



Update on UK participation in Horizon Europe and MSCA

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What does Horizon Europe association mean for the UK?

- ✓ **Equivalent terms** for participation for UK and EU entities
- ✓ UK organisations can have **continued access** to collaborative R&I funding, infrastructure and markets via the Horizon Programme
- ✓ UK organisations can **lead and influence** key collaborative projects
- ✓ UK experts can take part in evaluations
- ✓ UK Government participates in Programme Committees and helps define the strategic direction of the Programme
- ✓ Helps to achieve UK ambitions of becoming a global science superpower

Participation & access:

- UK entities will be able to compete for funding on equivalent terms to those of Member States. This means that the vast majority of UK applicants would have a very similar user experience as they had in relation to previous Framework Programmes such as Horizon 2020. **There will be no role for UK Government/UKRI in the application or grant management process.**
- UK entities will be able to participate in all areas of the Horizon Europe Programme, including ERC, MSCA and the grant only actions in EIC. Will also be able to participate in direct actions of the Joint Research Centre, Article 185/187 partnerships and the European Institute for Innovation and Technology. The UK will participate in the COST programme.
- The only exceptions to this are:

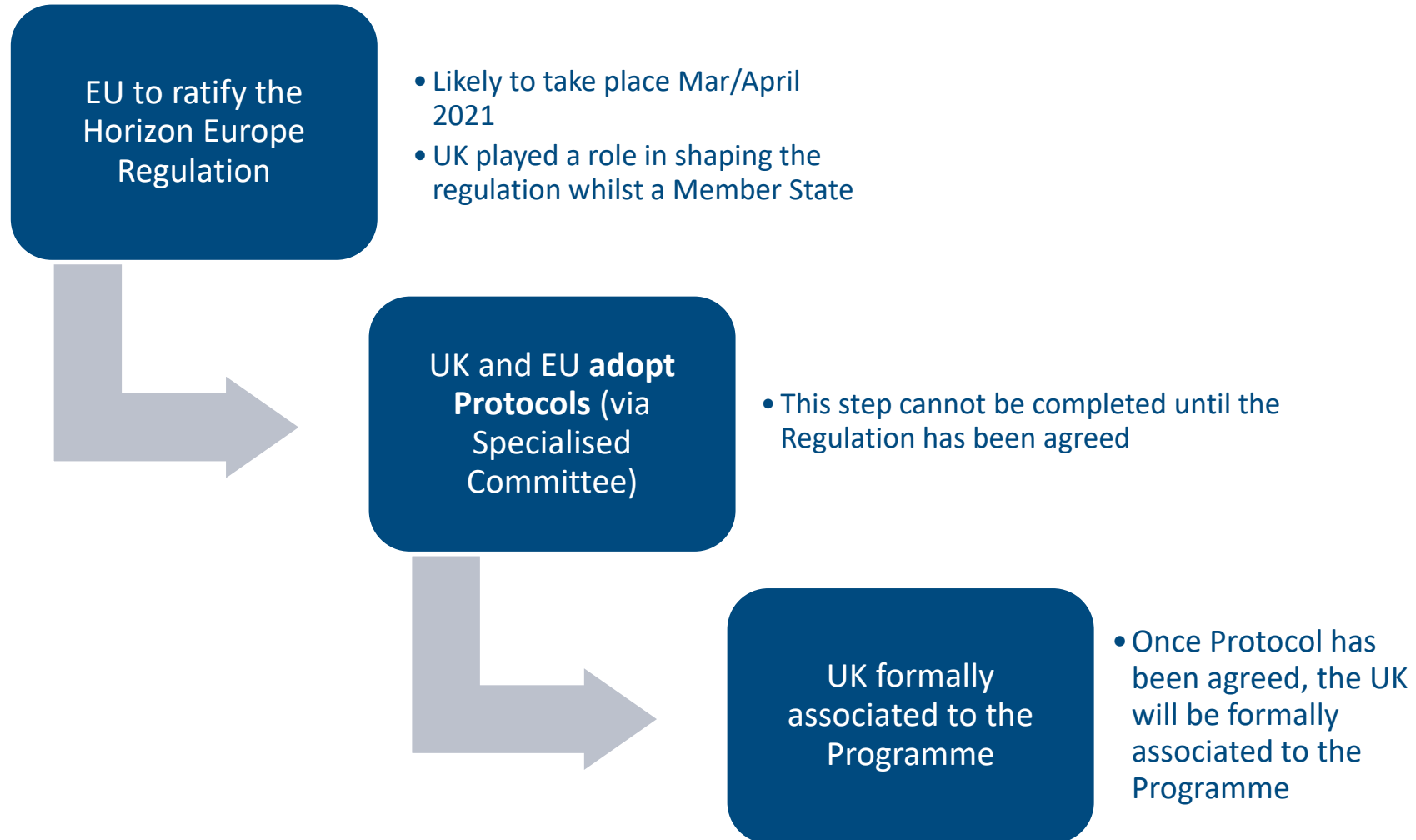
The EIC Fund

- UK has decided not to participate in EIC fund/equity elements of EIC.
- This means that UK entities will only have access to grant elements of the EIC.
- UK entities could not participate in the pilot scheme of the Fund in H2020 (due to the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement).

Duly justified exclusions

- As in previous Horizon Programmes, the EU reserves the right to limit the participation of Associated Countries in specific calls. This can only be done for 'duly justified' reasons – we can ask the Commission to justify any exclusion of AC entities from calls to the UK.
- Any exclusion would be communicated in advance of the call opening.

What happens next?





Q&A on the UK's participation in Horizon Europe

The UK is expected to soon become an associated country to the EU's R&I Framework Programme Horizon Europe. The UK will therefore have the same rights and obligations as other countries associated to the Programme.

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What parts of Horizon Europe will the UK be associated to?

The UK is associating to the full Horizon Europe programme with the only exception of the EIC Fund (which is the loan/equity instrument of the EIC, see below). The scope of association includes the European Research Council (ERC), the Marie Curie-Skłodowska Actions, the six 'Global Challenges' clusters and Missions, the partnerships, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, etc.

Other implications for MSCA – what will change?

- **Immigration:** - New points based system from 1st January 2021 with different implications for researchers depending on funding award and length of stay in the UK
 - MSCA researchers at a UK host or those on secondment may need to take out the new [Global Talent Visa](#).
 - This includes the paying a new health charge of £470 (for each family member in the case of researchers with familiar commitments).
- **Tuition Fees:** EU nationals *without* pre-settled status are not eligible for 'home fee' status.
- **Further Information on the Global Talent Visa can be found:**
<https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/global-talent-visa/>