

## **Stakeholder Consultation on the EU Proposal to establish ‘Horizon Europe’, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, 2021-2027**

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation seeks views from stakeholders and interested parties to help inform Ireland’s national position on the European Commission’s proposal for a **regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation**. The proposal is part of the European Commission’s proposal for the next EU long-term budget, the Multiannual Financial Framework, and was published by the European Commission on 7 June 2018. The proposed regulation concerns the allocation of **€94.1 billion** to research and innovation activities between 2021 and 2027.

Ireland will negotiate the details of Horizon Europe with the European Commission and other Member States over the coming months.

### **Horizon Europe**

In setting out its proposal, the European Commission has drawn attention to the following [new features](#):

EU-wide R&I missions: ambitious, bold goals to tackle issues that affect our daily lives. Examples could range from the fight against cancer, to clean transport or plastic-free oceans. They will be co-designed with citizens, stakeholders, the European Parliament and Member States.

European Innovation Council: A one-stop shop to bring the most promising ideas from lab to real world application and support the most innovative start-ups and companies to scale up their ideas. It will provide direct support to innovators through two main funding instruments, one for early stages and the other for development and market deployment.

Open Science: will become the modus operandi of Horizon Europe. It will go beyond the open access policy of Horizon 2020 and require open access to publications, data, and to research data management plans.

A new generation of European Partnerships: Horizon Europe aims to streamline the number of partnerships that the EU co-programmes or co-funds with partners like industry, civil society and funding foundations

Simpler rules: This will increase legal certainty and reduce administrative burden for beneficiaries and programme administrators.

### **Background**

Horizon Europe will be the Ninth European Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. As proposed, it builds upon the current programme, Horizon 2020, which itself brought together the previous EU funding instruments for research and innovation within a single, integrative framework including the ERC and a programme on nuclear research, the previously separate Competitiveness and Innovation Programme and European Institute of Innovation & Technology. It also introduced a series of new funding instruments, including the SME Instrument (which offers supports for innovative SMEs across the pillars of Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges), Access to Risk Finance and novel public procurement methodologies.

The Framework Programmes cover a broad spectrum of activity from basic to applied research including testing, procurement and deployment of innovation. They support transnational activities, promote competition among top researchers, enhance cross border cooperation to address societal challenges and improve the competitiveness of EU industry.

## Consultation Responses

The Commission's proposal is outlined in two legal texts with accompanying annexes, which are available directly from the European Commission's website - [Proposal documents](#)

These texts consist of:

- COM 435 – Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination
- COM 436 – Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

In September 2017, the Department published preliminary views on the 9<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme which were produced following a consultation with national stakeholders, government departments and agencies. [Preliminary Position Paper](#)

**Views from interested parties on the European Commission's proposal are requested no later than close of business on Friday, 14 September 2018.** Submissions should be marked "**Horizon Europe Comments**" and can either be e-mailed to [horizoneurope@dbei.gov.ie](mailto:horizoneurope@dbei.gov.ie) or sent in hard copy to the Innovation, Research and Development Policy Section, Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, 23 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, D02 TD30

Further queries may also be made to [horizoneurope@dbei.gov.ie](mailto:horizoneurope@dbei.gov.ie)

## Information on Consultation Process

### 1. Submissions

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### 2. Confidentiality of Submissions:

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Any personal information which you volunteer to the Department will be treated with the highest standards of security and confidentiality strictly in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 to 2018.

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### **Queries**

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