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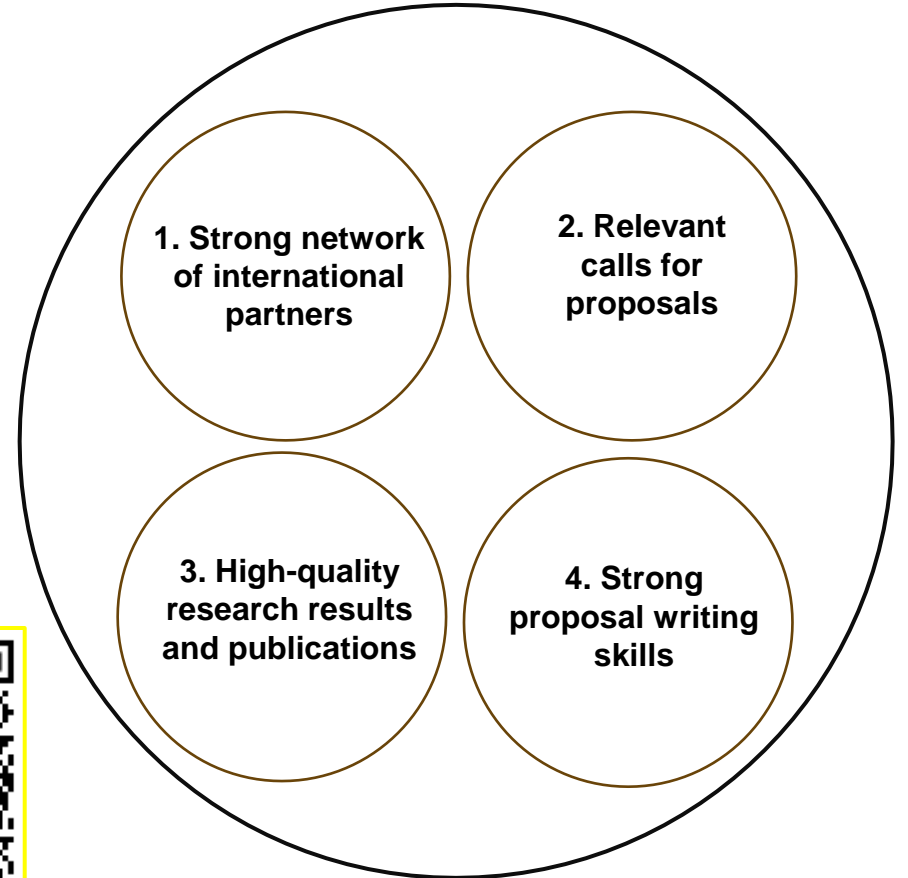
European initiatives that can support international research cooperation for the Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana
(i.e. How to improve your chances of getting European research projects in 2025)

Giles Brandon, Intelligentsia Consultants, Wednesday 30th October 2024

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1. Introduction

- Four basic ingredients for winning EU funded research projects.
- I will talk now about ingredients #1 and #2.
- Ingredient #3 is down to you.
- Ingredient #4 will be addressed in a later training presentation (but see also www.susnano.eu).



2. European networks and platforms

- **COST Actions**
- **Leading European Economics Associations and Societies**
- **European Partnerships**
- **EC info-day events**

- **COST Actions (<https://www.cost.eu>)**
 - A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic of their choice for 4 years.
 - COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions and other relevant organisations or interested parties.
 - Open to all science and technology fields
 - COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers

CA20123 - Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance (IGCOORD)

Downloads

Home > Browse Actions > Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance (IGCOORD)

Description

Management Committee

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Description

Achieving coordination between executive actors of territorial units is one of the major challenges of today's politics. External effects and thus the interdependence of political actions beyond borders of sovereign authority have increased dramatically, necessitating better coordination of decision-making actions across territorial units as well as across levels of government in an increasingly complex environment. The effectiveness and efficiency of democratic governance in modern States depends crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on how to organize and process intergovernmental coordination in those various instances. Moreover, there is still no systematic connection between the various research communities dealing with the issues from their separate perspectives, such as federalism, European governance or local and regional governance scholars.

IGCOORD aims at connecting those different strands of research to provide systematic and comparable insights in the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and in the vertical direction, across levels of government, policy sectors and territorial units. More specifically, it aims at 1) collecting comparative evidence, 2) distilling basic mechanisms and causal explanations from analytic comparison, 3) developing new collaborative research questions and 4) disseminating those insights and results to inform real-world policy-making.

IGCOORD is particularly well suited to tackle those challenges because it links expertise that remained unrelated to date from different countries, (sub-)disciplines and problem situations. Fundamentally, only a broad and diverse network of scholars can generate innovative insights and produce knowledge relevant to the political practice.

Action Details

-  MoU - 063/21
-  CSO Approval date - 25/05/2021
-  Start date - 30/09/2021
-  End date - 29/09/2025
-  <https://igcoord.eu/>

How can I participate?

- Read the Action Description [MoU](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))
- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups of interest

Search the COST Action database for economics related projects ...

Become a member of a COST Action ...

Apply

Membership

Name	Working Group	Country
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Prof Peter BURSENS	WG 1, WG 5	Belgium
Ms Emina ADILOVIĆ	WG 5	Bosnia & Herzegovina

- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups of interest
- Please note, Management Committee nominations are carried out through the [COST National Coordinators](#)

- **European Economic Association (EEA):** EEA is one of Europe's foremost professional organizations dedicated to promoting the study of economics and fostering collaboration among researchers in the field. It organizes annual conferences and publishes research in the Journal of the European Economic Association. (*Note: Reduced membership fee: 28 euro/year*).
- **Royal Economic Society (RES):** Based in the UK, RES promotes economic research and scholarship. It organizes conferences, seminars, and publishes leading journals, including The Economic Journal and The Econometrics Journal.
- **European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE):** EARIE focuses on industrial economics and provides a platform for academics and practitioners to exchange ideas and collaborate on research. It organizes annual conferences and publishes research in industrial economics.

