



European Funding Update – Friday, 13 December 2019

Brexit

Yesterday's General Election resulted in a **big win for the Conservatives**, who have ended up with a **Parliamentary majority of 78 MPs as it stands**, with two seats still to declare. After a mini-reshuffle in the coming days, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is expected to announce his Government's legislative programme in a **Queen's Speech on Thursday, 19 December 2019**. A central feature of that programme will be a **Withdrawal Agreement Bill**, to be tabled in the Commons possibly before Christmas, to approve Mr Johnson's 'deal' to leave the EU. **If passed by MPs, which now seems inevitable, this 'deal' – like Theresa May's before it – would see the UK remain in Horizon 2020 for the remainder of the EU research framework programme, with the UK being eligible for all Calls going forward.** This is because the 'deal', as negotiated, involves a transitional period (or 'Implementation Period') through to 31 December 2020, while the UK negotiates a longer term relationship with the EU.

It is important to recognise that a 'no deal' departure from the EU is not completely off the table, as it is not yet clear what will happen after 31 December 2020. It is possible the UK could still leave the EU without a deal at that point. The Prime Minister has repeatedly said he would refuse to ask for an extension to this transitional period. However, with a sizeable Parliamentary majority, he can afford to soften his approach over time. He will no longer be dependent on the votes of the hardline European Research Group (ERG) nor the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), giving him greater leeway to avoid an unnecessarily abrupt and chaotic exit from the EU at the end of next year.

SAVE THE DATE: UEA's 2020 Annual UKRO Visit (from the UK Research Office in Brussels) will take place on Friday, 6 March 2020. Please hold this date in your diaries. Next year's event will be held **in the Queens Building 1.03**. UKRO European Adviser Jennifer Morgan will travel across from Brussels and will be on hand throughout the day to offer advice and answer questions related to European funding. We would encourage anyone at UEA who is interested in learning more about current and forthcoming EU funding opportunities to come along on the day. **Full details of the event programme will be made available in early January.**

Key Calls for Research Proposals

'NEW': The Guide for Applicants for the 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) Innovative Training Networks (ITN) Call has been updated to provide clarification on Visa-related costs. The revision sets out to clarify the use of institutional unit costs to cover all entry visa costs for the recruited researchers. Specifically that the institutional unit costs, such as the research, training and networking costs, must be used to cover all entry visa costs, including renewals, for the recruited researcher, but it is not a mandatory requirement to cover the cost for their families (if applicable). This is both at the time of recruitment, even if the costs are incurred for the date of recruitment, and in case of secondments.

'NEW': On 12 March 2020, eight new Horizon 2020 Calls will open up under the banner *'Boosting the effectiveness of the Security Union'*. Part of Societal Challenge 7 (*'Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens'*), the Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs), and include the following topics:

- *Intelligent security and privacy management;*
- *Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects of border and external security;*
- *Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects for disaster-resilient societies;*
- *Technologies to enhance border and external security;*
- *Technologies for first responders;*
- *Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) cluster;*
- *Human factors, and social, societal, and organisational aspects to solve issues in fighting against crime and terrorism;* and
- *Technologies to enhance the fight against crime and terrorism.*

(RIAs are for activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. They may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.)

The Calls will be single-stage, with a deadline of 27 August 2020.

'NEW': On 10 December 2019, five new Calls opened up under the *'Science with and for Society'* (SwafS) part of Horizon 2020. The 'SwafS' programme aims to build research capacities in Europe and develop innovative ways of connecting science to society. This includes making science more attractive (especially to young people), raising the appetite of society for science and innovation, and pairing scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility. The Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs) and are entitled:

- *Bottom-up approach to build SwafS knowledge base;*
- *Taking stock and re-examining the role of science communication;*
- *Science education outside the classroom;*
- *Gender-based violence including sexual harassment in research organisations and universities;* and
- *Hands-on citizen science and frugal innovation.*

The European office of the UK Research Councils, UKRO, has made available online slides from information session organised by a network of National Contact Points. The talks covered 2020 SWAFS calls for proposals, best practice from successful projects, and hints and tips from an evaluator. These are available [here](#).

All five Calls are single-stage and have a deadline of 15 April 2020.

Earlier this week, the European Research Council (ERC) announced the results of the €600m Consolidator Grants 2019 Call. In total, 301 awards are being made to researchers based in 24 different countries across Europe, with Germany (52 grants), the UK (50), France (43) and The Netherlands (32) as the leading host nations. The ERC received 2,453 Consolidator Grant proposals in total, giving a success rate of just over 12%. More details can be found [here](#).

