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# Horizon Europe, Cluster 2 – 2024 opportunities

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**HORIZON EUROPE**

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION  
PROGRAMME (2021 – 2027)

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15:05-15:20	Final Q&A	Facilitated by Emma Bessent (AHRC)

# The background to UK Association

- UK previously accessed the EU's research and innovation funding programmes as an EU Member State, with great success
- The UK left the EU in January 2020. During the **transition period**, the UK and EU negotiated the [UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) under which the UK would be become an associated country in Horizon Europe

Transition period – [UK Horizon Europe Guarantee](#) (*a temporary measure*)

- **Funding for successful, eligible applicants to Horizon Europe grant awards from UKRI** to ensure UK participation while finalising/confirming the UK Association
- For mono-beneficiary and multi-beneficiary grants; funding provided for the **lifetime of the grant**, subject to UKRI terms and conditions (hosted on UKRI's IFS and Je-S)
- **100% of the applied-for EU eligible costs will be paid**, subject to exchange rate

# UK Guarantee - Statistics

*Number of applications and grant offers made through the Horizon Europe guarantee up to 31 October 2023.*

<b>Guarantee grant type</b>	<b>Applications submitted and verified</b>	<b>Value of grants requested in verified applications</b>	<b>Grant offer letters issued</b>	<b>Value of grant offers issued</b>
Collaborative Horizon Europe guarantee grants (hosted on Innovation Funding Service)	1,853	£804.8 million	1,763	£768.4 million
European Research Council guarantee grants	360	£528.4 million	358	£525.7 million
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions guarantee grants	616	£140.3 million	615	£139.8 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>£1473.5 million</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>£1433.9 million</b>



# UK association to Horizon Europe & Copernicus

On 7 September 2023, the European Commission and the UK Government [announced that they reached an agreement](#) on the association of the UK to Horizon Europe and Copernicus **from 1 January 2024**.

**UK organisations will be able to participate in Horizon Europe calls for proposals on the same terms as institutions from other Associated Countries** (except for the EIC Fund and a limited number of restricted calls).

Association to [Copernicus](#), the EU Earth Observation programme, will enable the UK's access to a state-of-the-art capacity to monitor the Earth and to its services, as well as provide the UK research community with **access to unique data, which is often required on Horizon Europe projects**.



[Joint Statement by the European Commission and the UK Government, 7 September 2023](#)

