Public Consultation on 12 proposed Institutionalised European Partnerships under the future Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme

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Introduction

With a proposed budget of nearly 100 billion euro from 2021 to 2027, the Horizon Europe framework programme represents the largest collaborative multinational research and innovation investment in Europe and is open to participants worldwide.

The European Parliament and the Council have provisionally agreed on the Horizon Europe legislative package (COM(2018)435)[1]. Based on the agreement, Horizon Europe promotes a more strategic, ambitious and impact-oriented approach to public-public and public-private partnerships (European Partnerships), ensuring that they can effectively contribute to the Union's policies and priorities.

European Partnerships allow to bring together a broad range of actors to work towards a common goal, develop synergies with EU, national and regional programmes and strategies, and accelerate societal and market uptake. Different forms of European Partnerships can be implemented depending on specific needs, type of activities and criteria: Co-funded, Co-programmed or Institutionalised European Partnerships.

Institutionalised Partnerships are implemented only when other parts of the Horizon Europe programme, including other forms of European Partnerships (Co-funded or Co-programmed), cannot achieve the objectives or generate the necessary expected impacts. The preparation of such Institutionalised Partnerships requires new EU legislation and the setting up of specific legal structures (funding bodies) based on Article 185 and 187 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)[2]. As such all Institutionalised Partnerships must be justified with an impact assessment prior to the preparation of the legislative proposals.

The European Commission is currently running the impact assessment of 12 candidate Institutionalised European Partnerships in the following priorities:

1. EU-Africa research partnership on health security to tackle infectious diseases (Global Health)

- 2. Innovative Health Initiative
- 3. Key Digital Technologies
- 4. Smart Networks and Services
- 5. European Metrology
- 6. Transforming Europe's rail system

- 7. Integrated Air Traffic Management
- 8. Clean Aviation
- 9. Clean Hydrogen
- 10. Safe and Automated Road Transport

11. Circular bio-based Europe: sustainable innovation for new local value from waste and biomass

12. Innovative SMEs

This public consultation aims to collect the views of stakeholders and citizens on the need for such Institutionalised European Partnerships and will feed into the impact assessment process. This consultation is structured in two parts: Part 1 covering all candidate Institutionalised European Partnerships and Part 2 specific to each candidate. We invite you to provide feedback on any of the candidate Institutionalised European Partnership.

The questionnaire is available in English, French and German and you can reply in any EU language. You can pause any time and continue later. Your contribution is downloadable once you have submitted your answers.

Responses received after the closing date will not be considered. Questionnaires sent by e-mail or on paper will not be analysed except those due to accessibility needs of people with visual disabilities and their representative organisations.

A summary on the outcome of the public consultation will be published by the Commission services on the <u>'</u><u>Have your say' portal</u>.

We thank you for your participation.

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[1] Legal texts for Horizon Europe to be found here: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/research-and-innovation-including-horizon-europe-iter-and-euratom-legal-texts-and-factsheets_en</u>
 [2] Following Article 8(1)(c) of the proposed Regulation for Horizon Europe

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Part 1: General questions on European Partnerships

As per the political agreement on Horizon Europe, an Institutionalised European Partnership shall be implemented only where other parts of the Horizon Europe programme, including other forms of

European Partnerships (co-programmed, co-funded), would not achieve the objectives or would not generate the necessary expected impacts; they should be justified by a long-term perspective and high degree of integration.

There will be three types of European Partnerships under Horizon Europe [1].

Co-programmed European Partnerships are based on memoranda of understanding and/or contractual arrangements between the Commission and private and/or public partners. They are expected to be best suited to partnerships involving industry, but also Member States, foundations, international partners etc. They are jointly implemented by the Commission (Union contribution via Horizon Europe work programmes) and partners (contributions under their responsibility), with full application of Horizon Europe rules for the Union contribution, whereas partners rules apply to their contributions. They allow for more flexibility over time as regards the composition of partners, objectives and activities and require the relatively lowest effort for set-up and implementation compared to the other forms of European Partnerships.

