



European Funding Update – Friday, 7 February 2020

Registration is now open for UEA's 2020 Annual UKRO Visit (from the UK Research Office in Brussels) on Friday, 6 March 2020. The 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. Two identical plenary sessions for UEA researchers/academics will be held from 11am to 12.30pm, and from 2.30pm to 4.00pm, focused on the enduring opportunities for UEA in 2020, given that we now expect the UK to remain an eligible participant in Horizon 2020 for the remainder of the programme. 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. Please e-mail rin.euteam@uea.ac.uk to book your place (confirming whether am or pm session preferred).

Brexit

Following ratification by the European Parliament last Wednesday (29 January 2020), the UK formally left the European Union at 11pm on Friday, 31 January 2020 and has now entered a transition period that will last until 31 December 2020. This transition period ensures that there will no change as far as UK participation in Horizon 2020 is concerned; all existing UK participants will continue to receive funding from the European Commission for the full duration of funded projects (including those which run beyond 31 December 2020), current funding applications will continue to be evaluated by the Commission, and UK researchers can continue to submit applications to Horizon 2020 calls. (However, it is possible that UK researchers will be required to leave a small number of security-related projects which are only open to EU Member States. We are awaiting clarification on this point from the European Commission and will provide further information when we have it. If UEA researchers have concerns or queries about any projects or bids which might fall into this category, you can contact UKRI at EUGrantsFunding@ukri.org.)

To mark the UK's departure, Universities Minister Chris Skidmore tweeted: *"Today we are leaving the EU, but we are not leaving our research and educational partnerships with our European neighbours behind. I will strive to do all I can to build a new relationship with Mariya Gabriel [European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth], building on our existing partnerships wherever possible."*

On 30 January 2020, a total of 36 major domestic and international Higher Education and research organisations from across the UK and Europe - including the European University Association (EUA) and 24 National University representative bodies, as well as UniversitiesUK and the CBI here in the UK - reaffirmed their commitment to working together post UK exit. They called on national Governments and the European Commission to work swiftly to agree a basis for continued collaboration through the UK's full association to Horizon Europe and Erasmus+.

Notwithstanding the previous development, there does continue to be confusion amongst some EU partners as to what the recent UK General Election outcome, and the finalised Withdrawal Agreement Bill, all means for ongoing collaboration, particularly on Erasmus+ projects. To that end, UniversitiesUK has prepared a letter which can act as a template to provide clarification to EU partner organisations, if needed. The EU team has a copy of this template, so do get in touch with us if you have an example of European partners, either on Erasmus+ or on Horizon 2020,

who are unwilling to continue partnerships post 31 January 2020. The European University Association have also published [this briefing paper](#) which you may also find useful to disseminate to current or potential partners.

The UK Government announced on 27 January 2020 that a new 'Global Talent Visa' would be launched on 20 February 2020 for non-EU nationals and from 1 January 2021 for all nationals. Importantly, the new visa will be managed by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), who will endorse applicant researchers/scientists (rather than the current Home Office). This new visa will enable UK-based research projects - that have received recognised prestigious grants and awards - to recruit top global talent here. There will be no cap on the annual number of Global Talent Visas that can be issued. At this stage there is limited information, details should be clarified upon its release.

Key Calls for Research Proposals

NEW The Joint Programming Initiative 'Urban Europe' (JPI UE) has launched an ERA-NET Cofund Call on 'Urban Accessibility and Connectivity'. Funding agencies from 16 countries, including UKRI-ESRC from the UK, are participating in the joint Call to support international projects in the area of sustainable urban passenger mobility, freight, transport and connectivity as integral and essential parts of sustainable urban development. Project proposals must consist of at least three eligible applicants from at least three participating countries. **The submission deadline for outline proposals is 17 March 2020 and (if selected) the deadline for full proposals is 22 September 2020. More details can be found [here](#).**

Five Calls are currently open 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.***

(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 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.

Seven Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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

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- *Reducing the cost of large batteries for waterborne transport.*

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

The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI2) Call 20 launched on 21 January 2020. The new Call will be looking to fund projects focussing on cancer, tuberculosis, vaccines, psoriatic arthritis and drug based on proteins. The Calls are for 'Research and Innovation Actions' (RIAs), and include the following 6 topics:

- *Topic 1: Early diagnosis, prediction of radiographic outcomes and development of rational, personalised treatment strategies to improve long-term outcomes in psoriatic arthritis;*
- *Topic 2: Innovations to accelerate vaccine development and manufacture;*
- *Topic 3: Academia and industry united innovation and treatment for tuberculosis (UNITE4TB) This topic is part of the IMI AMR Accelerator Programme. Applicants should also read the Questions and Answers on the programme (document last updated November 2019);*
- *Topic 4: Tumour plasticity;*
- *Topic 5: Proton versus photon therapy for oesophageal cancer – a trimodality strategy; and*
- *Topic 6: Handling of protein drug products and stability concerns.*

This is a two-stage call, with the first deadline on 21 April 2020. Proposals must be submitted via the electronic submission system of the Funding and Tenders Portal. More information can be found [here](#).