On 3 December 2019, seven new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner *'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'*. The first four Calls were launched under Societal Challenge 3 (*'Secure, clean and efficient energy'*) and the latter three under the 'cross-cutting activities' part of Horizon 2020. The Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs) and are entitled:

- *Development of next generation renewable fuel technologies from CO2 and renewable energy (Power and Energy to Renewable Fuels);*
- *Developing the next generation of renewable energy technologies;*
- *Offshore wind basic science and balance of plant;*
- *Combined clean biofuel production and phytoremediation solutions from contaminated lands worldwide;*
- *Next-generation batteries for stationary energy storage;*
- *Hybridisation of battery systems for stationary energy storage;* and
- *Reducing the cost of large batteries for waterborne transport.*

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The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

On 3 December 2019, seven new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner '*Mobility for growth*'. Part of Societal Challenge 4 ('*Smart, green and integrated transport*'), the Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs) and are entitled:

- *Next generation multifunctional and intelligent airframe and engine parts, with emphasis on manufacturing, maintenance and recycling;*
- *Towards sustainable urban air mobility;*
- *Innovative electric network architectures and systems, optimising global energy, electrical power, data and communication for aviation;*
- *Digitalisation of the transport system: data sharing;*
- *Advanced research methods and tools in support of transport/mobility researchers, planners and policy makers;*
- *Under water noise mitigation and environmental impact;* and
- *Towards global environmental regulation of supersonic aviation.*

The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

On 19 November 2019, two new Horizon 2020 Calls opened under the banner '*Digital transformation in Health and Care*'. Part of Societal Challenge 1 ('*Health, demographic change and wellbeing*'), the Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs) and are entitled:

- *International cooperation in smart living environments for ageing people;* and
- *Personalised early risk prediction, prevention and intervention based on Artificial Intelligence and Big Data technologies.*

The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 22 April 2020.

On 12 November 2019, three Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner '*Connecting economic and environmental gains - the Circular Economy*'. Part of Societal Challenge 5 ('*Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials*'), the Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs), and comprise the following topics:

- *Improving the sorting, separation and recycling of composite and multi-layer materials;*
- *Understanding the transition to a circular economy and its implications on the environment, economy and society;* and
- *Plastics in the environment: understanding the sources, transport, distribution and impacts of plastics pollution.*

All Calls are two-stage, and have an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

On 12 November 2019, ten Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner '*Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future*'. Part of Societal Challenge 5 ('*Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials*'), the Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs), and comprise the following topics:

- *Scientific support to designing mitigation pathways and policies;*
- *Advancing climate services;*
- *Climate resilience of European coastal cities and settlements;*
- *Understanding climate-water-energy-food nexus and streamlining water-related policies;*
- *Forest Fires risk reduction: towards an integrated fire management approach in the EU;*
- *Multi-hazard risk management for risk-informed decision-making in the EU;*
- *Polar climate: understanding the polar processes in a global context in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions;*
- *Developing the next generation of Earth System Models;*

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- *Integrated GEOSS climate applications to support adaptation and mitigation measures of the Paris Agreement*; and
- *Supporting the implementation of GEOSS in the Arctic in collaboration with Copernicus.*

All Calls are two-stage, and have an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

On 12 November 2019, two Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner ‘*Greening the economy in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*’. Part of Societal Challenge 5 (‘*Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials*’), the Calls are for ‘Innovation Actions’ (IAs), and comprise the following topics:

- *Strengthening international collaboration: enhanced natural treatment solutions for water security and ecological quality in cities*; and
- *Addressing wild pollinators decline and its effects on biodiversity and ecosystem services.*

The Calls are two-stage, and have an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

Key Calls for Dissemination and/or Networking Activities

‘NEW’: ‘*JPI Climate*’ has now published its third Call in the series of exchange actions for “*Joint Capacity building for climate services policy alignment*”. JPI Climate is an initiative of European Member States and Associated Members to align national programmes by jointly coordinating their climate research and funding new transnational research activities. **The purpose of these exchange actions is to promote and fund short visits of executive, or other high-level technical staff (e.g. at level of Head of Unit or Department) in relevant institutions that are climate services providers, including national meteorological agencies.** Successful actions will organise short exchanges to facilitate sharing of best practice in the policy areas related to climate services and will take the form of either:

- *One visit, with one partner visiting another, or;*
- *Two visits, with one partner visiting the other, and switching roles afterwards.*

Applicants must be affiliated to a climate services provider, or a meteorological agency from a European Union Member State/Horizon 2020 Associated Country, or from a JPI Climate member country. As the UK will remain a member of JPI-Climate after Brexit, applications from the UK are eligible.

