Australia – Country Page

1. Short description of the available local programs or funds that could provide support to Horizon 2020 participants

Horizon 2020 is fully open to international participation in all fields and areas. Australian researchers, enterprises and institutions will be able to team up with their European partners to participate in projects under Horizon 2020 and make best use of Europe's excellent opportunities in research and innovation. Through participation in Horizon 2020 beneficiaries can gain great benefits from access to excellent knowledge, access to research data and access and connection to world-leading scientific networks and research teams.

Australian participants are only supported by Horizon 2020 funds when their participation is deemed essential for carrying out the action (i.e. outstanding competence/expertise; access to research infrastructure; access to particular geographical environments; or access to data).

Australian participants themselves determine the sources of funding for their Australian part of the project and find resources: these may be own funds of the participating institutions, as well as funds received from relevant Australian federal and state agencies, foundations and other organisations that fund research and innovation activities in Australia. Contributions can also be made in kind.

Potential Australian participants are therefore encouraged to contact their research and innovation funding organisations to seek support for their participation in Horizon 2020. Information on key research and innovation interlocutors in Australia to investigate on research founding opportunities may be found on the following website:
https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html

EU-Australia Co-funding Mechanism for Health and Medical Research and Innovation Projects

Specifically for EU collaboration, the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grants scheme aims to provide assistance to Australian researchers to participate in collaborative projects that have been selected for funding under the Horizon 2020 Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing Societal Challenge. Further information on the scheme is available at:
https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/apply-funding/nhmrc-european-union-collaborative-research-grants

2. Current priorities and preparation of a new R&I agenda for European – Australia S&T cooperation

At their last JSTCC plenary meeting held in October 2016, the EU and Australia underlined their strong on-going collaboration on thematic priorities including the International Bioeconomy Forum, research infrastructures, health, earth and marine observations and metrology and agreed on the importance of creating relevant framework conditions for sustainable science and technology cooperation.

Meanwhile, the new Work programme (2018-2020) is open to Australian research community.
A full list of calls targeting Australia in Horizon 2020 work programme for 2018-2020 will be available soon on that Participant Portal.

3. Webpage of the Delegation of the European Union to Australia and functional mailbox which can be addressed in specific questions

Delegation of the European Union to Australia:
http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/australia/eu_australia/fields_of_cooperation/science_and_technology/

Questions may be addressed to:
Jonas Rupp (jonas.rupp@eeas.europa.eu) and/or
Research & Innovation Section at the EU Delegation in Canberra:
Email DELEGATION-AUSTRALIA-RESEARCH@eeas.europa.eu

4. List and availability of local National Contact Points

National Contact Points appointed by Australia and agreed by the EU to provide information to potential applicants can be found at:
Alex Cooke - Counsellor for Industry, Innovation and Science (alex.cooke@industry.gov.au)
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html#c,contact=country/sbg/Australia/0/1/0&function_details..function_abbr/sbg//0/1/0&+person.last_name/desc