- **European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE):** This association focuses on the economics of the environment and natural resources. It promotes research, organizes conferences, and publishes the Environmental and Resource Economics journal.
- **Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES):** ACES promotes the study of economic systems and institutions through comparative analysis, particularly in the context of transitional and emerging economies.
- **European Public Choice Society (EPCS):** EPCS is focused on public choice theory and the intersection of economics and political science. It promotes research on how political decision-making affects economic outcomes.
- **European Society for Population Economics (ESPE):** ESPE fosters research on population economics, including demographic trends and their economic implications. It organizes annual meetings and supports research dissemination in the field.

- **European Finance Association (EFA):** EFA promotes the development of financial economics in Europe and provides a forum for discussing finance-related research. It organizes the annual EFA conference, which brings together leading researchers in finance.
- **International Economic Association (IEA):** While global in scope, the IEA includes a strong European presence and facilitates cooperation among national economic associations worldwide. It organizes world congresses and publishes key research in economics.
- **European Association of Labour Economists (EALE):** EALE promotes labour economics research and facilitates interaction among labour economists in Europe. It organizes conferences and publishes the Journal of Labor Economics.

- Several **European Partnerships** are funded by the Horizon Europe programme (2021-2027).
- These partnerships bring together public and private entities to address pressing societal challenges and promote research and innovation across various sectors.
- These partnerships help align EU policies and national programmes while leveraging investments from both public and private sectors.

- Currently no European Partnerships *explicitly* focused on economics. However, economic research is often *implicitly* involved:
 - **European Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Robotics:** Supports innovation in AI, data, and robotics to address societal challenges and drive economic growth.
 - **Global Health EDCTP3 Partnership:** Focuses on addressing infectious diseases, by strengthening research and innovation capabilities.
 - **European Partnership for the Circular Bio-based Europe:** Promotes the circular economy and bio-based industries, focusing on sustainability in the use of natural resources.

- **Innovative Health Initiative (IHI):** Aims to foster collaboration between industry, academia, and healthcare stakeholders to develop innovative solutions in health technologies.
- **European Partnership for Sustainable Smart Mobility:** Focuses on transforming mobility systems to make them more sustainable, digital, and connected.
- **European Partnership for Innovative Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs):** Supports innovation and collaboration among European SMEs, particularly in high-tech sectors.

- EC holds info-days about different calls for proposals.
- Most info-days are held online (and event videos made available).
- However, some still take place physically in Brussels (or other European locations).



The screenshot shows the 'Horizon Europe info days' webpage. At the top, there is a banner with the text 'INFO DAYS HORIZON EUROPE' and an illustration of people in a park. Below the banner, the page title is 'Horizon Europe info days' with a subtitle 'The EU research and innovation programme 2021 - 2027'. The main content area contains a paragraph explaining that the info days provide an opportunity for prospective applicants and stakeholders to get information and ask questions about funding instruments and processes. It also mentions the 'Research Enquiry Service' for more information. Below this, there is a section titled 'Upcoming info days' which lists two events:

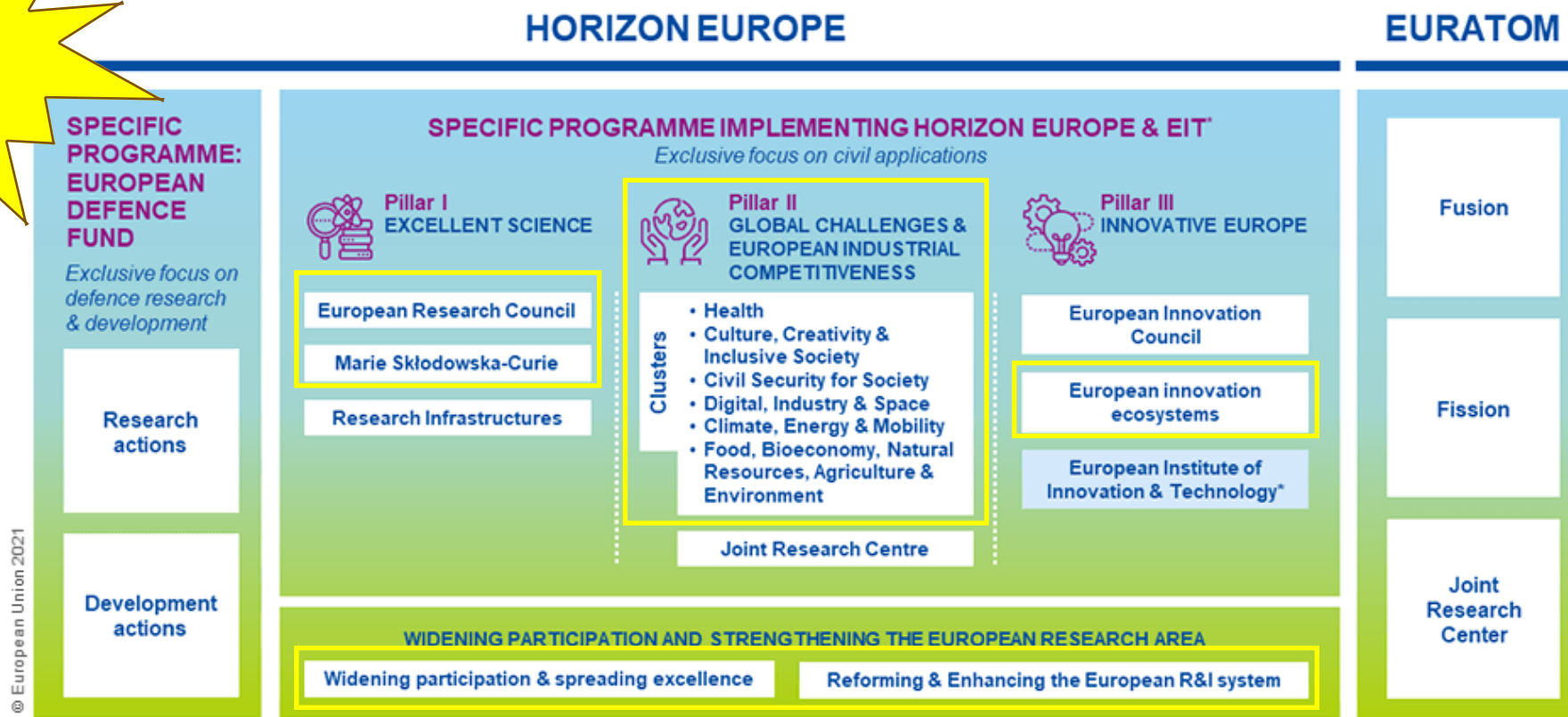
Event Title	Date and Time (CET)
Horizon Europe - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Doctoral Networks 2023 - Coordinators' Information Day	Tuesday 12 November 2024, 09:30 - 12:00 (CET)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Staff Exchanges Information Session	Friday 15 November 2024, 10:00 - 12:30 (CET)



