

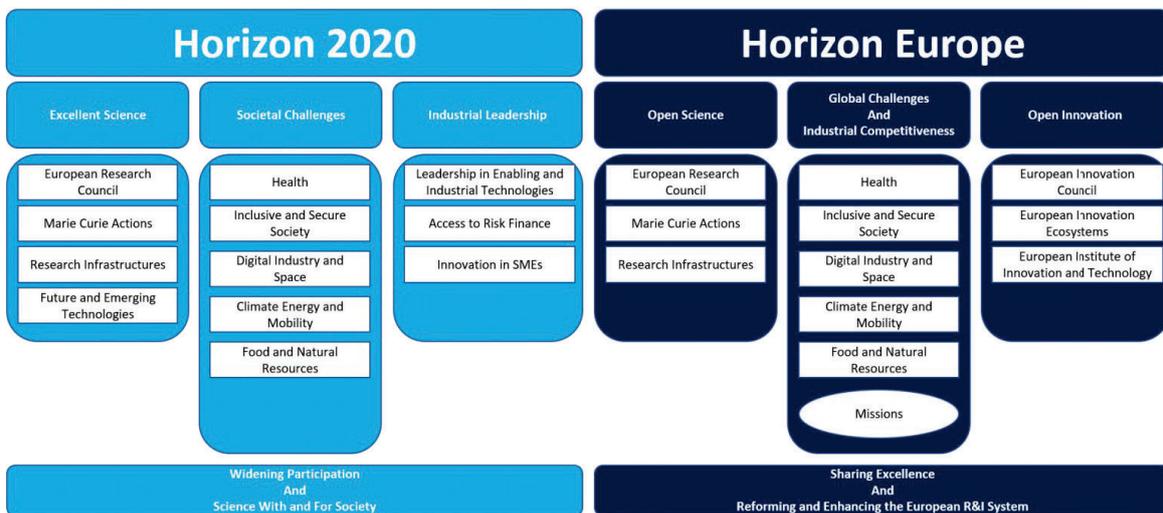


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Horizon 2020 vs Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe will build on the achievements and success of the **Horizon 2020 (H2020)**. A new cycle means a reset. So, let's find the main changes from **H2020** to its successor **Horizon Europe (HE)**. **HE** is the EU's most ambitious research and innovation programme ever.



1. A new Application Form

Project applicants will have **45 pages** to present their project in detail, compared to 70 in the previous **H2020** programme (in RIA/IA proposals). The reduction is due to the merger of sections. Therefore, keeping it simple is the key for a successful proposal. You can find the **HE** proposal template [here](#).

2. Part A: Proposal Forms

Part A has undergone several changes for **HE**. This part is built on the information

filled by the participants through the submission system of the [Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal](#). **The description of the partners is no longer in Section 4 but in Part A.** The table of researchers involved in the project is an indicator for the Horizon Europe programme, and must be filled in. The table of researchers aims to study the relation between funding and its influence on researchers' careers. The role of the organisation will have to be shown from a list. There will have to be roles related to education and training, communication, dissemination, and engagement activities. **The participants will have to specify if they have a Gender Equality Plan** (NOVA is preparing the GEP until the end of 2021).

3. Part B templates

Part B is the proposal and technical description of the project and is made up of three sections, each one matching to an evaluation criteria (Excellence, Impact, Implementation). To make the programme more accessible to applicants and to guide them as best as possible in the drafting of their applications, the European Commission has made significant efforts to clarify the expected content of Part B. You can find the [HE proposal template here](#). The proposal template has been done with a [glossary of definitions](#). This allows a more consistent use of the terminology for key in each phase of the project (from the work programme to the proposal and report).

4. Open Science (Section 1 - Excellence)

Open Science, it will be included in the Excellence section of the project (was previously included in Section 2). This means that now the project leaders will have to describe how they will integrate open science practices in their methodology. Open Science is an approach constructed on open collaborative work and the regular sharing of knowledge and tools as early and widely as possible in the process. This includes upstream and open access sharing of the project research results through pre-publications; free and immediate access to research results through open access publications; or active participation of society. In addition, data sharing should be subject to the principle "as open as possible, as closed as necessary". A data management plan must be provided for the research data/results and be in line with the FAIR principles (i.e., be findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable).

5. Impact (Section 2)

A summary table at the end of **Section 2 – Impact** is now included in the proposal template. This table sums up all the different impacts of the project in a comprehensive and synthetical way. The table includes **six categories**: i) The specific needs of the project; ii) Expected results; iii) Dissemination, exploitation, and communication measures to maximise the impact of the project; iv) Target audiences; v) The outputs achieved during the life of the project; vi) The scientific, economic, and societal impacts generated beyond the project.

6. Farewell to countless annexes

The **experts are instructed to ignore hyperlinks and annexes** as a disguised way of overdeveloping the proposal and thus dodge the page limit. This means

that the annexes related to subcontracting activities switch to Section 3 – Implementation and the sections on Ethics and Description of Partners are to be completed online in Part A. The only annexes allowed are the following: i) In the case of financial support to third parties; ii) Projects related to clinical trials; iii) And calls related to Security.

7. Interdisciplinarity and cross sectoral collaboration

The challenges are highly interconnected and thus cannot be solved by a single discipline. Therefore, **project leaders will have to demonstrate the interdisciplinarity of the proposal**, showing the relationships among the research fields. If not, project coordinators will have to justify why interdisciplinarity is not included in the proposal. Moreover, the gender dimension must be addressed more consistently by integrating it into the research and innovation activities of the project. Nevertheless, it is important to integrate social sciences, and explain their role and why is essential to the work programme.

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