

Swiss Participation in Horizon Europe



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Researchers and innovators in Switzerland can participate in Horizon Europe. As of 10 November 2025, Switzerland is officially an Associated Country to the programme. The association agreement (EUPA) has a retroactive effect from 1 January 2025. Therefore, Switzerland is treated as an Associated Country in all 2025 work programme calls and following work programmes.

In practice, this means that:

- you can apply and participate in the role of “Beneficiary”¹
- your budget is included in the total EU requested amount
- your funding is issued by the European Commission
- you can coordinate the project
- you count toward the calculation of the minimum Consortium size.

Awarded and running Horizon Europe projects till year-programme 2024 are not affected by this change.

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Following the completion of the European Commission's validation process, Switzerland has gained full access to calls in strategic areas in the Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026–2027 (e.g., Cluster 4: Artificial Intelligence, quantum, communication and network technologies, as well as space-related research topics). Certain calls in the field of space were not subject to this validation process and remain inaccessible. In DEP, Switzerland was already granted access to calls for proposals in strategic areas of the 2025–2027 work programme in March 2025.

¹ Restrictions to organisations based in non-EU Member States may apply to specific calls.