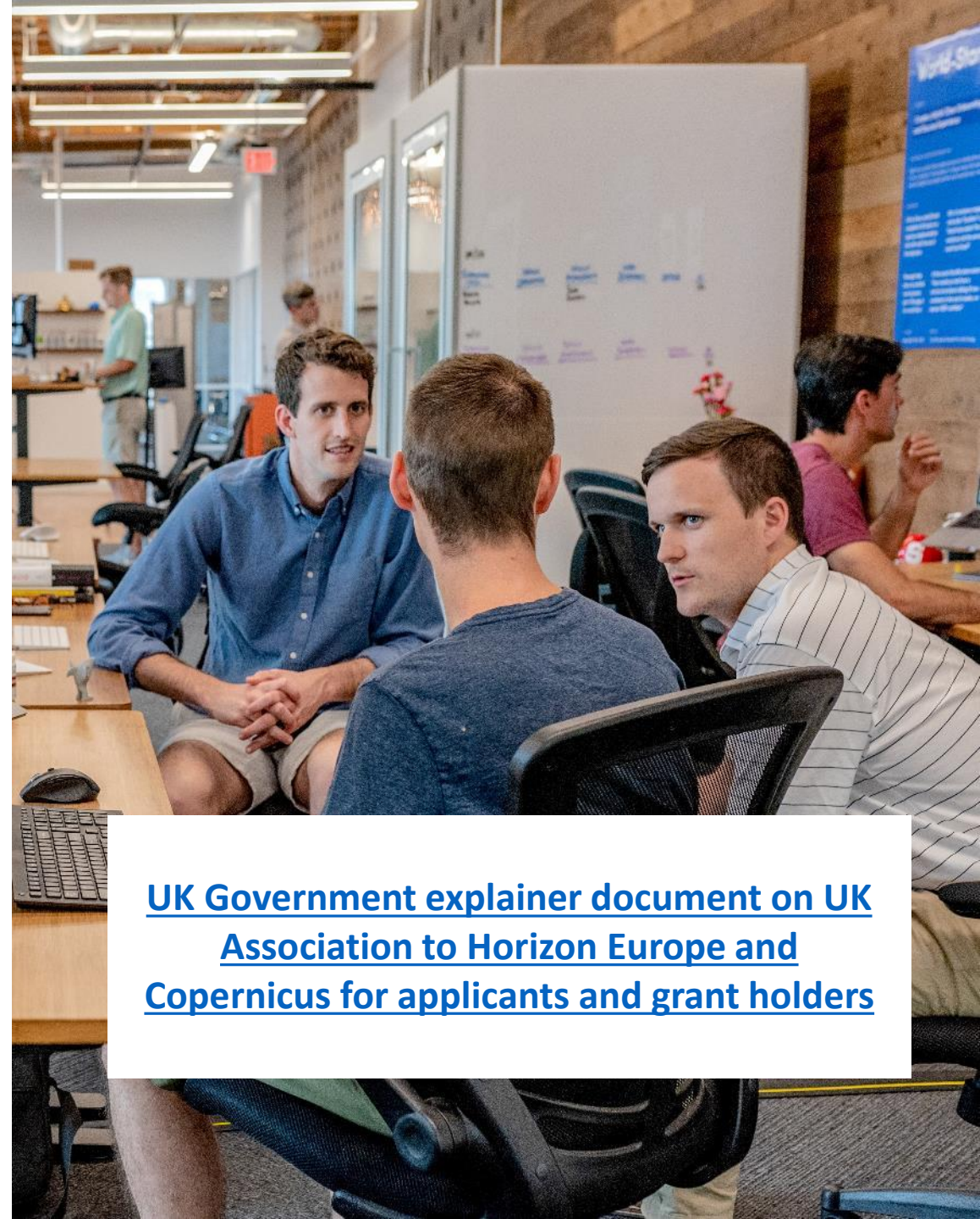
# UK association to Horizon Europe

*“UK researchers will be able to fully participate in the Horizon Europe programme on the same terms as researchers from other Associated Countries, including leading consortia, from the 2024 Work Programmes and onwards – including any 2024 calls opening this year.*

*For calls from the 2023 Work Programmes, the European Commission will continue to administer transitional arrangements [incl. with UK organisations applying as beneficiaries and becoming Associated Partners at the granting stage] and the UK will continue to provide funding under the UK Guarantee.”*



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[UK Government explainer document on UK Association to Horizon Europe and Copernicus for applicants and grant holders](#)

# Upcoming calls

It does not matter when the call opens and closes. The call ID matters

**UK entities must always apply as beneficiaries (=partners on the submission system) and request EU funding**

**The Guarantee has been extended to cover all remaining calls under the Work Programme 2023**

**Upcoming calls:**  
Check the topic/call ID, which sets out which programme year it belongs to.

**Call ID includes '2023', then this call falls under the 2023 Work Programme**  
ERC-2023-SyG;  
HORIZON-HLTH-2023-DISEASE-03-01

**UK entities must apply as beneficiaries, and change their status to Associated Partner during the contracting stage. Funding will be provided by the UKRI Guarantee**

**Call ID includes '2024', then this call falls under the 2024 Work Programme**  
HORIZON-CL2-2024-DEMOCRACY-01-02

**UK entities apply as beneficiaries (incl. as coordinators) and receive EC funding directly. The usual rules for beneficiaries apply**

# Duly justified exceptional cases

*“In duly justified **exceptional cases** for actions related to **Union strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security**, Horizon Europe work programmes may provide that the **participation can be limited to those legal entities established in Member States only**, or, to those legal entities established in specified associated or other third countries in addition to Member States.”*

Restrictions are in place mainly in Horizon calls related to **Security** (Cluster 3), **Quantum technologies** and **Space** (Cluster 4).

No restricted topics in the Cluster 2 2024 calls



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[European Commission's Frequently Asked Questions on UK participation](#)



## UKRO resources available to everyone

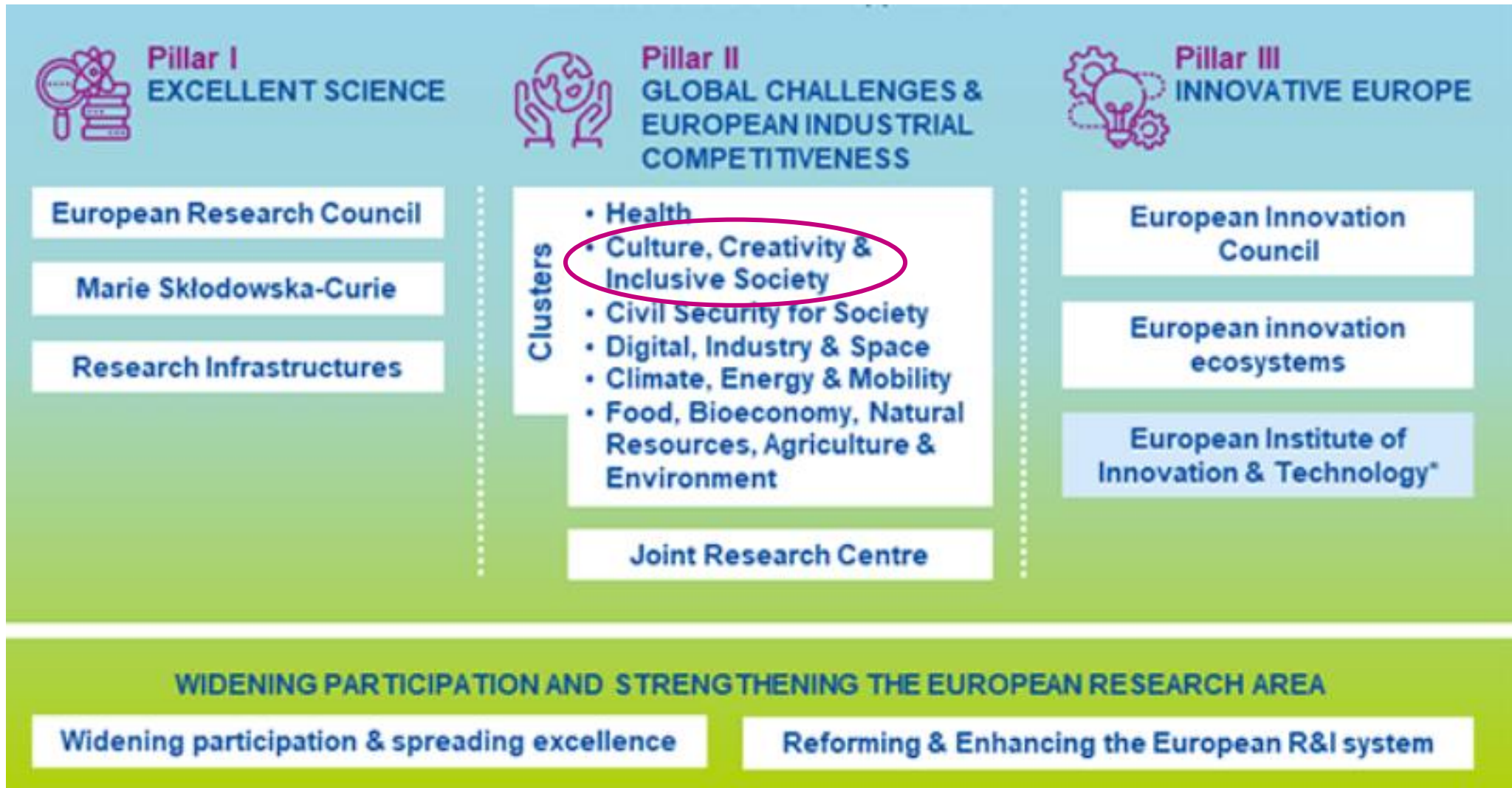
- [UKRO website on UK participation in EU programmes](#)
- [UKRO factsheet on UK participation in EU programmes](#)
- UKRO webinar on Grant Agreement Preparation phase for projects with UK organisations (*changing role from a beneficiary to Associated Partner*):
  - [Watch the recording](#) (Zoom)
  - [Presentation slides](#)

