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What is Horizon 2020?

(<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>)

- ✓ Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020). In addition it is expected that this money will attract further private investment.
- ✓ Seen as a means to drive economic growth and create jobs, EU leaders have agreed that research is an investment in our future and thus have put it at the heart of the EU's blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs.
- ✓ Horizon 2020 is open to everyone, with a simple structure that reduces red tape and time so participants can focus on what is really important. This approach makes sure new projects get off the ground quickly – and achieve results faster.
- ✓ The Programme covers many areas and sectors from agriculture to energy, from climate action to innovation, from health to environment and from transport to space. One area is also dedicated to International Cooperation.
- ✓ International Cooperation means that Horizon 2020 is Open to the World, giving access to the best talent, knowledge and resources wherever they are located. Participants from all over the world can participate in most of the calls of Horizon 2020. In many cases, the EU will fund at least partly the participation of the international partners.