2. Horizon Europe

- **Brief overview of Horizon Europe programme.**
- **How to search for Horizon Europe projects.**
- **How to find Horizon Europe work programmes.**
- **EC's funding and tenders portal.**
- **Horizon Europe National Contact Points (NCPs)**
- **Horizon Europe calls to consider in 2025.**

Yellow boxes highlight programmes with funding opportunities for economics research



Make sure to download the latest Horizon Europe work programmes for the area you are interested in e.g. Widening participation and spreading excellence.



CORDIS: Large online database of projects and results funded by the EU

The screenshot shows the CORDIS website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation links. Below, there are sections for 'Horizon Collaboration Network', 'Project of the month', and 'Life after...'. Further down, there are three main columns: 'Data Visualisation', 'Project of the Month', and 'Life After...'. At the bottom, there are three columns for 'Visualisation and analysis tools', 'Download projects as open data', and 'Horizon projects and results'. A yellow box highlights the 'CORDIS - EU research results' header. An orange arrow points from the 'See all HORIZON EUROPE projects' button in the bottom right of the screenshot to the corresponding button in the next slide.

Visualisation and analysis tools

A powerful analytical tool to explore project and proposal data and other related statistics

[Access the Horizon Dashboard](#)



Download projects as open data

Datasets of all projects and participating organisations funded under Horizon Europe or Horizon 2020

[Download all Horizon Europe projects](#)

[Download all Horizon 2020 projects](#)

[Download all FP7 projects](#)

Horizon projects and results

Search and filter all Horizon projects, along with their related report summaries, deliverables and publications