If you would like a presentation for your organisation, please, contact us on [ukro@ukro.ac.uk](mailto:ukro@ukro.ac.uk).



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# Horizon Europe



# Cluster 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

## Aims:

- To enhance democratic governance and citizens participation;
- To safeguard and promote cultural heritage;
- To respond to and shape multifaceted social, economic, technological and cultural transformations;
- To mobilise multidisciplinary expertise of European social sciences and humanities;
- To provide evidence-based policy options for a socially just and inclusive European recovery.



**Destination 1: Democracy and governance**

**Destination 2: Cultural heritage & cultural and creative industries**

**Destination 3: Social and economic transformations**



# Destination 1: Innovative research on democracy and governance

**Call – Past, present and future of democracies**

**Aims – to contribute to the protection and nurturing of democracies.**

## **Challenges:**

- Democracies are more fragile and more vulnerable than in the past.
- Levels of trust in the political institutions of democracy decline.
- Multilateral global governance is under threat/declining.

## **Expected impact:**

- Democratic governance is reinvigorated by improving the accountability, transparency, effectiveness and trustworthiness of rule-of-law based institutions and policies and through the expansion of active and inclusive citizenship empowered by the safeguarding of fundamental rights.



1: Protest politics and cultures of opposition in democracy (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

2: Multilevel governance in times of digital and climate transitions (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

3: Long-term impact of rule of law and European values on socio-economic outcomes (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

4: The interrelation between social, cultural and political identities, as well as the sense of belonging, and democracies (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Analyse a potential shift in democratic participation from traditional party structures to social mobilisation and activism.
- Analyse the interrelation between a lack of channels for democratic civic engagement and collective political action.
- Understanding of the role, evolution, impact of all forms of opposition.
- Contextualise the case studies historically and geographically, and the role of younger generations.
- Policy recommendations.
- International cooperation (MENA) and clustering.

**Scope:**

- Analyse how different levels of government collaborate on digital and climate policies.
- Explore gaps and duplications in policy and assess policymaking effectiveness.
- Policy recommendations for improvements & alternative pathways for national & local implementation of C&D transitions.
- Community-led innovations are required.
- Partnerships with government authorities at relevant levels is emphasised.

**Scope:**

- Explore the long-term impact of the rule of law and European values on socio-economic outcomes.
- Enhance knowledge of the social cost aspects related to the weakening of the rule of law.
- Policy recommendations to better understand the impact of rule of law and other EU values on socio-economic outcomes.
- Develop robust strategies in rights and freedoms, applying historical experiences.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

**Scope:**

- Explore how diversity impacts identities and sense of belonging, and in turn, democracies.
- Develop critical insights into how social, cultural, and political participation can enhance individuals' sense of belonging to democratic institutions.
- Policy recommendations to address/prevent/correct negative trends in democratic participation.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

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5: Gender-roles in extremist movements and their impact on democracy (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

6. Computational Social Science approaches in research on democracy (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

7. Digital democracy (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

8. Culture, the arts and cultural spaces for democratic participation and political expression, online and offline (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Analyse gender roles in political leadership styles, particularly in extremist parties. Propose alternative democratic leadership models.
- Examine the influence of discourse in online forums on the constitution of extremist movements and their relation to mainstream (online) platforms & political discourse.
- Develop innovative methods, policy approaches and tools to tackle antidemocratic narratives with the targeted communities.
- Build on past EU-funded projects.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

**Scope:**

- Develop and test methodologies that combine CSS and SSH methods, overcoming disciplinary boundaries.
- Free to choose the focus (in the area of democracy).
- Develop insights into democratic institutions, their adaptability to change, and their interaction with socio-economic patterns.
- FAIR (*Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable*) data culture is needed.
- Clustering and collaboration is encouraged.

