

EuCRF offers its expertise in the area of Internationally Funded Project in three spheres:

- **Project Preparation**
- **Work Packages & Proposal Sections**
- **Project Management & Implementation**

Project Preparation – Funding Sources; Proposal Preparation; Consortium Building

EuCRF offers a full range of activities needed to prepare projects seeking international funding. Firstly, we help in identifying the funding sources most suitable to your needs and capabilities. Here our extensive knowledge of international R&D supporting funds and how to approach them successfully comes to play. With this knowledge we can help you in matching your R&D ideas to the most relevant calls and topics that can be funded.

Succeeding in application to such funding sources depends on the proposal. This requires careful planning of the project, highly professional proposal writing substantiated by methodological editing that would enhance the scientific excellence along with risk analysis and contingency plan and reference to ethical issues, gender issues and impact. To this end **EuCRF** offers here the necessary methodological critical analysis and scientific editing so that the proposal matches not only the formal requirements of the call but even more importantly – the expectations of the call's evaluation process.

Finally, **EuCRF** brings into the preparation process its extensive experience in consortium building which is needed in many of the funded programmes. Here we help you to find and recruit the most suitable partners that would fit best your own need and your organisational particular characteristics.



Work Packages & Proposal Sections

The scientific sections of the proposal will always be written by the scientists involved, under the methodological guidance and with the on-going editing of **EuCRF**. In addition, we take care and actively participate in and/or lead the preparation and writing of some specific sections which are critical to success of the proposal – and once the project is funded, to actually carry them out as required. These include:

Management & Implementation –

Demonstrating the effectiveness and economy of proposed objectives and tasks and the way in which

implementing the project addresses fully the expectations of the evaluation process, covering all aspects of the project management, decision making procedures and conflict resolution, structure and operation of the project Management Board, etc.

Management of Innovation, Related Activities & IP

Covering all issues pertaining to creation of new IP presentation of how the proposed project plans to achieve all innovative objectives.

Dissemination, Exploitation & Commercialisation

Setting plans to disseminate non-confidential knowledge gained throughout the project and exploitation and commercialisation of project results.

Socio Economic Impact & Implications

Covering socio-economic impact & implications on relevant industries, civil society, regulatory organs, etc. - expected by granting authorities. Herein our deep knowledge of scientific methodology, coupled with our intimate understanding of socio-economic realities and needs, come to the fore.

Project Monitoring & Evaluation

Ensuring seamlessness and harmonisation of the project's various segments and overall programme through on-going monitoring and evaluation, including dynamic SWOT & CB analyses, financial monitoring & performance evaluation.

Use of Resources & Budgeting

Devising & demonstrating the manners in which resources are planned and then actually used.

Project Management & Implementation

Once funded, **EuCRF** offers practical help in setting and materialising the most effective project management structure and procedures and in actually managing and implementing the project. This activity covers the following areas:

Adapting Implementation to Project Types

Determining and implementing management practice so that it fits best the type of project at hand.

Project Implementation & Management

Designing and implementing mutually acceptable and benefiting management structures and procedures, including well-wrought conflict resolution arrangements, decision-making and communication procedures, contingency plans, reporting mechanisms and other components of successful and effective project management.

Monitoring & Quality Assurance

EuCRF contributes, during the implementation of the project, to the monitoring of the project so as to prevent deviations from prescribed plan, along with on-going evaluation of the execution of the project objectives and tasks and the performance of the participants.

Budget Planning & Management

Based on our well-proven expertise, we offer budget planning and management so the scientists can actually be free of budgetary concerns and can concentrate on the scientific work. This includes also

on-going oversight and control over the toning of the project numerous tasks so they always remain within the prescribed budget while enabling the necessary flexibility as (and when) needed.

Reporting

EuCRF ensures that the on-going reports required by funding authorities are prepared and submitted, showing that the funds allocated are used efficiently and according to the plan approved.

EuCRF participates in each project we are involved in its preparation as partners and/or co-ordinators. In all the projects we have participated in we have been contributing in leading capacity to Management; Dissemination, exploitation & commercialisation; Socio-economic impact & implications and Project monitoring & Evaluation.