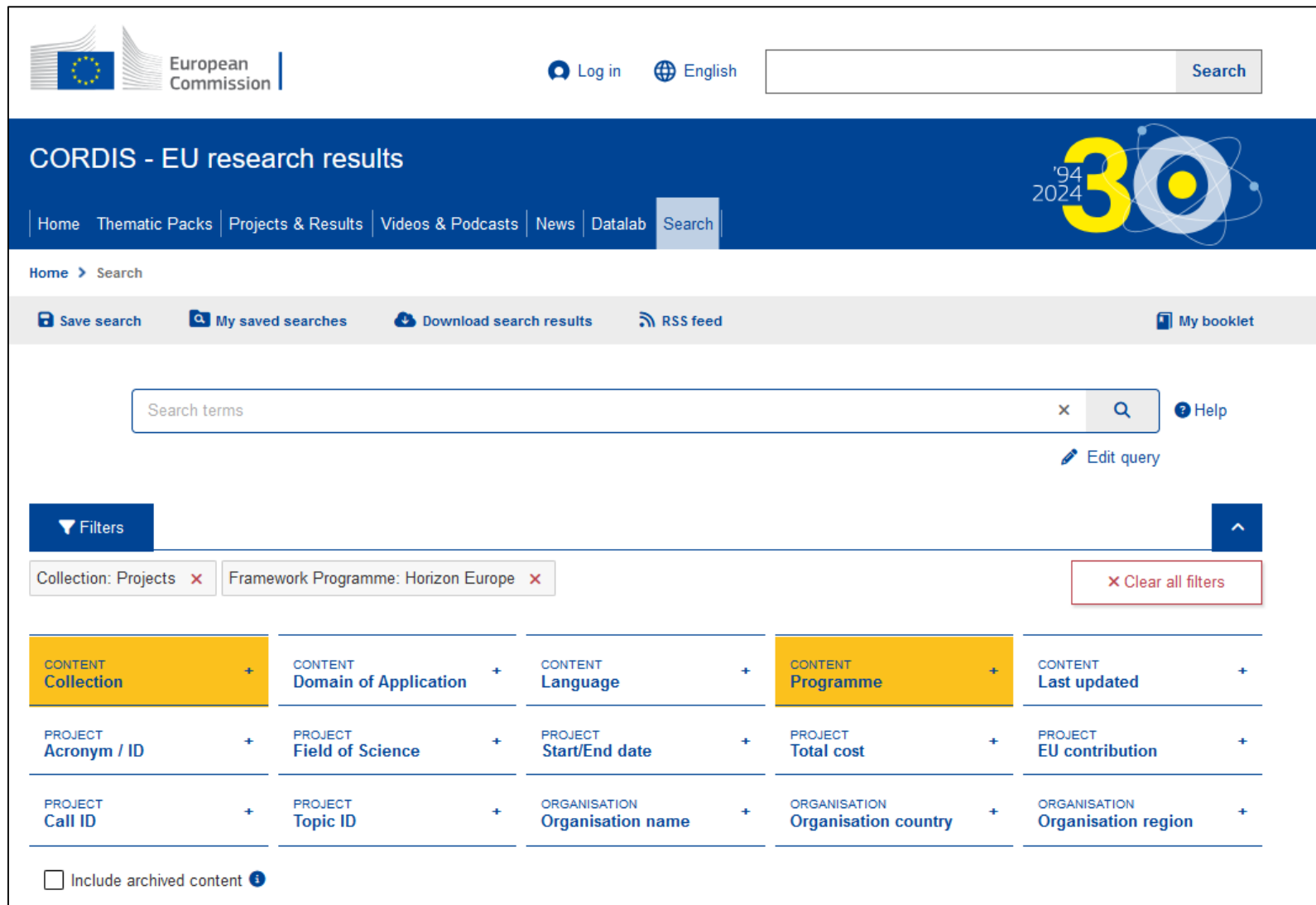
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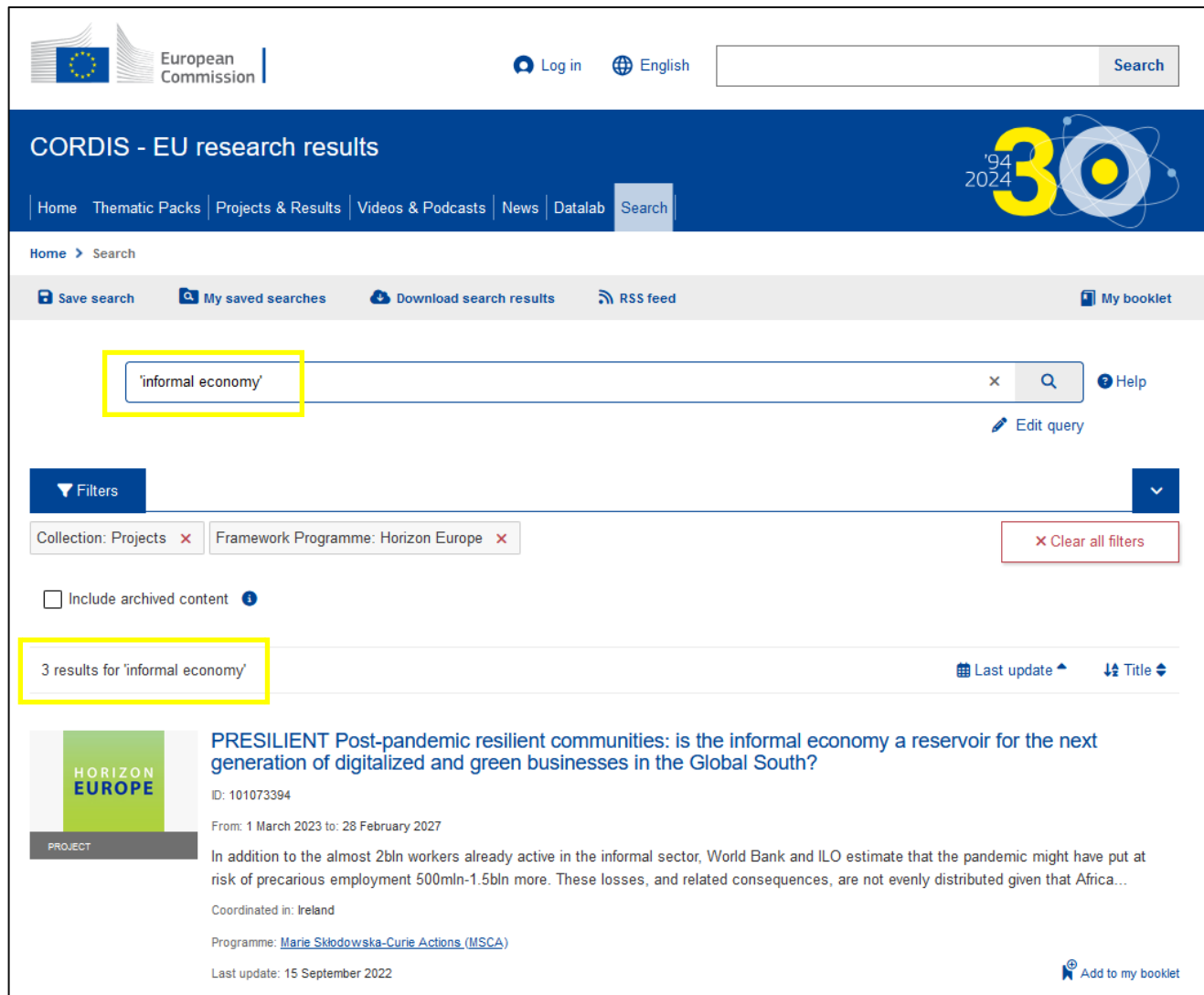


The screenshot shows the CORDIS - EU research results search interface. At the top, there is the European Commission logo, a search bar, and links for 'Log in' and 'English'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'CORDIS - EU research results' and a '30' anniversary logo (1994-2024). The main search area includes a search bar with 'Search terms', a 'Search' button, and a 'Help' link. Below the search bar are options for 'Save search', 'My saved searches', 'Download search results', 'RSS feed', and 'My booklet'. A 'Filters' section is visible, showing 'Collection: Projects' and 'Framework Programme: Horizon Europe' with a 'Clear all filters' button. Below the filters is a table of search criteria:

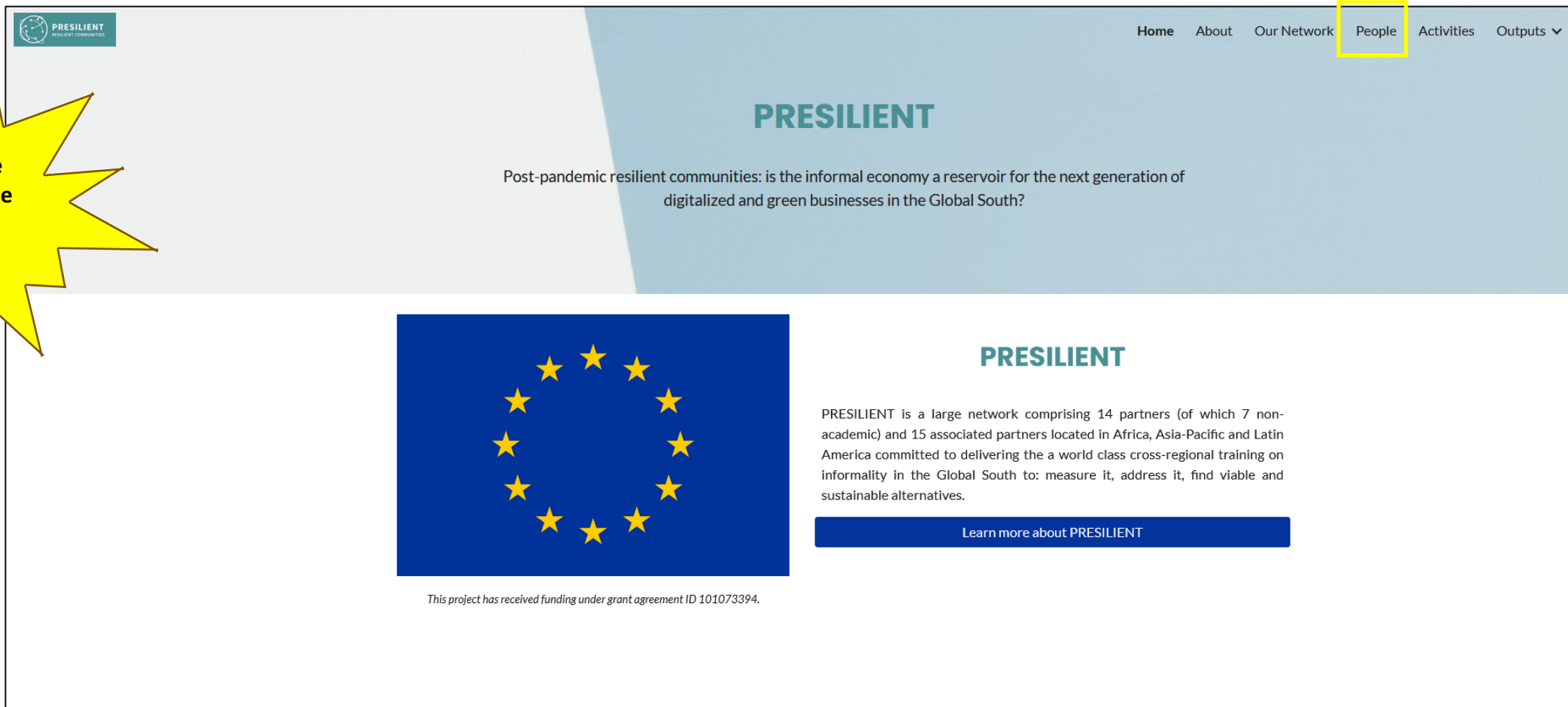
CONTENT Collection	CONTENT Domain of Application	CONTENT Language	CONTENT Programme	CONTENT Last updated
PROJECT Acronym / ID	PROJECT Field of Science	PROJECT Start/End date	PROJECT Total cost	PROJECT EU contribution
PROJECT Call ID	PROJECT Topic ID	ORGANISATION Organisation name	ORGANISATION Organisation country	ORGANISATION Organisation region

At the bottom, there is a checkbox for 'Include archived content'.