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.

Two Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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 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;*

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- *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.*

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

NEW On 8 April 2020, the €328m **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships Call 2020** will open up. As the UK has now departed the EU with a 'deal', the agreed transitional period will see the UK remain a full participant within Horizon 2020 for the remainder of the programme until 31 December 2020. As a result, **the UK is fully eligible for this MSCA IF Call, and will be treated as if it were an associated country to Horizon 2020.** Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowships aim to enhance the innovative potential of experienced researchers through advanced training, international and inter-sectoral mobility. There are two types: *European Fellowships* (1-2 years, undertaken at a host institution and open to researchers currently within or outside Europe); and *Global Fellowships* (which involve a 1-2 year secondment to a Third (non-EU) Country followed by a mandatory 12 month return phase at the host institution). Potential fellows must, at the deadline for the submission for proposals, be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years full-time equivalent research experience. **Ian Beggs will be running a RIN Info Session on the afternoon of Wednesday, 19 February 2020 on this Call, which has a deadline of 9 September 2020. It will be held in the ARTS Building 2.06, at 2.30pm (for one hour max).** Please e-mail rin.euteam@uea.ac.uk to book a place on this session.

NEW Also on 8 April 2019, the 2020 **Marie Skłodowska -Curie COFUND Call 2020** will open. MSCA COFUND can support post-doctoral fellowship programmes or doctoral training programmes and the scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers' training, mobility and career development. This is achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career. COFUND is a bottom-up scheme, meaning that the research training programmes can be on any topic. **The maximum co-funding rate is 50%. The upcoming Call will have a single-stage deadline of 29 September 2020.**

Key Calls for Networking and/or Dissemination Activities

Nine Calls are currently open 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.*

(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.)

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

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Five Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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.

Two Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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.

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 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](#).**

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.***

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

Key Calls for ‘Close to Market’ Activities

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Four Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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;*

(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.)

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

Two Horizon 2020 Calls are currently open 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;*

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

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.

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.*

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

Key Calls for Action Grants

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NEW In April 2020, the EU LIFE Programme is expected to launch its 2020 Calls for Proposals. LIFE is the EU's funding instrument for climate action, nature conservation and the environment. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation through the co-financing of pilot or demonstration pan-European projects. The programme has two sub-programmes; one for 'Environment', which covers three priority areas of environment and resource efficiency, nature and biodiversity, and environmental governance and information; and one for 'Climate Action', which covers climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, and climate governance and information. **The 2020 Calls, which cover both LIFE sub-programmes – 'Environment' and 'Climate Action' – have a variety of deadlines, ranging from June 2020 through to September 2020. Outline dates can be found [here](#).** The Environment Programmes operates a two-stage application process, whereas the 'Climate Action' Calls are single-stage.

NEW The Joint Programming Initiative 'A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life' (HDHL), is launching a new joint transnational Call entitled '*Development of targeted nutrition for prevention of undernutrition for older adults*'. Proposals must focus on one or both of the following topics:

- *Improved understanding of how the balance between nutrition, lifestyle and physical exercise can prevent undernutrition. The studies should focus on the underlying biological mechanisms of the bioavailability, assimilation and metabolism of the macro- and/or micronutrients in food or food products and show how lifestyle and physical activity could modify these processes.*
- *Development of innovative food products. The developed product should be based on new research on metabolism, on macro- and/or micronutrient bioavailability and absorption in older adults.*

This is a two-stage Call with an initial deadline of 7 April 2020. Further information can be found [here](#).

Other European Funding Opportunities

NEW The United Nations Development Programme invites concepts for its ocean innovation challenge. The aim is to accelerate progress on Sustainable Development goal 14, which focuses on reduction of marine pollution. Innovations are sought that are transferable, replicable and scalable in order to achieve maximum impact. Proposals should also focus on ensuring gender equity, livelihoods of the poor and poverty eradication. Available funding per project ranges from \$50,000 to \$250,000, which can be spread over one to two years. **This two-stage Call has an initial deadline of 5 March 2020, more information is available [here](#).**

NEW The Nestlé Foundation invites Letters of Intent for its Large Research Grants. The foundation's work is primarily concerned with the following issues:

- *maternal and child nutrition, including breast-feeding and complementary feeding;*
- *macro- and micronutrient deficiencies and imbalances;*
- *interactions between infection and nutrition; and*
- *nutrition education and health promotion.*

Joint applications between institutions from the Global North and South are accepted but the PI must be from the South and the proposal must have relevance to nutritional problems of the South and the majority of the budget must be earmarked for this region. Grants are worth up to USD 300,000 over three years. **Nestlé Foundation runs the Call twice a year with the deadlines falling on 10 January and 10 May. More information is available [here](#).**