Co-funded European Partnerships are implemented under the responsibility of the partners, that receive a substantial budget contribution from Horizon Europe (Grant Agreement) to cofound their joint programme of activities. They are expected to be best suited to partnerships involving Member States, with research funders and other public authorities at the core of the consortium, and possibility to include foundations and international partners etc. By default national rules apply to calls launched by the consortium. They require a relatively moderate effort for their set-up and implementation compared to other forms of European Partnerships.

Institutionalised European Partnerships are based on the Union participation in and financial contribution to research and innovation programmes undertaken by several Member States (under Article 185 TFEU) or by bodies established under Article 187 TFEU, for partnerships involving typically industry, research organisations but also Member States, foundations and international partners. They are expected to be best suited for long-term collaborations with stable partners and provide only limited flexibility for adaptation during their implementation. Compared to other forms of European Partnerships, they require a relatively high and long-term effort for their preparation and set-up, including the establishment of dedicated entities (funding bodies) for their implementation. By default the rules for participation of Horizon Europe apply for the calls launched under Institutionalised European Partnerships.

[1] Article 8 of COM(2018)435

- *1. Have you been involved in the on-going research and innovation framework programme Horizon 2020 or the preceeding Framework Programme 7?
 - 0
 - Yes No
- * Please identify in which capacity (multiple answers possible):
 - Applied for funding
 - Received funding
 - Expert (evaluator, reviewer, etc.)
 - Participated in governance (programme committee, etc.)

- Other
- * Are or were you directly involved in a partnership under Horizon 2020 or its predecessor Framework Programme 7?
 - Yes
 - No
- * Please identify your role in the partnership (select all that apply):
 - Partner/Member/Beneficiary in a partnership
 - Representative in the governance of a partnership
 - Member of a committee for a partnership
 - Expert (evaluator, reviewer) in calls for proposals in partnership
 - Applied for funding under a partnership
 - Provided national cofinancing to a partnership
 - Other
- * Please identify the partnership (select all that apply):
 - European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP2)
 - Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) Joint Undertaking
 - Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership (ECSEL) Joint Undertaking
 - 5G (5G PPP)
 - European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research (EMPIR)
 - Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking
 - Single European Sky Air Traffic Management Research (SESAR) Joint Undertaking
 - Clean Sky 2 Joint Undertaking
 - Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 (FCH2) Joint Undertaking
 - Bio-Based Industries Joint Undertaking
 - Eurostars-2 (supporting research-performing small and medium-sized enterprises)
 - Ambient Assisted Living (AAL 2)
 - Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)
 - European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC)

2. To what extent do you think that the future European Partnerships under Horizon Europe need to:

	1 (Not needed at all)	2	3	4	5 (Fully needed)	Don't Know
* Be more responsive towards EU policy objectives	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	۲	۲
* Be more responsive towards societal needs	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	۲	0

* Be more responsive towards priorities in national and regional research and innovation strategies, including smart specialisation strategies	0	0	۲	0	0	O
 Make a significant contribution to achieving the UN' s Sustainable Development Goals 	0	۲	0	۲	O	0
* Make significant contribution to the EU efforts to achieve climate-related goals	O	۲	0	0	۲	0
* Focus more on the development and effective deployment of technology	O	0	۲	0	O	0
 Focus more on bringing about transformative change towards sustainability in their respective area 	0	0	0	۲	0	0
 Make a significant contribution to EU global competitiveness in specific sectors/domains 	0	0	0	۲	0	0
* Other	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	۲

* (Other) Please specify:

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Everything seems to be covered

*3. What would you see as main advantages and disadvantages of participation in an Institutionalised European Partnership (as a partner) under Horizon Europe?

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Major advantage is a more coordinated and joined approach towards achieving European Goals. A partnership should be open to new participants, esp. to those able to bring in new ideas/technologies

4. For which of the candidate Institutionalised European Partnership(s) would you like to specifically provide your views through this consultation (you may provide your views for more than one)?