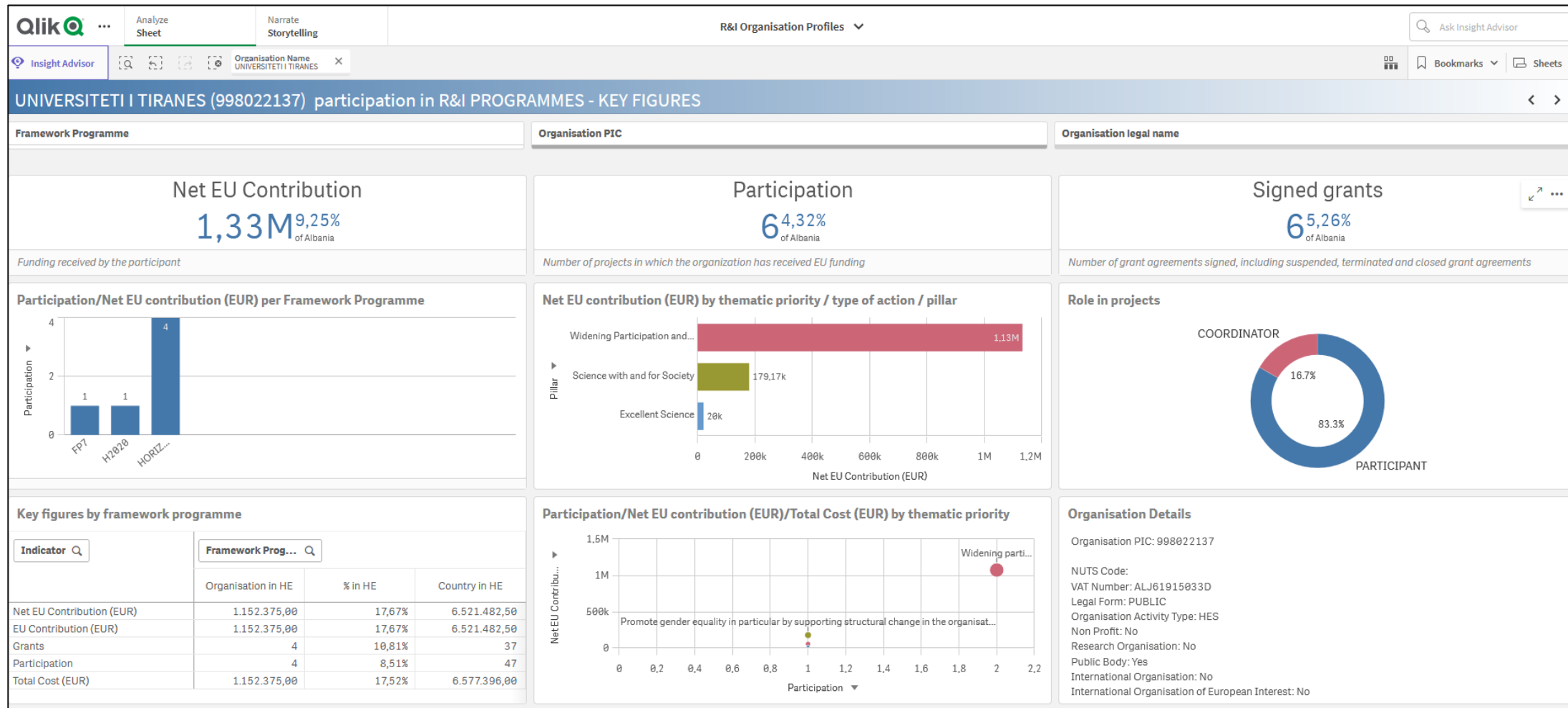
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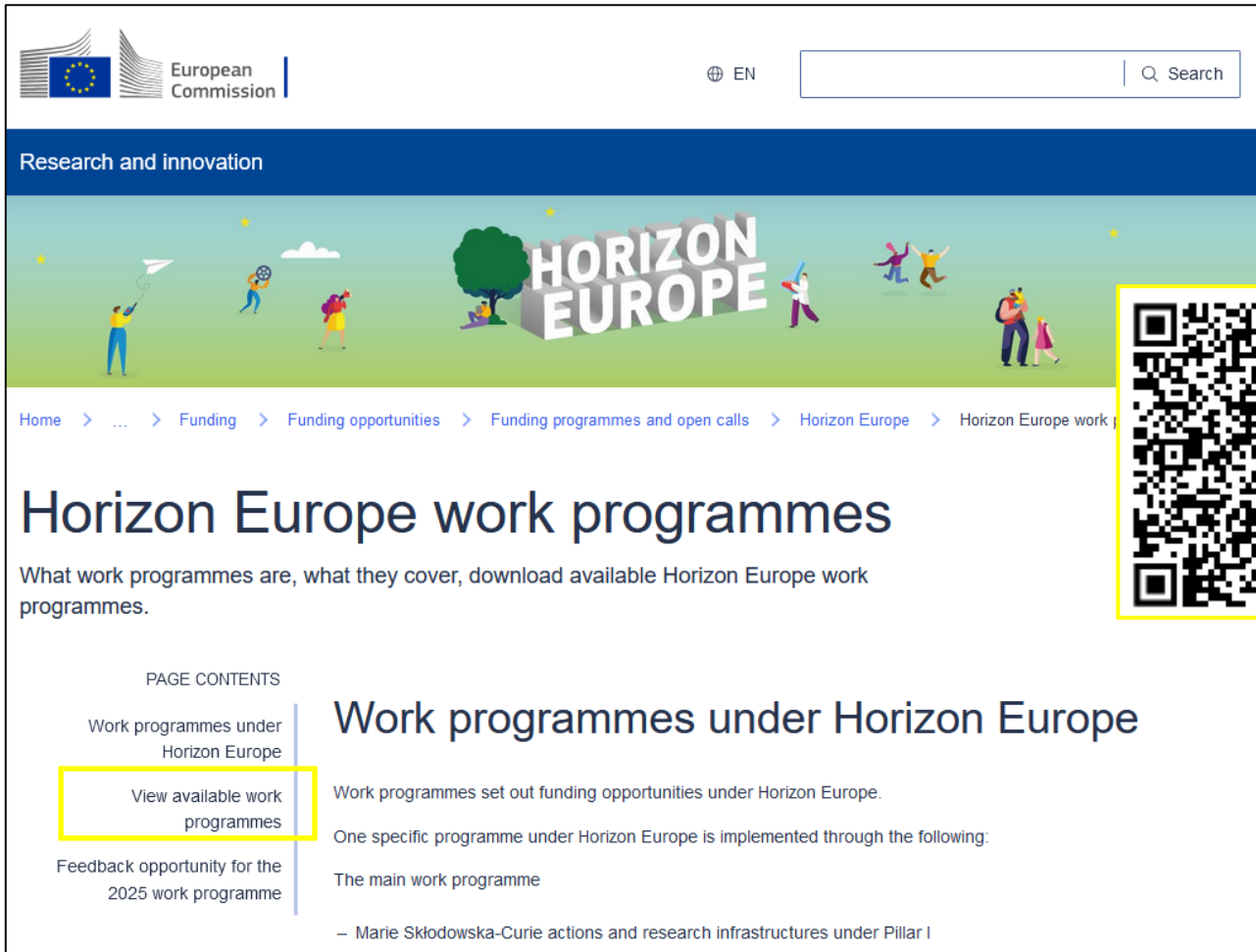
Make an online search to find the project's main website



The screenshot shows the website for PRESILIENT (Resilient Communities). The top navigation bar includes links for Home, About, Our Network, People (highlighted with a yellow box), Activities, and Outputs. The main heading is "PRESILIENT" in teal. Below it, the text reads: "Post-pandemic resilient communities: is the informal economy a reservoir for the next generation of digitalized and green businesses in the Global South?". A large image of the European Union flag is displayed. To the right of the flag, the text states: "PRESILIENT is a large network comprising 14 partners (of which 7 non-academic) and 15 associated partners located in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America committed to delivering the a world class cross-regional training on informality in the Global South to: measure it, address it, find viable and sustainable alternatives." Below this text is a blue button that says "Learn more about PRESILIENT". A QR code is located on the left side of the screenshot, enclosed in a yellow box.