**Scope:**

- Investigate developments in e-democracy & e-participation, especially those influenced by the pandemic.
- Consider digital inclusion, ensuring diversity & equal participation of citizen groups.
- Enhance the understanding of digital democracy among policymakers, practitioners, and researchers.
- Identify emerging practices and understand participation culture and engagement strategies to inform investment decisions.
- Should involve citizens and stakeholders.

**Scope:**

- Evaluate the effectiveness of cultural and artistic spaces and understanding their impact on political discourse.
- Consider solutions that would support democratic behaviour & social well-being for the next generation of social media.
- Develop forward-looking policy recommendations for digital spaces, including metaverses, to positively impact democratic life.
- Foster civic engagement and enhancing democratic behaviour.

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<p>9. The role and functioning of public administrations in democratic systems (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>10. Political participation in multilingual spaces (RIA) (2 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>11. Future scenarios and young visions for European democracy 2040 (RIA) (1 x 3-4M€ projects)</p>	<p>12. Testing and implementation of research results fostering democracy and governance (CSA) (1 x 3-4M€ projects)</p>
<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate how EU governments approach reform amidst global changes.</li> <li>Gain insights into changing public administration concepts, mapping innovative solutions, and offering recommendations for modernisation to EU member states.</li> <li>Develop better understanding of the changing concepts and practices of public administrations &amp; approaches to public management.</li> <li>Should engage with national government officials.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve understanding of the implications of linguistic diversity for political participation.</li> <li>Analyse automated language tools and multilingual means of communication and their impact on democracy-fostering processes.</li> <li>Consideration of multilingual spaces also being multicultural spaces.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage diverse stakeholders in iterative, large-scale processes to research, debate, and co-develop preferred democracy scenarios.</li> <li>Address challenges to democracy in the EU, such as extremism, polarisation, authoritarianism, and election interference.</li> <li>Develop future scenario workflows, a roadmap, and a strategy playbook for European democracy in 2040.</li> <li>Intensive engagement with citizens is required.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage the results of prior EU-funded research on democracy &amp; governance to implement solutions.</li> <li>Test and adapt recommendations, toolkits, methodologies, &amp; narratives to address democratic issues and enhance governance.</li> </ul>

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# Q&A

Destination 1



# Destination 2: Innovative research on European cultural heritage and the Cultural and Creative Industries

**Call – Research and innovation on cultural heritage and CCI's**

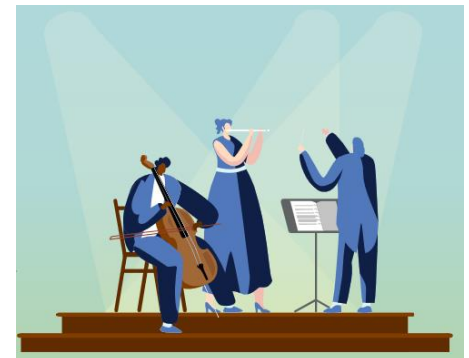
**Aims: to promote better access and engagement with cultural heritage and improve its protection, enhancement and restoration.**

## **Challenges:**

- **GREEN:** adapting to the consequences of climate change and mobilising resources to support European citizens and societies for an inclusive, socially and culturally sustainable climate transition.
- **DIGITAL:** addressing opportunities and challenges in digital transition opportunities for CH and CCIs.
- **INNOVATIVE:** Societal transformations depend on behavioural changes, largely based on changes in culture and perceptions.

## **Expected impact:**

- The full potential of cultural heritage, arts and cultural and creative sectors as a driver of sustainable innovation and a European sense of belonging is realised through a continuous engagement with society, citizens and economic sectors as well as through better protection, restoration and promotion of cultural heritage.



1. New European Bauhaus – Innovative solutions for greener and fairer ways of life through arts and culture, architecture and design for all (IA) (3 x 3-5M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Develop innovative solutions aligned with the New European Bauhaus (NEB) initiative for cultural heritage and the CCIs.
- Increase the understanding and visibility of the role that cultural-led innovation can play.
- Promote wider citizen involvement in preserving cultural heritage.
- At least 5 small-scale trials under real-world conditions should be conducted in a minimum of 3 different MS/AS.
- Interaction with the NEB Community is expected.

