



First reaction

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Horizon Europe Provisional Agreement

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EPSO welcomes the provisional agreement on Horizon Europe and looks forward to actions across clusters and pillars of the programme to better address the Sustainable Development Goals

EPSO welcomes in a first reaction the provisional agreement on Horizon Europe. It fully supports further strengthening the successful European Research Council (ERC) programmes as well as the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) which have achieved major successes.

EPSO urges to give more balanced consideration to basic research in relation to the other components (applied research, demonstration and innovation actions) of the research and innovation cycle in the global challenges programme.

Most importantly it calls upon the European Commission to develop in its work towards implementation measures enabling and encouraging actions across clusters of the global challenge programme and as appropriate even across pillars to better address the UN Sustainable Development Goals. One example being the ever-increasing importance of not only Food, but as well Nutritional Security, which will need activities bridging the 'health' and the 'food and natural resources' cluster.

EPSO offers to collaborate with the European Commission and the Member States on such ideas and their implementation.

Last not least, EPSO urges policy makers to provide critical mass resources for Europe to address societal challenges and to be competitive globally in terms of research and innovation by substantially increasing the budget from Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe – at minimum following the European Parliament proposal of 120 billion Euro.
See as well EPSO Position on FP9 from 19.9.2017

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Useful links

EC provisional agreement on Horizon Europe, 20.3.2019 Press release
http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-19-1676_en.htm

EPSO position on FP9, 19.9.2017:

https://epsoweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/17_09_19_EPSO_Position-on-FP9.pdf

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