The Call deadline is 15 January 2020. More information can be found here.

‘NEW’: The **2020 Erasmus+ Calls for funding**, and a **new Erasmus+ Programme Guide**, have now been launched by the **European Commission**. These will be the final Calls launched under the current seven year programme. The expected budget for 2020 is over €3bn, an increase of 12% compared to 2019. **The Key Action 2 deadlines are:**

- ***Capacity building in the field of higher education – 5 February 2020;***
- ***Knowledge Alliances – 26 February 2020;***
- ***European Universities – 26 February 2020;***
- ***Strategic partnerships in the field of education and training – 24 March 2020.***

UK participation in these Erasmus+ Calls will ultimately depend on the future negotiated relationship between the UK and the EU. At present, if the UK exits the EU with a ‘deal’, the UK will enjoy continued access to all the above Erasmus+ 2020 Calls, due to the proposed transitional period that will apply through to the end of 2020. The UK will also continue to participate fully in Erasmus+ for as long as it remains an EU Member State, including during any possible further extension to Article 50 in the New Year.

‘NEW’: Throughout much of 2020, COST – ‘*European Cooperation in Science and Technology*’ – is running one Open Call, with two ‘Collection Dates’ when all the submitted proposals are gathered and considered for evaluation. **The next Collection Date is planned for 29 April 2020, and a second collection date is planned for Autumn 2020.** Founded in 1971, COST is an intergovernmental framework and is the longest-running European framework supporting

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transnational cooperation between researchers across Europe. COST funds pan-European, bottom-up networks of researchers and scientists across a wide range of research fields, including social sciences and humanities. **It does not fund research activities. Instead, it provides support for networking activities.** COST draws funding from Horizon 2020 and each COST Action has a four-year duration. Participants are invited to submit 'COST Action' proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe, and multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged. **More details about COST can be found [here](#).**

'NEW': On 12 March 2020, three new Horizon 2020 Calls will open up under the banner '*Boosting the effectiveness of the Security Union*'. Part of Societal Challenge 7 ('*Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens*'), the Calls are for 'Coordination & Support Actions' (CSAs), and include the following topics:

- *Human factors, and ethical, societal, legal and organisational aspects of using Artificial Intelligence in support of Law Enforcement;*
- *Developing a research roadmap regarding Artificial Intelligence in support of Law Enforcement;* and
- *Pan-European networks of practitioners and other actors in the field of security.*

(CSAs are primarily for accompanying measures such as standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies for new infrastructure and may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries.)

The Calls will be single-stage, with a deadline of 27 August 2020.

On 10 December 2019, nine Calls opened up under the '*Science with and for Society*' (SwafS) – part of Horizon 2020. The 'SwafS' programme aims to build research capacities in Europe and develop innovative ways of connecting science to society. This includes making science more attractive (especially to young people), raising the appetite of society for science and innovation, and pairing scientific excellence with social awareness and responsibility. The Calls are for 'Coordination & Support Actions' (CSAs) and are **entitled:**

- *Innovators of the future: bridging the gender gap;*
- *Responsible Open Science: an ethics and integrity perspective;*
- *The ethics of technologies with high socio-economic impact;*
- *The ethics of organoids;*
- *Grounding RRI in society with a focus on citizen science;*
- *Supporting the development of territorial Responsible Research and Innovation;*
- *Supporting research organisations to implement gender equality plans;*
- *Research innovation needs & skills training in PhD programmes;* and
- *Open schooling and collaboration on science education.*

All Calls are single-stage and have a deadline of 15 April 2020.

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On 3 December 2019, five new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner '*Mobility for growth*'. Part of societal challenge 4 ('*Smart, green and integrated transport*'), the Calls are for Coordination & Support Actions (CSAs) and is **entitled:**

- *The effects of automation on the transport labour force, future working conditions and skills requirements;*
- *Coordination and support for an integrated freight transport and logistics system;*
- *Enhancing coordination between Member States' actions in the area of infrastructure research with a particular focus on biodiversity and ameliorating environmental impacts and full automated infrastructure upgrade and maintenance;*
- *Improving impact and broadening stakeholder engagement in support of transport research and innovation;* and

- *'First of a Kind' solutions for sustainable transport and mobility: EU initiative for accelerating EU-wide market access, scale up and derisking.*