2. Cultural and creative industries for a sustainable climate transition (IA) (3 x 3-4M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Address the challenges faced by diverse CCIs, particularly small and micro enterprises, in adapting to climate goals outlined in the European Green Deal.
- Test and refine sustainable business models, incorporating new technologies and addressing skill gaps through small-scale pilot trials.
- Contributions should help European CCIs become better prepared to adapt to and contribute to the climate transition.
- Build on existing knowledge, activities, networks and platforms (funded by the European Union).
- Stakeholder involvement is crucial.
- Trials should involve at least 5 MS/AC's and various CCI companies.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

3. Leverage the digital transition for competitive European cultural and creative industries (IA) (3 x 3-4M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Develop effective measures applicable across various CCI sectors, addressing the challenges and opportunities presented by the ongoing digital transition.
- Enhance competitiveness and sustainability while contributing to a human-centred digital transition for the CCIs.
- Build on existing knowledge, activities, networks and platforms (funded by the European Union).
- Trials should involve at least 4 MS/AC's and various CCI companies.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

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#### 4. Europe's cultural heritage and arts – promoting our values at home and abroad (IA) (3 x 3-4M€ projects)

##### Scope:

- boost the visibility of European arts and culture globally by testing existing practices and policies.
- address the lack of cooperation between national and European levels in presenting European traditional arts abroad.
- identify innovative practices, assess their efficiency through small-scale pilots, and propose policy recommendations.
- Develop and test a mixed model for cooperation at different levels and with various stakeholders, providing policy recommendations for its integration into arts policies.
- Build on existing evidence, identify creative practices and policies, develop small-scale pilots, and propose policy recommendations for improvements
- Proposals should build on existing evidence (including from successful projects from call: HORIZON-CL2- 2022-HERITAGE-01-02).

#### 5. Strategies to strengthen the European linguistic capital in a globalised world (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

##### Scope:

- Safeguard and strengthen the European linguistic capital in the face of globalization and digital shifts.
- Preserve European identities through languages, addressing challenges posed by dominant international languages, and empowering citizens (particularly youth), to utilise their languages at national, regional and EU level.
- Develop strategies for protecting languages, understand the impact of digitalization, foster cooperation among experts, and provide recommendations for multilingual policies.
- Recommendations should aim at combating
- marginalisation of disadvantaged linguistic communities.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.
- Citizen (youth) involvement is encouraged.

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# Destination 3: Innovative research on social and economic transformations

Call - A sustainable future for Europe

**Aims: seize opportunities emerging from socio-economic transformations, promoting an inclusive recovery that strengthens economic and social resilience**

## Challenges:

- Raising inequalities, challenges to the EU's employment, education and social, including digital, inclusion policies.
- Global shocks on economy and labour market. Demographic change and ageing societies.
- Need to revise governance of asylum, migration and integration of migrants.

## Expected impacts:

- Social and economic resilience and sustainability are strengthened through a better understanding of the social, ethical, political and economic impacts of drivers of change (such as technology, globalisation, demographics, mobility and migration) and their interplay.
- Inclusive growth is boosted, and vulnerabilities are reduced effectively through evidence-based policies for protecting and enhancing employment, education, social fairness and tackling inequalities, including in response to the socio-economic challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



<p>1. Policy recommendations from socio-economic impacts of loneliness in Europe (CSA) (1 x ~3M€ projects)</p>	<p>2. Strengthen economic fairness and resilience of active labour market policies and address high unemployment (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>3. Minimise costs and maximise benefits of job creation and job destruction (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>4. Social services: economic and social returns and value added (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>
<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to behavioural changes for a more resilient and just society.</li> <li>• Provide evidence-based recommendations for policies to prevent, manage and monitor loneliness.</li> <li>• Establish a representative network of experts, stakeholders, and policymakers.</li> <li>• Nurture public debate on loneliness and on associated stigma.</li> <li>• FAIR (<i>Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable</i>) data-sharing culture is needed.</li> <li>• Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve understanding of the macro effects of labour market policies.</li> <li>• Enhance skills strategies during economic downturns.</li> <li>• Improve policy design to increase labour market participation &amp; employment, especially in the face of high unemployment.</li> <li>• Strengthen economic fairness and resilience in the context of active labour market policies.</li> <li>• Build upon existing research, recent policy interventions, and conduct social innovation experiments.</li> <li>• Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address challenges posed by macro drivers of change. (e.g. demographic shifts, and the green transition on job creation &amp; destruction).</li> <li>• identify effective policies that minimize costs and maximise benefits.</li> <li>• Explore strategies for increasing the labour market participation of under-utilised workforces.</li> <li>• International cooperation and clustering is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather evidence on the social and economic returns of social services.</li> <li>• Understanding interlinkages between child poverty, access to social services, employment, and fostering a fair green and digital transition.</li> <li>• Identify and use the best methodology for measuring the value added of social services provision.</li> <li>• Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.</li> </ul>

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<p>5. Social dialogue in the new world of work (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>6. Beyond the horizon: A human-friendly deployment of AI and related technologies (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>	<p>7. Methodologies for teamworking of researchers – reinforcing transversal collaborative skills, behavioural and implementation sciences (CSA) (1 x ~3M€ projects)</p>	<p>8. Arts and cultural awareness and expression in education and training (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)</p>
<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how the transforming world of work affects social dialogue &amp; identify opportunities arising from digitalisation.</li> <li>• Draw on existing research and policy interventions to propose adjustments.</li> <li>• Assess the impact of trade unions and employers' organisations on employment and social outcomes</li> <li>• Improve representation forms available to non-standard workers in the social dialogue by involving social partners.</li> <li>• The role of social dialogue in the digital and green transition is a key focus.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop European capacity building on the long-term human &amp; societal implications of AI.</li> <li>• Analyse successful existing deployments of AI and impacts they have on European economy and society.</li> <li>• Develop scenario-based analysis of future potential benefits (related challenges and threats) to citizens and societies.</li> <li>• Multi-disciplinary, cross-sectoral approach required.</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement required.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify, evaluate and suggest methodologies for training researchers in behavioural and implementation sciences.</li> <li>• Map, evaluate, &amp; develop elements for promoting teamwork in researchers' curricula.</li> <li>• Produce evidence on the impacts of teamwork and communication skills.</li> <li>• Provide recommendations and toolkits for institutions to enhance teamwork, co-creation, and teambuilding.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scope:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and apply methods that support the use of arts in education, fostering cultural awareness and expression,</li> <li>• Assess the impacts of arts on competence development and inclusion of children and young people.</li> <li>• Inform policies, programs, and actions by identifying effective strategies and addressing existing gaps.</li> <li>• International cooperation and clustering is encouraged.</li> </ul>