- EU-Africa research partnership on health security to tackle infectious diseases Global Health
- Innovative Health Initiative
- Key Digital Technologies
- Smart Networks and Services
- European Metrology
- Transforming Europe's rail system
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- Circular bio-based Europe: sustainable innovation for new local value from waste and biomass
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Part 2 - Questions on problems, objectives, policy options and impact tailored to each candidate European Partnership

The following questions allow to assess the necessity of a partnership approach, as well as the need for an Institutionalised Partnership for each candidate partnership.

Clean Aviation

The Commission is assessing whether to propose an Institutionalised European Partnership on Clean Aviation under Horizon Europe. Its overall objective would be bringing together the European aviation supply chain - including on the transition to low carbon aviation - and accelerating the market uptake of technologies with significantly reduced environmental impact. The primary objective is a path towards deep decarbonisation, therefore contributing to the EU's climate and energy goals.

The proposed partnership would build on the experience of the existing Horizon 2020 Clean Sky 2 (CS2) Joint Undertaking (established under Article 187 TFEU), but would revise its scope, content and implementation and take into account the strengthened scientific, societal, economic and technological impact criteria of Horizon Europe.

CS2 is a public-private partnership between the EU and the aviation sector, established under Horizon 2020 and which functioning is currently planned until 31 December 2024. It focuses on the finalisation of research activities initiated under Clean Sky 1 and contributes to improving the environmental impact of aeronautical technologies, including those relating to small aviation.

The <u>inception impact assessment</u> outlines an early description of the problems, objectives, options and impact that the partnership is likely to have.

1. To what extent do you think this is relevant for research and innovation efforts at EU level to address the following problems in relation to clean aviation?

Research and innovation problems:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Too long development and innovation cycles to innovative products and services	0	0	۲	0	0	0

Structural and resource problems:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Limited collaboration and pooling of resources between public actors and private actors	0	0	0	۲	0	۲
Lack of alignment and coordination between EU research, national research and private innovation efforts	0	0	۲	0	0	0
Regulatory barriers in the field of disruptive and digital aviation technology	0	0	0	0	0	۲
Barriers to exploitation due to the financial risk for early movers, especially in areas like urban air mobility	0	0	0	0	۲	0
High costs of demonstration of innovative solutions that hinder commercialisation	0	0	0	۲	0	0
Lack of acceptance, security and safety related to new aircraft configurations	O	0	0	۲	O	0

Problems in uptake of clean aviation innovations due to:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Market failures due to inadequate industry investment	0	0	0	0	۲	۲
Lack of adequate business models	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Regulatory framework lagging behind technology developments	0	0	0	۲	0	۲
Barriers to exploit due to potential lack of global standards	0	۲	0	0	0	0
Lack of consideration of societal and user needs	0	0	0	0	۲	0

2. In your view, how should the specific challenges described above be addressed through Horizon Europe intervention?

European Partnerships may take any of the following forms:

a) Co-programmed European Partnerships: based on memoranda of understanding and/or contractual arrangements between the Commission and private and/or public partners;

b) Co-funded European Partnerships: based on participation in and financial contribution to a programme of R&I activities, using a Programme co-fund action; or

c) Institutionalised European Partnerships: based on participation in and financial contribution to R&I programmes undertaken by several Member States (under Article 185 TFEU) or by bodies established under Article 187 TFEU (Institutionalised European Partnerships)

Traditional calls under Horizon Europe work programmes

- Co-Funded partnership
- Co-Programmed partnership
- Institutionalised Partnership

* Please explain briefly your choice:

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Climate Neutrality of Aviation is an European Challenge that can only be achieved through a well coordinated and joint effort. Due to long Innovation cycles a Multi year approach is needed

3. In your view, how relevant are the following elements and activities to ensure that the proposed European Partnership would meet its objectives?

