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Preparation Horizon 2020: Procedure for association

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Principle of Association

- See H2020 rules of participation: Article 7:
Principle of association for enlargement countries foreseen
- Specific conditions of associations: to be specified
- BUT: financial contribution on GDP (rule Article 7.2)

Procedure

- Same as for FP7: decision by European Commission
- Request from interested country needed (to Commissioner or Director general)
- "Negotiations" on terms of association

Framework for Negotiations

- General Agreement on terms and conditions for participation to Union Programmes
- Each programme/Commissioner responsible to specify the terms and conditions
- IPA II: budget for reimbursement of financial contribution is again foreseen

Specific conditions

- Financial contribution: fair and taking into account pre-accession status
- Review clause: based on objective criteria
- Invited to nominate observers in H2020 management committees
- Accept EU Audit and Antifraud rules
- Set up administrative capacity (NCP/attend meetings)
- Monitoring by the European Commission

Procedure/timing

- Request to decision: about 10 months:
 - Negotiations: opening meeting/explaining terms and conditions
 - Confirm intent for association
 - EC launch of internal procedure: decision by European Commission (6 months minimum)
 - Internal decision requesting country?
- Retro-active application if necessary to ensure participation as from 1 January 2014

BUT: important to have timely request (Spring 2013)