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9. The role of social economy in addressing social exclusion, providing quality jobs and greater sustainability (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Explore and enhance the role of social economy entities in addressing social exclusion, promoting quality jobs, and contributing to sustainability.
- Investigate what are the working conditions in social economy organisations (inc. the care sector).
- Address challenges in policy and legal frameworks, integrate social economy organisations into multilevel policymaking, and improve working conditions.
- Provide policymakers with recommendations in the field of social economy support.
- International cooperation and clustering is encouraged

10. Effective education and labour market transitions of young people (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Investigate and improve the transitions of young individuals from education to the labour market.
- Inform policies to promote better-informed and effective educational choices.
- Address challenges posed by the COVID-19 crisis on the transition from education to (vocational) training or the labour market (especially for disadvantaged young people).
- Encouraged to include young people and other stakeholders.
- Clustering and cooperation is encouraged.

11. Assessing and strengthening complementarity between new technologies and human skills (RIA) (3 x 2-3M€ projects)

**Scope:**

- Better understand how new technologies, like AI & robotics, can either substitute or complement human skills in performing job tasks.
- Develop knowledge on the potential and impact of these technologies.
- Foster the development and deployment of technologies that enhance human skills & promote corresponding workforce skill development.
- Address biases in technological change (e.g. potential bias towards automation).
- Clustering and cooperation is highly encouraged.

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# Q&A

Destination 3

# Horizon Europe Cluster 2: Information Webinar

## CULTURATI & ArcticHubs

A few lessons learnt in getting a proposal over the finishing line

Dr Jonathan KARKUT

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# ArcticHubs winning formula

- Build upon mature ideas, with rigorous planning
- Bringing in fresh ideas
- Diverse consortium combining;
  - Experience
  - Balance and intertwined roles
  - Partnerships across sectors & disciplines
- Overlay Dissemination-Exploitation across all partners & WPs



# CULTURATI winning formula

- Perseverance
- Innovation with clarity
- Consortium building bridges across;
  - Academia – reaching out
  - Businesses – SMEs / start ups
  - Sites that see advantages in sharing experiences & implementing changes
- Confidence in new partners that demonstrate capacity to succeed



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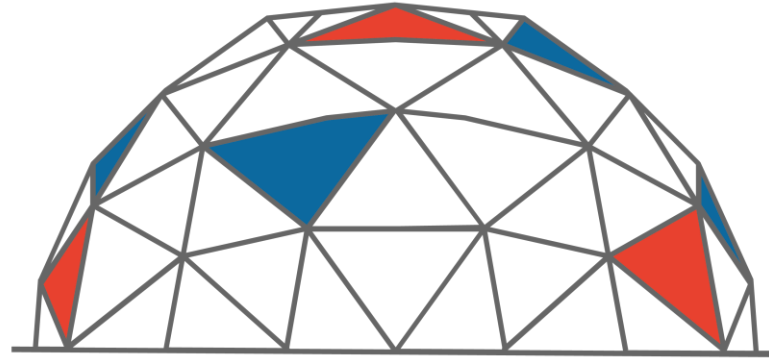
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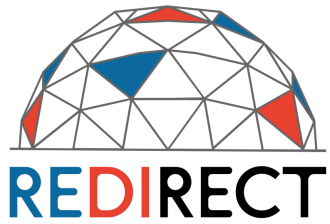
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- WP2 Contextual analysis of disconnect: long-term trends
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- WP4 A governance disconnect
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- WP6 Strategies for reconnection: party democracy
- WP7 Strategies for redirection: institutions/mechanisms
- WP8 Strategies for redirection: reimagining representative democracy
- WP9 Dissemination & engagement
- WP10 Project management & coordination



## The **RE**presentative **DI**sconnect: diagnosis and strategies for **RECT**ification

Participants	Country
Università degli studi di Siena (UNISI)	Italy
Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (JUK)	Poland
The University of Exeter (UNEXE)	United Kingdom
Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)	Belgium
Università del Salento (UNILE)	Italy
HUNREN Centre for Social Sciences (TK)	Hungary
Universitetet i Oslo (UIO)	Norway





## REDIRECT

A four-year research project funded (€3 millions) by the Horizon Programme (and UKRI for the Exeter participation). It's part of a Horizon call on "Representative Democracy in Flux"