Setting joint long-term agenda with strong involvement of:

	1 (Not relevant)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Member States and Associated Countries	O	0	۲	\bigcirc	۲	0
Industry	0	0	۲	0	۲	0
Academia	0	0	۲	0	۲	0
Foundations and Non-Governmental Organisations	0	0	0	0	۲	O
Other societal stakeholders	O	0	0	\bigcirc	0	۲

Pooling and leveraging resources (financial, infrastructure, in-kind expertise etc.) through coordination, alignment or integration with:

	1 (Not relevant)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Member States and Associated Countries	0	0	0	۲	0	0
Industry	0	۲	0	۲	0	0
Academia	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Foundations and Non-Governmental Organisations	0	0	0	۲	0	0
Other societal stakeholders	0	0	0	\bigcirc	0	۲

Partnership composition:

	1 (Not relevant)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don' t Know
Flexibility in the composition of partners over time	0	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	۲	

Involvement of a broad range of partners,	0		۲	
including across disciplines and sectors	0			

Implementing the following activities:

	1 (Not relevant)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don't Know
Joint R&I programme	0	۲	0	0	۲	0
Collaborative R&I projects	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Deployment and piloting activities	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Input to regulatory aspects	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Co-creation of solutions with end- users	0	0	0	0	۲	0

4. In your view, how relevant is to set up a specific legal structure (funding body) for the candidate European Partnership to achieve the following?

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don' t know
Implement its activities more effectively	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Implement activities faster to respond to sudden market or policy needs	0	0	0	۲	0	0
Implements activities more transparently	0	۲	۲	۲	۲	0
Increase financial leverage	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Ensure better links to regulators	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Ensure better links to practitioners on the ground	0	0	۲	0	0	0
Obtain more buy-in and long-term commitment from other partners	0	۲	۲	۲	0	0
Ensure harmonisation of standards and approaches	0	۲	۲	0	0	0
Facilitate synergies with other EU and national programmes	0	۲	0	0	۲	0
Facilitate collaboration with other relevant European Partnerships	0	۲	۲	0	۲	0

5. What is your view on the scope and coverage proposed for this candidate institutionalised European Partnership, based on its inception impact assessment?

	Too narrow	Right scope & coverage	Too broad	Don't know
Technologies covered	۲	0	0	0
Research areas covered	۲	0	0	0
Geographical coverage	0	۲	0	0
Types of partners covered	0	0	0	۲
Range of activities covered	0	0	0	۲
Sectoral coverage	۲	0	0	۲

Please provide any comment you may have on the proposed scope and coverage for this candidate Institutionalised Partnership:

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The Partnership should also look into options to radically change the Air Transport System, e.g. lower flight altitudes, slower, that allow for reaching a climate neutral air transport systems. Missing at the moment are ways to improve the operational aspects.

Several of the aspects above are not clearly covered in the inception doc.

6. In your view, would it be possible to rationalise the candidate European Institutionalised Partnership and its activities, and/or to better link it with other comparable initiatives?

- Yes
- No

(Yes) Please explain why? Which other comparable initiatives could it be linked with?

500 character(s) maximum

A joined effort towards Clean Aviation between and SESAR is needed

7. In your view, how relevant is it for the candidate European Institutionalised Partnership to deliver on the following impacts?

Societal impact:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don' t know
Improved public health on the basis of reduction of pollutants, particulates and noise emissions compared to current aircraft technologies	0	0	0	0	۲	0
Reduced CO2 emissions	0	\bigcirc	0	۲	0	0
Novel competitive cross-sectoral solutions for decarbonisation	0	0	0	0	۲	0

Economic/technological impact:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don' t know
Increased industrial leadership in aviation technologies and uptake of new technologies	0	0	0	0	۲	0
Creation of jobs in the low-carbon economy by strengthening the European aeronautics sector	0	0	0	۲	0	0
New demand side solutions to decarbonise the transport systems	0	0	0	0	۲	0
Better cross-fertilisation of innovative ideas from SMEs to large companies that can bring them to mass market	0	0	0	0	۲	0
Highly skilled jobs in industry	0	0	\bigcirc	۲	0	0
Low-carbon and competitive transport solutions across all modes	0	0	۲	0	0	0
Acceleration of key technologies through selected integrated demonstrators	0	0	0	۲	O	0

Scientific impact:

	1 (Not relevant at all)	2	3	4	5 (Very relevant)	Don' t know
Advancement of science by stimulating innovation along the entire aviation sector	0	0	0	۲	0	0
New scientific knowledge and reinforcement of EU scientific capabilities	0	0	۲	0	O	0

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