EuCRF & Horizon 2020



The some € 80 billion HORIZON 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation is Europe's potentially main drive for economic growth and creating new jobs, in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

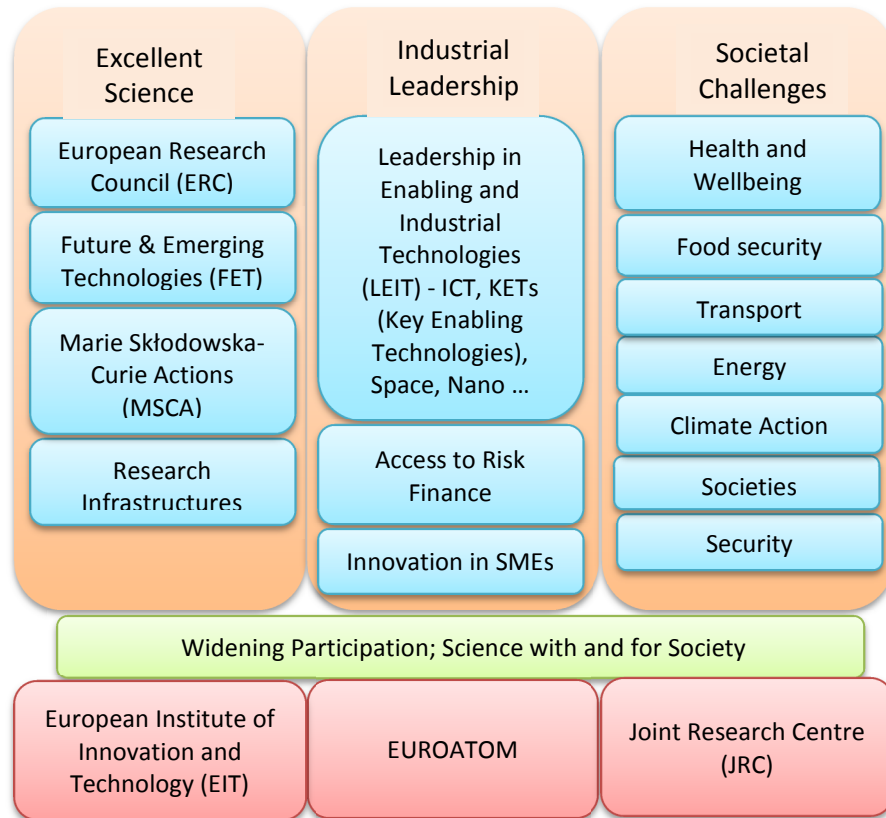
It is Europe's financial instrument for implementing the Innovation Union, aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness through investment in innovative initiatives in all sectors, from research to industry and social issues.

HORIZON 2020 finances initiatives in three main areas:

- **Excellent Science** – aimed at enhancing Europe's excellence in scientific research and consolidating the European Research Area (ERA) to raise innovation and competitiveness on global scale.
- **Industrial Leadership** – aimed at developing technologies & innovations to maximise growth and competitiveness of EU companies and SMEs.
- **Societal Challenges** – challenge-based approach for innovative and market-oriented activities aimed at tackling the Europe's main political and social priorities.

H 2020 Structure

Each of the identified areas covers different activities as follows:



Procedure



Selection & Award Criteria

Projects and partners are assessed so as to determine whether their operational capacity is sufficient in terms of competence & experience. Co-ordinators need also show ample financial capacity. Also, assessment is made of the scientific & technological excellence of the proposal, the expected impact it proposes and the quality and efficiency of the implementation of the project.

Time to Grant of Successful Proposals

From submission to notification of outcome: maximum of 5 months;
 From notification to Grant Agreement signing: maximum of 3 months.

Conditions & funding rates per Action Type

Research and Innovation Actions: at least 3 independent entities from different MSs or ACs. Funding rate (establishing new knowledge and exploring feasibility of new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution) – 100%.

Innovation Actions: at least 3 legal entities (as above). Funding rate (producing plans and designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services, including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation & market-replication) –70% (100% for non-profit entities).

Coordination and Support Actions: at least one MS or AC legal entity. Funding rate (measures like standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising, networking, communication, coordination or support) – 100%.

SME Instrument: at least one MS or AC for-profit SME. Funding rate – for feasibility assessment (phase 1 - exploring technical feasibility & commercial potential of a breakthrough innovation): € 50,000 lump sum; Innovation (phase 2 – project projects supported by a sound and strategic business plan): 70% (exceptionally, where there is strong research component, 100%).