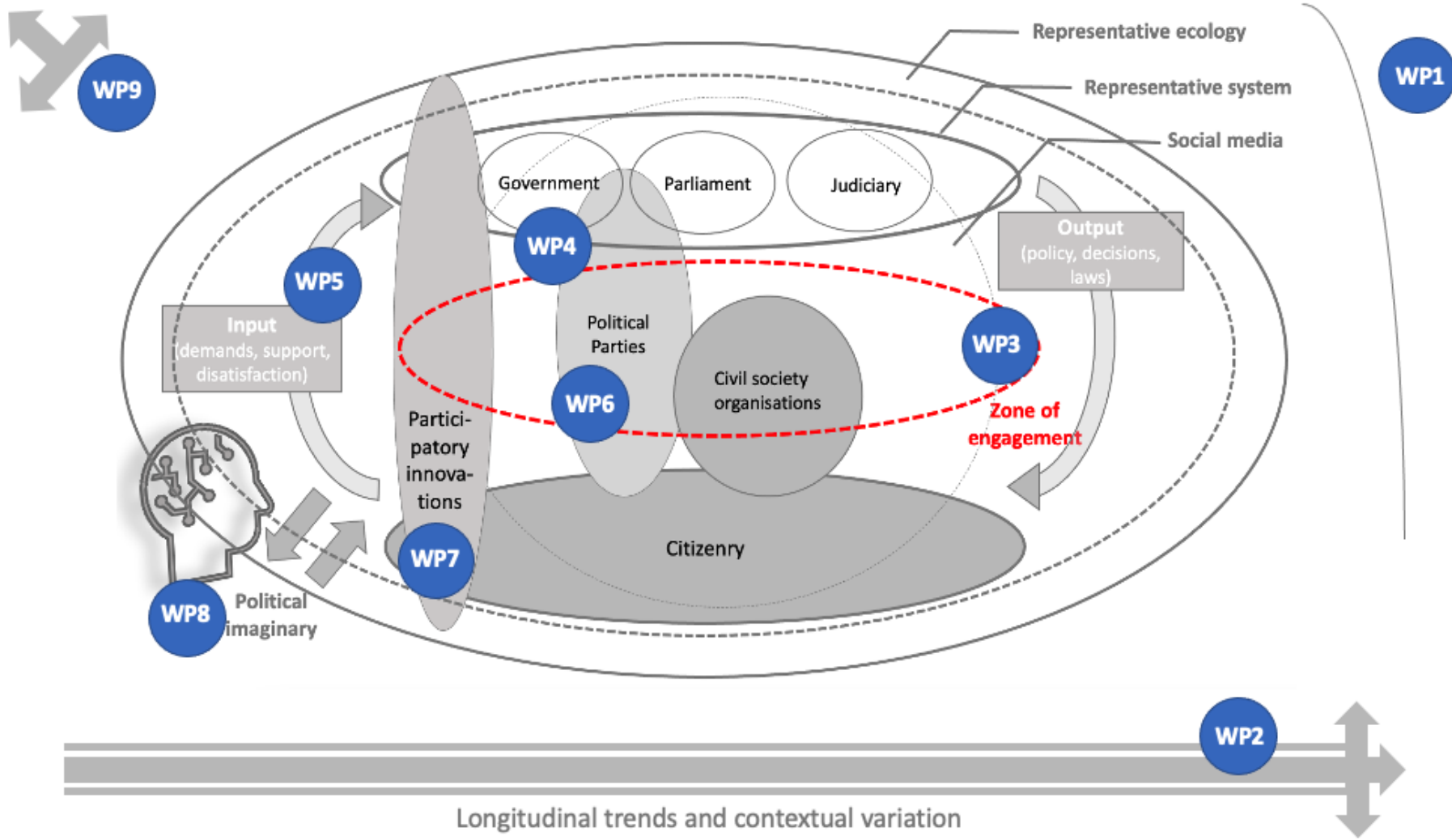
### Research Aims

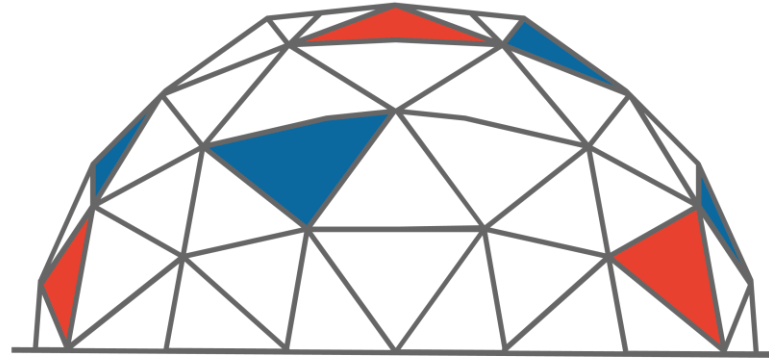
- Enhance our understanding of the current transformations of representative democracy in Europe at national and supranational level;
- Assess whether the centre of gravity of democratic representation is shifting away from the traditional forms of political intermediation, such as parties, parliaments, and party-based government, towards other forms of political representation.

