



HORIZON 2020: PARTICIPATION BY SWISS RESEARCH ENTITIES

Updated information as of 16 December 2016 (13h30)

Switzerland's situation

On 16 December 2016, the Swiss Parliament adopted the application law for Art.121a of the Constitution, respecting the Bilateral Agreements with the EU in all aspects. On the same day, the Swiss Federal Council ratified the protocol extending the free movement of persons to Croatia, thus fulfilling the necessary condition for Switzerland's full association to Horizon 2020 as of 2017.

An update of the [European Commission's factsheet regarding Switzerland's association status](#) is expected soon.

Project submissions from participants based in Switzerland

Due to the situation described above researchers in Switzerland must prepare and submit their project proposals for all calls as participants from associated countries using the 'Participant Portal' for Horizon 2020. In doing so, it is important that on the EC project submission form, participants from Switzerland provide their full attributable research budget ('Budget for the proposal' and 'EC requested funding' column) in order to receive funding from the EC budget. That includes calls for PPPs under Art. 187 TFEU as well as EDCTP and EMPIR calls (P2Ps under Art. 185 TFEU).

Ongoing projects

Note that ongoing projects funded under Horizon 2020 are not affected by changes in Switzerland's association status. Their funding is guaranteed by the same funding source for the entire duration of the project.

In brief

In view of the ratified Croatia protocol and thus full association of Switzerland as of 2017, participants from Switzerland must apply for *all calls for Horizon 2020 and Euratom* as participants from an associated country. In order to receive grants, *they have to request relevant funding through the European Commission.*

In case of questions or encountered constraints researchers should contact Euresearch or SERI directly.

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