European Commission

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Search

Research and innovation

HORIZON EUROPE

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Horizon Europe work programmes

What work programmes are, what they cover, download available Horizon Europe work programmes.

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- Work programmes under Horizon Europe
- View available work programmes**
- Feedback opportunity for the 2025 work programme

Work programmes under Horizon Europe

Work programmes set out funding opportunities under Horizon Europe.

One specific programme under Horizon Europe is implemented through the following:

The main work programme

– Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions and research infrastructures under Pillar I



Work programmes under Horizon Europe

View available work programmes

Feedback opportunity for the 2025 work programme

will also have a separate work programme.

View available work programmes

2023 - 24

- 31 MARCH 2023
Horizon Europe Work programme (2023-24) - General introduction
English (1.48 MB - PDF) [Download](#)
- 31 MARCH 2023
Horizon Europe Work programme (2023-24) - EU Missions
English (1.69 MB - PDF) [Download](#)
- 31 MARCH 2023
Horizon Europe Work programme (2023-24) - Cluster 1
English (1.97 MB - PDF) [Download](#)
- 6 DECEMBER 2022
Horizon Europe Work programme (2023-24) - Cluster 2
English (1.53 MB - PDF) [Download](#)

- Make a keyword search of the text in work programme to identify potential matches with your interests.
- Check “Conditions for the Call” (**call deadline**, budgets, EU contribution per proposal, ...).
- Read carefully “Expected Outcome”, “Scope”, ...



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Horizon Europe

Work Programme 2023-2025

2. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

(European Commission Decision C(2024) 2371 of 17 April 2024)





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Home > Funding > Calls for proposals

Calls for proposals

Calls for proposals are funding opportunities issued by the European Union institutions, agencies and bodies. These are direct financial contributions, known as grants, that are awarded to third-party beneficiaries (e.g., research organisations, public entities, non-governmental organisations, and private companies) to engage in activities that serve EU policies.

[More details](#)

Filters

Quick search

Programming period

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Call

Submission status

All filters

123 item(s) found

Programme **Horizon Europe (HORIZON)**

European Researchers' Night and Researchers at Schools 2026-2027

HORIZON-MSCA-2025-CITIZENS-01-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: **17 June 2025** | Next deadline: **22 October 2025** | Single-stage

Programme: **Horizon Europe (HORIZON)** | Type of action: **HORIZON Coordination and Support Actions**

Forthcoming

MSCA COFUND 2025

HORIZON-MSCA-2025-COFUND-01-01 | Call for proposal

Opening date: **23 January 2025** | Next deadline: **24 June 2025** | Single-stage

Programme: **Horizon Europe (HORIZON)** | Type of action: **HORIZON TMA MSCA Cofund Postdoctoral programme**

Forthcoming


Teaming for Excellence


HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage | Call for proposal

Opening date: **03 December 2024** | Next deadline: **10 April 2025** | Two-stage

Forthcoming

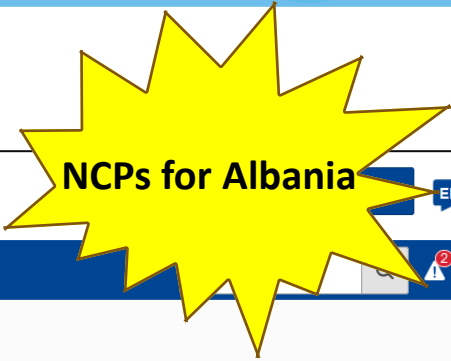
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National Contact Points for Horizon Europe

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

Filters

Albania

Function

17 results found

Sort by...

Genta Rexha

Digital, Industry and Space (including related partnerships)
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NCP Services

In general, the following basic services are available in accordance with the [NCP Guiding Principles](#) agreed by all countries:

1. Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
2. Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
3. Training and assistance on proposal writing
4. Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
5. Assistance in partner search

As the NCPs are national structures, the type and level of services offered may differ from country to country.

What is the NCP network?

NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 27 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme.

NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages.

The NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies.

- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) calls:**

- **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025 (Call deadline: 10 Sept 2025)**

- List of recently funded MSCA PF projects



- **MSCA Staff Exchanges 2025 (Call deadline: 8 Oct 2025)**

- List of recently funded MSCA SE projects



- **MSCA Doctoral Networks 2025 (Call deadline: 25 Nov 2025)**

- List of recently funded MSCA DN projects



- **Widening calls:**

- **Hop-On Facility (Call deadline: 4 Sept 2025)**

- List of HE Pillar 2 and EIC Pathfinder projects open the Hop-On Facility



- **European Excellence Initiative (Call deadline: 20 Nov 2025)**

- List of recently funded EEI projects



- **Support for R&I policy making in the EU enlargement countries (Call deadline: 16 Sept 2025)**

- **Pillar 2 / Cluster 5 “Climate, Energy and Mobility” calls:**
 - **HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1-02: Advancing Earth System Models to increase understanding of Earth system change (Call deadline: 24 Sept 2025)**
 - **HORIZON-CL5-2025-03-D1-05: Adaptation to Climate Change: Effectiveness and Limits (Call deadline: 24 Sept 2025)**
 - **HORIZON-CL5-2025-04-D6-13: Predicting and avoiding road crashes based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and big data (Call deadline: 13 Jan 2026)**

