

Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

EU Call for Project Proposals

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EU institutions and bodies I



European Commission
which makes proposals



European Parliament
representing EU citizens



Council of the European Union
representing EU countries

Abbildung: EU institutions and bodies [Com25c]

The EU budget combines resources at EU level and enables EU countries to achieve more together than they could if they acted alone, for instance financing infrastructure or research projects [Com25c].

EU institutions and bodies II

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Proposals are made



Abbildung: European Comission makes proposals for EU investments [Com25c]

- proposes the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- Resources Decision
- as specific sectoral legislation sets rules for specification of EU investments [Com25c]

EU institutions and bodies III

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Discussions and negotiations start



Abbildung: Parliament and Council of the EU negotiate [Com25c]

- Council of the EU discusses the proposals until all EU countries agree and adopts its positions
- In parallel, the European Parliament discusses the proposals and adopts its positions [Com25c]

Long-term budget I

- The **Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)** defines the EU's long-term spending priorities and limits
- It sets maximum annual expenditure for the entire EU budget and its main policy areas
- The current MFF covers the period **2021–2027**
- Together with NextGenerationEU, the long-term budget amounts to around **€2 trillion** [Uni25]

Funding programmes and open calls of the current period I

- **Horizon Europe** — Budget: **€95.5 billion**. EU research and innovation framework programme (2021–2027) focusing on climate action, UN SDGs, competitiveness, and knowledge creation [Com25a]



HORIZON EUROPE

Figure: Horizon Europe [eur20]

Types of European Partnerships I

• **Institutionalised Partnerships**

- Long-term structured collaborations
- Strong integration between partners
- Implemented through dedicated EU bodies
- Includes EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs)

• **Co-funded Partnerships**

- Joint research and innovation programmes
- Funded by EU + national authorities
- Typically run joint international calls

• **Co-programmed Partnerships**

- Joint planning of research and innovation priorities
- Based on cooperation with industry associations
- EU provides funding through Horizon Europe calls [Com25a]

Horizon Europe Partnerships I

- The Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025–2027 introduces new candidate co-funded and co-programmed partnerships.
- The full portfolio will consist of **60 European Partnerships**.
- **Partnership areas:**
 - Climate, energy and mobility
 - Culture, creativity and inclusive society
 - Digital, industry and space
 - Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment
 - Health [Com25a]

What is a SRIA? I

- A **Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)** is the core strategy document of a European Partnership
- It defines objectives, impact areas, expected outcomes, activities, outputs, and milestones
- Provides a **long-term systemic plan** with clear principles, impact logic, and pathways
- Forms the basis for annual or multi-annual work programmes

Principles for SRIA creation I

- Strategic and impact-driven
- Transparent and inclusive
- Evidence-based and foresight-oriented
- Flexible and adaptable to change
- Shared ownership and commitment
- Strong stakeholder engagement

General structure of a SRIA I

- Vision and strategic objectives
- Impact areas and expected outcomes
- Portfolio of activities and workstreams
- Milestones and timeline
- Governance structure and responsibilities
- Monitoring, evaluation and adaptation mechanisms

Process for developing a SRIA I

- Draft preparation by partnership members
- Foresight activities and evidence gathering
- Stakeholder consultation and co-creation
- Alignment with partnership vision and EU priorities
- Finalisation, approval and publication
- Implementation via annual or multi-annual work plans

Methods useful for SRIA development I

- Foresight (scenarios, horizon scanning)
- Surveys, interviews and public consultations
- Expert panels and stakeholder workshops
- Trend analysis and literature review
- Portfolio mapping and gap analysis

Actors involved in SRIA development I

- Partnership members (industry, research organisations, public authorities)
- National ministries and funding agencies
- SMEs, NGOs and civil society organisations
- External experts and foresight specialists
- The European Commission (or relevant EU body)
- End-users and societal representatives

Thank You
for your attention

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