The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

'NEW': On 3 December 2019, two new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner *'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'*. Part of societal challenge 4 (*'Smart, green and integrated transport'*), the Calls are for Coordination & Support Actions (CSAs) and are **entitled**:

- *Setting up a common European research and innovation strategy for the future of road transport;* and
- *Cities as climate-resilient, connected multimodal nodes for smart and clean mobility: new approaches towards demonstrating and testing innovative solutions.*

The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

Key Calls for 'Close to Market' Activities

'NEW': On 12 March 2020, nine Horizon 2020 Calls will open up under the banner *'Boosting the effectiveness of the Security Union'*. Part of Societal Challenge 7 (*'Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens'*), the Calls are for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs), and include the following topics:

- *Information and data stream management to fight against (cyber)crime and terrorism;*
- *Cybersecurity in the Electrical Power and Energy System (EPES): an armour against cyber and privacy attacks and data breaches;*
- *Intelligent security and privacy management;*
- *Pre-normative research and demonstration for disaster-resilient societies;*
- *Demonstration of applied solutions to enhance border and external security;*
- *Chemicals: intelligence, detection, forensics;*
- *Cybersecurity in the Electrical Power and Energy System (EPES): an armour against cyber and privacy attacks and data breaches;*
- *Secure and resilient Artificial Intelligence technologies, tools and solutions in support of Law Enforcement and citizen protection, cybersecurity operations and prevention and protection against adversarial Artificial Intelligence;* and
- *Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of combined physical and cyber threats to critical infrastructure in Europe.*

(IAs are for 'close to market activities' e.g. actions directly aimed at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services - including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication. Such project proposals may include limited research and development activities, however.)

All Calls will be single-stage, with a deadline of 27 August 2020.

'NEW': On 5 March 2020, a new Horizon 2020 Call will open up under the banner: *'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'*. Part of Societal Challenge 3 (*'Secure, clean and efficient energy'*), the Call will be for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs) and is **entitled**:

- *Upgrading smartness of existing buildings through innovations for legacy equipment.*

The Call will be single-stage, with a deadline of 10 September 2020.

'NEW': On 3 December 2019, several new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner *'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'*. The first three were launched under Societal Challenge 4 (*'Smart, green and integrated transport'*), and the latter one was launched under the *'Cross-cutting activities'* part of Horizon 2020. The Calls are for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs) and are **entitled**:

- *Reducing the environmental impact of hybrid light duty vehicles;*

- **Advanced light materials and their production processes for automotive applications;**
- **Next generation electrified vehicles for urban and suburban use;** and
- **Next generation and realisation of battery packs for BEV and PHEV;**

The Calls are single stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

On 3 December 2019, a new Horizon 2020 Call opened up under the banner: ***'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'***. Part of Societal Challenge 4 (*'Smart, green and integrated transport'*), the Call is for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs) and is entitled:

- **Reducing the environmental impact of hybrid light duty vehicles.**

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The Call is single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

'NEW': On 3 December 2019, two new Horizon 2020 Calls opened up under the banner ***'Digitising and transforming European industry and services'***. Part of Societal Challenge 4 (*'Smart, green and integrated transport'*), the Calls are for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs) and is entitled:

- **Efficient and safe connected and automated heavy-duty vehicles in real logistics operations;**
- **Large-scale, cross-border demonstration of connected and highly automated driving functions for passenger cars;**
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The Calls are single-stage, with a deadline of 21 April 2020.

'NEW': On 19 November 2019, a new Horizon 2020 Call opened up under the cross-cutting ***'Information and Communication Technologies'*** part of Horizon 2020. The Call is for 'Innovation Actions' (RIAs) and is entitled:

- **Artificial Intelligence on demand platform.**

The Call is single-stage, with a deadline of 22 April 2020.

On 12 November 2019, a Horizon 2020 Call opened up under the banner ***'Connecting economic and environmental gains - the Circular Economy'***. Part of Societal Challenge 5 (*'Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials'*), the Call is for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs), and is entitled:

- **Develop and pilot circular systems in plastics, textiles and furniture sectors.**

The Call is two-stage, and has an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

On 12 November 2019, a Horizon 2020 Call opened up under the banner ***'Building a low-carbon, climate resilient future'***. Part of Societal Challenge 5 (*'Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials'*), the Call is for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs), and is entitled:

- **Innovative nature-based solutions for carbon neutral cities and improved air quality.**

The Call is two-stage, and has an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

On 12 November 2019, a Horizon 2020 Call opened up under the banner ***'Greening the economy in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)'***. Part of Societal Challenge 5 (*'Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials'*), the Call is for 'Innovation Actions' (IAs), and is entitled:

- **Raw materials innovation actions: exploration and Earth observation.**

The Call is two-stage, and has an initial deadline of 13 February 2020, and (if successful at stage one) a final deadline of 3 September 2020.

