

# Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

EU Call for Project Proposals

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# European long-term budgeting

# 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



**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**]



**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

# Literature

# Literature I

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