthropology" will take place from 7-11 October 2020 in Šibenik, Croatia.
  - October 12-15, 2020 | Brussels, Belgium  
**18TH EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES**  
The European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest annual Brussels-based event dedicated to regional policy. The event has grown to become a unique communication and networking...
  - September 10, 2019-January 1, 2023 - **today** | Online, OTHER  
**FREE TRAINING ON MONITORING SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGIES**  
What are the principles underpinning Research & Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3)? What are the core-indicators to monitor RIS3 sound implementation? Where can one find the key data...
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## • PROJECTS

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- SCANZ  
**DIGITAL ACNE ASSESSMENT TOOL ENABLING ACNE DIAGNOSIS IN COST AND TIME EFFICIENT WAY**  
The project is an example of the successful participation of WBC SME in the H2020 funded under SME Instrument. ScanZ is an easy-to-use digital assessment tool for dermatologists and medical practitioners...
- QGP tomography  
**A NOVEL QUARK-GLUON PLASMA TOMOGRAPHY TOOL: FROM JET QUENCHING TO EXPLORING THE EXTREME MEDIUM PROPERTIES**



Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP) is a primordial state of matter, which consists of interacting free quarks and gluons. QGP likely existed immediately after the Big-Bang, and this extreme form of matter is today...

- SILICOFCM  
**IN SILICO TRIALS FOR DRUG TRACING THE EFFECTS OF SARCOMERIC PROTEIN MUTATIONS LEADING TO FAMILIAL CARDIOMYOPATHY**  
The aim of SILICOFCM project (In Silico trials for drug tracing the effects of sarcomeric protein mutations leading to familial cardiomyopathy) is to develop a computational platform for...
- STRENTEx  
**ERA CHAIR FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IN STRETCHABLE AND TEXTILE ELECTRONICS**  
Wearable technology is set to supercharge the catwalk. Our clothes are becoming smarter with the integration of stretchable electronic circuits into textiles. The STRENTEx project's ERA Chair action aims...
- ELICSIR  
**ENHANCEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION POTENTIAL IN ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTATION FOR IONISING RADIATION ENVIRONMENTS**  
ELICSIR project is aimed at significant strengthening of the research and innovation capacity of the Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Nis, Serbia (EF-UNINIS), in the field of electronic...
- EVO-NANO  
**EVOLVABLE PLATFORM FOR PROGRAMMABLE NANOPARTICLE-BASED CANCER THERAPIES**  
EVO-NANO will create an integrated platform for the artificial evolution and validation of novel strategies for treatment of cancer using nanoparticles (NPs). We expect our proposed framework...
- TagItSmart  
**SMART TAGS DRIVEN SERVICE PLATFORM FOR ENABLING ECOSYSTEMS OF CONNECTED OBJECTS**  
TagItSmart sets out to redefine the way we think of everyday mass-market objects not normally considered as part of an IoT ecosystem. These new smarter objects will dynamically change their status in ...
- TRAINEE  
**TOWARD MARKET-BASED SKILLS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION**  
Trainee is a coordination and support action project funded under the H2020 with overall EC funding amounting to EUR 887,000. The overall objective is to increase the number of skilled building professionals...
- BITNET INNOSUP  
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EU candidate countries should become more competitive by building modern, healthy business environments. The EU-funded BITNET INNOSUP project aims to further develop the initiative of the BITNET Consortium...
- BEYOND  
**BUILDING EGNSS CAPACITY ON EU NEIGHBOURING MULTIMODAL DOMAINS.**  
The overall project concept consists of building capacity in the field of multi-modal applications, focussed mainly on aviation using EGNSS in different Eastern European and Mediterranean countries. These...
- GeoERA  
**ESTABLISHING THE EUROPEAN GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS RESEARCH AREA TO DELIVER A GEOLOGICAL SERVICE FOR EUROPE**

The GeoERA proposal is put forward by the national and regional Geological Survey Organisations (GSO) of Europe. Its overall goal is to integrate the GSO's information and knowledge on subsurface energy...

- **ANTARES**  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY**  
Agriculture is facing enormous challenges today. Not only does it have to provide enough safe and healthy food for the ever-increasing Earth's population, it is also expected to offer alternatives to ...
  - **SEEIST**  
**THE SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES**  
The South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIIST) proposed in late 2016 by Prof. Herwig Schopper, a former Director General of CERN and initiator of the international...
  - **ESS-SUSTAIN**  
**EUROPEAN SOCIAL SURVEY SUSTAINABILITY**  
The societal challenges affecting European societies require responsive socio-economic policy solutions. The European Social Survey is an unparalleled resource enabling stability and change in Europeans...
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## • DOCUMENTS

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- **INFOGRAPHIC - THE WESTERN BALKANS IN HORIZON 2020 (UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2020)**  
This infographic was recently released to inform on developments related to the funding of Western Balkan research projects within Horizon 2020. Funding of Western Balkan research projects...
- **MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS (MSCA) - WB COUNTRY FACTSHEETS 2019 AVAILABLE**  
Factsheets for the Western Balkan Countries are now available on the MSCA Website. They contain facts and figures about Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in the respective countries: key facts and...
- **GUIDANCE EC DOCUMENT: HOW TO AVOID ERRORS WHEN CLAIMING COSTS IN H2020 GRANTS**  
The first ex-post audits in H2020 projects show that participants continue to make mistakes in their cost claims. It is in the interests of beneficiaries and the Commission that there are as few errors...
- **CALL TOPICS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN HORIZON 2020 - EU AND WIDENING COUNTRIES**  
In addition to the updated Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) provides overview documents with relevant Call Topics for various third countries/regions...
- **OPEN TO THE WORLD: RESEARCH & INNOVATION ACROSS BORDERS**  
EU publication The EU is leading global partnerships and the results of our research and innovation contribute to the development and implementation of important commitments such as the UN Convention...
- **MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF EU RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (EC COMMUNICATION ON H2020)**

Europe must step up investment in research and innovation in order to maximise impact, while also further refining the success story that is Horizon 2020, the EU research and innovation programme....

- **[IPR HELPDESK BROCHURE AND THEMATIC SPECIAL: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR HORIZON 2020 PROJECT](#)**

The IPR Helpdeske team has released the brochure "Making the most of your H2020 project. Boosting the impact of your project through effective communication, dissemination and exploitation". The brochure...

- **[2020 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ERASMUS+](#)**

The 2020 Annual work programme for the implementation of Erasmus+ has been published. In 2020, the pilot activity on European Universities will be reinforced. The selected projects aim at increasing the...

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## A spotlight on the Western Balkans - the latest data on participation

Western Balkans' participation in H2020 projects increased by more than 50 % since 2016. It was really after 2017 that a noticeable increase in levels of participation could be seen. The figures for 2019 have however not been finalised as more projects will be added in upcoming months. According to figures released by the European Commission in February 2020, **funding of Western Balkan research projects has in fact tripled since 2014 with a recorded 734 participations in 421 grants bringing € 125.67 million of EU contribution.** There have also been 332 researchers from Western Balkan countries involved in Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions...



## *The* Western Balkans *and* Horizon 2020



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