### Key Ideas and Policy Aims

- We understand the process of political representation in democratic societies as a complex system – an **ecology** – involving a variety of institutional and informal processes both at the political, social and opinion formation level. The ecology of political representation provides a “zone of engagement” between citizens and governing elites and institutions.
- The focus of the research is on what we call the **representative disconnect**. We think of this as a multidimensional phenomenon of regression of the demos-kratos linkage involving institutional, behavioural and affective components.
- The *representative disconnect* affects the way in which citizens and representatives **understand and practice politics**, and the relation between democratic input and democratic governance. It risks undermining the **trust in** and **legitimacy of** the overall system of democratic representation.
- *Policy aims*. In our analysis we distinguish between policy and institutional strategies aimed to ameliorate the disconnect
  - by **reconnecting** some of the traditional instruments of democratic representation with citizens' demands and needs;
  - and by **rectifying** such disconnect through developments of new instruments of representation and democratic governing.







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**Questions?**





**Final  
Q&A**

# Cross-cutting Themes

## Themes:

- **International cooperation and association**
  - [List of participating countries](#) (eligibility and other conditions for funding).
- **Gender equality and inclusiveness**
  - Embedding gender/sex in the whole R&I process.
  - Require a gender equality plan (GEP) – more info in [General Annex B](#).
  - Gender balance among researchers where possible.
  - Watch: [this video](#) from the European Commission (from 55min)
- **Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) integration**
  - Integration of SSH across all work programmes.
  - List of SSH disciplines in the HE Programme Guide.
- **Social Innovation**
  - Involving intended users from the beginning enhances the chances of uptake of the results of the project.

*Note: justify the reasoning to include or exclude cross-cutting themes.*

*Note: clustering and cooperation with other projects is encouraged.*



More information on these cross-cutting themes can be found in the [HE Programme Guide](#)



# Finding Partners

- Attend relevant brokerage events:
  - Join [Net4Society online brokerage platform](#)
- [CORDIS](#) – find examples of previously funded SSH projects, contact the organisation.
- [Funding and Tenders Portal](#):
  - [Partner Search](#) - under the 'How to participate tab' on the EU funding and tender opportunities portal where you can search for past projects and organisations.
  - Every topic listed has a 'Partner Search' function where you can upload your profile and review others that have done so.
- Networking: use your existing networks; expand your networks.
- Ask me.



# National Contact Points

- Team of sector specific advisors to support UK entities to successfully participate in EU Framework Programmes.
- Support is available for each area of Horizon Europe.



**Informing, awareness raising** – on Horizon Europe and other EU programmes



**Assisting, advising and training** – to improve the quality of Horizon Europe proposals



**Signposting and cooperation** – direct to relevant support and work with each other to support consortium development

- Guidance on choosing relevant topics
- Discuss scope of proposal
- Partnership building
- Proposal checking
- Email helpdesk and 1-2-1's....

Full list of [UK National Contact Points](#)





# Useful links and definitions

## Links

- [Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Work Programme](#)
- [Horizon Europe glossary](#)
- [General Annexes](#)
- [HE Programme Guide](#)
- [Association to HEU – info webinar, delivered by KTN](#)
- [Funding and Tenders portal – How to Participate](#)
- [Reference documents and guidelines for applicants](#)
- [Horizon Europe helpdesk and support services](#)
- [UKRO factsheet: EU-UK Relationship](#)

## Definitions

- **Work Programme** – set out funding opportunities for R&I activities within each cluster (usually bi-annual, e.g. 2023-24)
- **Cluster** – a major problem space. There are six in total. Cluster 2 is Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society (CCIS).
- **Destination** – a way of breaking down the Cluster to manageable chunks with a common theme, e.g., Democracy and Governance.
- **Topic** – a specific call for proposals with its own scope, budget, etc.
- **The Portal** – the [EU Funding & Tender Opportunities](#) portal where all information needed to participate can be found.
- **HEU** = Horizon Europe

# Additional links (share in webinar chat):

## Links

- [Brochure of Destination 2 funded projects](#)
- [EU Competencies in Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Cultural policy cooperation at EU level](#)
- [New European Bauhaus – progress report](#)
- [European Heritage Alliance 3.3](#)
- [EUROPA NOSTRA - The European Voice of Civil Society committed to Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Information on UK CCI micro-businesses](#)
- [Register to become an expert for evaluation and monitoring](#)
- [Lump Sum funding](#)
- [Recent report on Knowledge Valorisation](#)
- [Overview of dissemination and exploitation in Horizon Europe](#)
- [CCIs opportunities with EIT Culture and Creativity KIC](#)

## Definitions

**Research and innovation actions (RIA):** Activities aiming primarily to establish new knowledge or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. For RIAs, you need a consortium of at least three different legal entities from three different eligible countries (all UK legal entities are classed as eligible). At least one consortium member must be from a Member State (MS). All participants receive 100% of eligible direct costs plus 25% for indirect costs.

**Innovation actions (IA):** Activities directly aimed at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services. IAs need a consortium of at least three different legal entities from three different eligible countries (with at least one from a Member state). All not-for-profit participants receive 100% of eligible direct costs plus 25% for indirect costs. All for-profit participants receive 70% of eligible direct costs plus 25% for indirect costs. *Please note: Legal entities established in China are not eligible to participate in Innovation Actions in any capacity.*

**Coordination and support actions (CSA):** CSAs are for coordinating and supporting activities such as working groups, networking, regulation review, communications, organising EU conferences, etc. Formally, you do not need a collaborative approach but often do to meet the scope (you must have at least one partner from a Member state). All participants receive 100% of eligible direct costs plus 25% for indirect costs

# Thank you for listening

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