- **Pillar 2 / Cluster 6 “Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment” calls:**
 - **HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-06: Assessing and modelling socio-economic impacts of nature restoration (Call deadline: ??? 2025)**
 - **HORIZON-CL6-2025-01-BIODIV-08: Strengthening pathways to alternative socio-economic models for continuous improvement of biodiversity (Call deadline: ??? 2025)**
 - **HORIZON-CL6-2025-02-CLIMATE-05: Strengthening the resilience of water systems and water sector to climate and global socio-economic change impacts (Call deadline: ??? 2026)**

4. Other European Funding Sources

- **Erasmus+**
- **European Regional Development Fund/European Cohesion Fund/European Social Fund/CUSTOMS/Pre-Accession Assistance**

- **Key Action 1 (KA1): Learning Mobility of Individuals:**
 - Mobility projects for higher education students and staff.
 - Mobility projects for VET learners and staff.
 - Mobility projects for school pupils and staff.
 - Mobility projects for adult education learners and staff.
 - **2025 Erasmus+ guide (work programme) expected to be published in November 2024 with KA1 call deadlines between Feb-March 2025.**

Erasmus+ Guide:



Erasmus+ Call Deadlines:



• Key Action 2 (KA2): Cooperation among Organisations and Institutions:

- Partnerships for Cooperation, including Cooperation Partnerships and Small-scale Partnerships.
- Partnerships for Excellence, including Centres for Vocational Excellence and Erasmus Mundus Action.
- Partnerships for Innovation, including Alliances and Forward-looking projects;
- Capacity Building projects in the fields of higher education, vocational education and training, youth and sport.
- 2025 Erasmus+ guide (work programme) expected to be published in November 2024 with KA2 call deadlines between Feb-March 2025.

Erasmus+ Guide:



Erasmus+ Call Deadlines:



- **Jean Monnet Activities:**

- Jean Monnet Actions in the field of higher education.
- Jean Monnet Actions in other fields of education and training.
- Jean Monnet policy debate (higher education and other fields of education and training).
- **2025 Erasmus+ guide (work programme) expected to be published in November 2024 with JMA call deadlines between Feb-March 2025.**

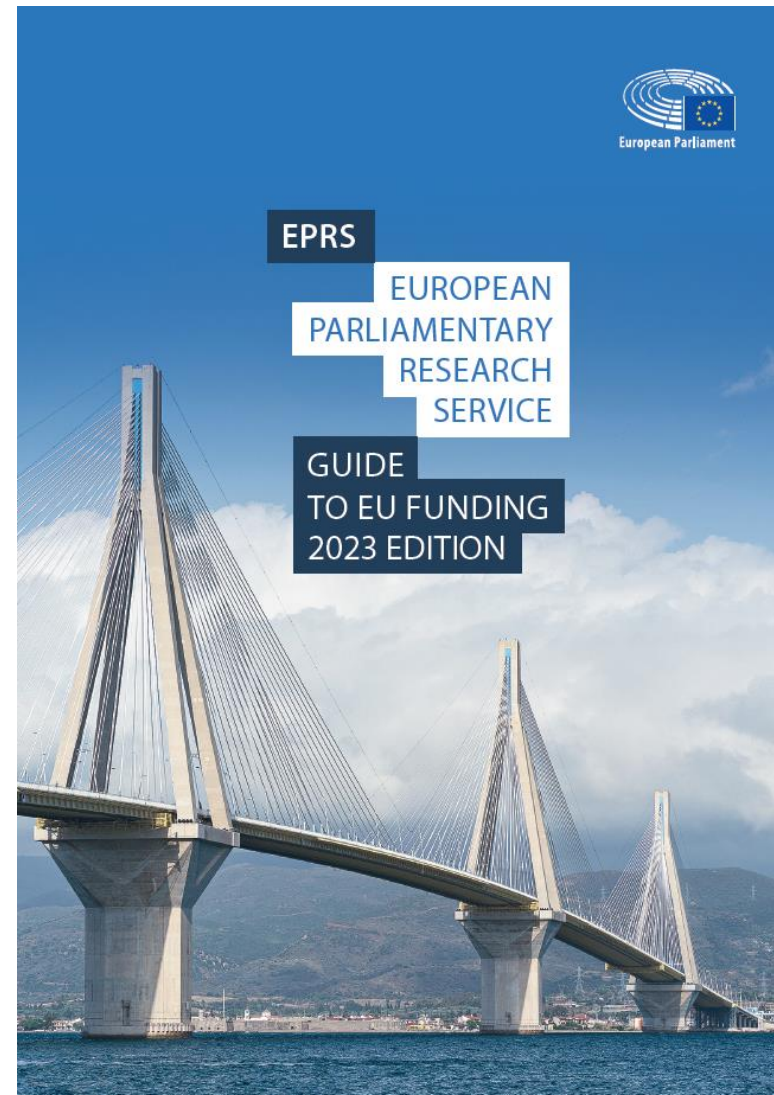
Erasmus+ Guide:



Erasmus+ Call Deadlines:



- **European Parliament's Guide to EU Funding (2023 Edition)**
 - Comprehensive guide.
 - Includes European Regional Development Fund, European Cohesion Fund, European Social Fund, CUSTOMS and Pre-Accession Assistance.
 - 181-pages.



5. Conclusions

- **Important to take a proactive approach to getting European research funding.**
 - Grants seldom drop into your lap.
- **Important to develop your own personal networks of international researchers.**
 - Most European projects involve collaboration with consortia of international partners.
- **Important to become familiar with different European research funding programmes.**
 - Prepare already now for calls in 2025.

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