International Prizes and Awards to Bid for

Nominations are now open for the European Consortium for Political Research's 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. This ECPR Award is presented on a biennial basis to a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to European political science. The prize is worth €5,000. Nominations can be made by official representatives of consortium member institutions or by national political science associations. All nominations should be accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae and bibliography of the nominee and letter(s) of recommendation from the nominator(s). The deadline for these to be received is Monday 16 March 2020. **More information can be found [here](#).**

Key Events and Workshops That May Be of Interest

Registration is now open for the two-day SMI2G security research event that will take place in Brussels on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 January 2020. The Security Mission Information & Innovation Group (SMI2G) is a collaboration of security-focussed Research and Innovation networks operating at an EU-level. This brokerage event focuses on upcoming Calls under the H2020 Work Programme for societal challenge 7 'Secure Societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens', with a view to creating networks and building consortia for proposals. **The registration page can be found [here](#).**

Registration is open for a one day Conference entitled: 'Food for the Future: Accelerating the Protein Transition', being held in Brussels on 29 January 2020. Meeting the globally growing demand for high-quality, protein-rich foods, that satisfy the need of a growing world population while considering environmental sustainability, adapted land-use practices and food security is a unique challenge. This Conference will bring together researchers, policymakers and industry experts to discuss the highlights and barriers of transitioning towards high-quality, protein-rich plant-based foods, and examine the policy implications for the future of protein-rich crops in Europe. **More information can be found [here](#).**

On 4 February 2020 in Brussels, the Science Business Annual Framework Conference 'Horizon 2050: Towards a greener, smarter world' will bring together over 300 stakeholders. The event aims to take stock of latest developments around the key pillars of the European Commission's new agenda; and to explore their implications for the science, technology and innovation communities which will have a critical role to play in driving progress. It will also seek to address the challenge of developing the next generation of researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs who will have a leading role to play in delivering a climate-neutral, sustainable Europe by 2050. **Registration is now open and available [here](#).**

TRA (Transport Research Arena), is holding the largest [European research and technology conference](#) on transport and mobility, from 27-30 April 2020 in Helsinki, Finland. Themed 'Rethinking transport – towards clean and inclusive mobility', TRA2020 brings together experts from around the world to discuss the newest innovations and future of mobility and transport. **Registration can be found [here](#), and an early bird rate applies until 16 January 2020.**

SAVE THE DATE: The European Commission has announced that the 2020 edition of its 'European Development Days' (EDD) will be organised in Brussels on 9 and 10 June 2020. EDDs bring the development community together each year to share ideas and experiences, to inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. Since 2006, EDD has established itself as a key fixture in the world's development calendar and

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is now widely considered as the 'Davos of Development'. EDD 2019's overarching title was "*Addressing inequalities: building a world which leaves no one behind*". **Further information about the EDD 2020, including the theme, will be provided [here](#) in January.**

The North Sea Interreg programme has announced that its next [North Sea Conference](#) will take place during the week 22-26 June 2020 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. More information about the event and how to register will be provided in due course. The North Sea Programme supports cooperation projects between Denmark, Flanders, northern Germany, the Netherlands, western Sweden, the eastern half of the UK, and non-EU Member State Norway across four priority areas. **The maximum rate of funding is 50% of the total eligible costs of the project. More information can be found [here](#).**

Other European Funding News and Developments

Last week, the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union presented its draft proposal for the next long-term budget of the EU (Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027), which included €84bn for Horizon Europe (the successor research framework programme to Horizon 2020). This €84bn amount represents a significant reduction from the €100bn budget that the European Commission proposed in May last year (the European Parliament had called for an even higher budget of €120bn). The Commission and the Parliament have already expressed their concern about the Finnish proposal. In terms of next steps, the new President of the European Council, Charles Michel, will take charge of the negotiations on the MFF, which are expected to take place during 2020 (under the Croatian and German Presidencies) and will impact discussions on multiannual EU programmes, such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+, since the budget envelopes for these form an integral part of the next MFF, which must be agreed first.

A report by Clarivate Analytics revealed that the citation impact of 'Innovative Medicines Initiative' (IMI) project research is nearly twice the world average, and 60% higher than the EU's average citation impact. The report evaluated the research performance of projects funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) for the period 2010-2018. **More details can be found [here](#).**