

UK Participation in Horizon 2020

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After the EU Referendum in UK

From [Jo Johnson](#), UK Minister of State for Universities and Science:

“The referendum result has no immediate effect on those applying to or participating in Horizon 2020. UK researchers and businesses can continue to apply to the programme in the usual way. The future of UK access to European research and innovation funding will be a matter for future discussions. **Government is determined to ensure that the UK continues to play a leading role in European and international research and innovation**”

From [European Commission](#):

“The Statement of 29 June of the Heads of State or Government of 27 Member States, as well as the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission, confirms that until the UK leaves the EU, **EU law continues to apply to and within the UK**, both when it comes to rights and obligations. **This includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions**”

No Risk of UK as a Potential Partner

From European Commission, [instructions to evaluators](#):

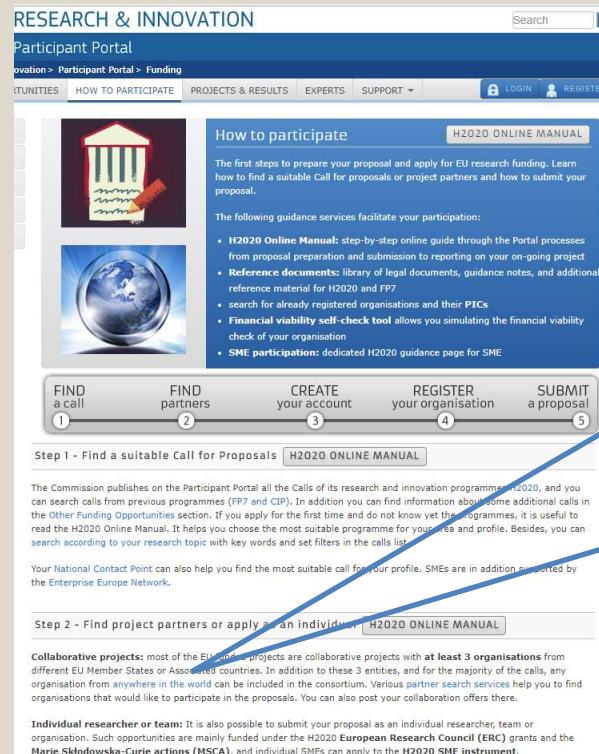
“Until the UK leaves the EU, EU law continues to apply to and within the UK, both when it comes to rights and obligations. This includes the eligibility of UK legal entities to participate and receive funding in Horizon 2020 actions. **Experts should not evaluate proposals with UK participants any differently than before.**”

From [HM Government](#):

“the Treasury will underwrite funding for approved Horizon 2020 projects **applied for** before the UK leaves the European Union”

International Participation in Horizon 2020

- 55 different countries have been in winning consortia in Smart, Green and Integrated Transport so far
- Many of the Transport Topics explicitly welcome International Cooperation beyond the Horizon 2020 'club'



“...any organisation from anywhere in the world can be included in the consortium.”

Summary

- Horizon 2020 is 'Open to the World'
- UK Treasury underwrite applies to all projects applied for before March 2019
 - including Stage 1 of Two-Stage proposals
 - Including SME Instrument
 - Including Joint Technology Initiatives

To those that think including the UK in a team is still a risk, I say:
“if you had a USA organisation wanting to join your team, they had expertise that would really help, and they’re bringing their own funding, would you turn them down? The worst case scenario is that UK will be in the same position as the USA”