International Prizes and Awards to Bid for

NEW The Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund invites nominations for the Holberg prize. The Holberg Prize was established by the Norwegian Parliament in 2003, and has a monetary value of NOK 6 000,000 (approx. EUR 620,000). This recognises contributions to research in the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology, either within these fields or through cross disciplinary work. Self-nominations and posthumous nominations are not accepted but

the nominated scholar can be from anywhere in the world. **Nominations close on 15 June 2020, further information is available [here](#).**

Key Consultations

NEW The European Commission have launched a consultation on '*Europe's Beating Cancer Plan*'. The Commission invites all interested individuals or organisations to share their views and experiences to feed into a European cancer plan putting European citizens at the centre. The Commission intends to design the plan to cover the entire cycle of the disease starting from prevention and early diagnosis to treatment and quality of life of patients and survivors. **The consultation period will come to a close on 28 April 2020, further information is available [here](#).**

Key Events and Workshops That May Be of Interest

The BLACKSWAN Foundation and the International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) have announced that the '**RE(ACT) Congress**' and '**IRDiRC Conference 2020**' are being held on **11-14 March in Berlin, Germany**. At this joint event, young and professional scientists, patients and patient representatives, and other rare diseases stakeholders will discuss the latest cutting-edge research, innovation, and policy with the rare disease leaders. The scientific program encompasses topics like diagnosis and artificial intelligence, molecular epidemiology, innovative clinical trials, patient engagement and drugs for all. **More information can be found [here](#).**

NEW Registration is open for a Conference entitled "*The Role of Cultural Heritage in Socio-Economic Development and Preservation of Democratic Values - HERItage*", being held Opatija, Croatia on **11-13 March 2020**. Part of Croatia's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first half of 2020, the Conference is being organised in collaboration with the Croatian Ministry of Science & Education and is financed through Horizon 2020 societal challenge 6 '*Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies*'. **The three-day HERItage conference will focus on research and innovation in the field of the social sciences and the humanities, with particular dedication to the domain of cultural heritage, including the role of digitalisation and the importance of education. More information can be found [here](#). There is no Conference fee but all participants must register in advance, and the deadline to do so is 29 February 2020. More information can be found [here](#).**

Registration is now open for the **Information and Brokerage Event** being held on **12-13 March 2020 in Brussels on Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 7 ('Secure Societies - Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens')**. The event is being organised by the Network of **Secure Societies National Contact Points 'SEREN4'**, in collaboration with the European Commission and will provide details of the 2020 SC7 calls due to be published in March 2020. There will therefore be a particular focus on the following security-related themes:

- *Critical Infrastructure Protection;*
- *Disaster Resilience: Safeguarding and securing society;*
- *Fight Against Crime and Terrorism;*
- *Border Security and External Security;*
- *General Matters on Security;*
- *Artificial Intelligence and Security;* and
- *Digital Security.*

The event will provide background information on each Call topic as well as details of legal and financial considerations. There will also be ample opportunity for networking with other stakeholders and to discuss issues with call coordinators. **Registration for the event is open until 6 March 2020, and can be accessed [here](#).**

NEW The 11th International Conference on Improving Energy Efficiency in Commercial Buildings and Smart Communities (IEECB&SC'20) will be held in Frankfurt, Germany on **12 to 13 March 2020**. The IEECB&SC conference

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seeks to bring together all the key players in these sectors, including commercial buildings' investors and property managers, academia and experts, equipment manufacturers, service providers, urban planners and local and national policy makers, with a view to exchange information and to network. **More Information can be found [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 the full four day programme can be found [here](#).**

SAVE THE DATE: The European Commission will be holding an '*Information and Networking Day*' on 30 April 2020 in Brussels on the 2020 LIFE Call for project proposals. The LIFE Programme is the EU's principal funding programme for environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects throughout Europe. The event is open to potential applicants presenting project proposals on green technology, nature protection and climate action. Participants will be invited to a morning information session on the 2020 LIFE Call. The afternoon will be dedicated to networking with fellow participants to share experiences, match with potential new partners and meet representatives of the LIFE programme from the European Commission. Registration will open in Spring 2020. **More information and the draft agenda will follow in February [here](#).**

***NEW* SAVE THE DATE: The INSPIRE 2020 Conference will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 12 to 15 May 2020.** The conference will focus on sustainable digitalisation and digital sustainability. The Conference will look at digital developments and how they interact with data ecosystems, as well as the trade-offs and negative effects of digitalisations and how to mitigate them can also be raised, in particular when the link to the data themes is made. **More information is available [here](#).**

***NEW* European Maritime Day (EMD) 2020 is organised jointly by the European Commission, the City of Cork and Our Ocean Wealth Summit.** It will be held on 14 and 15 May 2020 in Cork City Hall together with Our Ocean Wealth', Ireland's flagship annual event for the marine sector and will be held back-to-back with the 'SeaFest', Ireland's largest free family-friendly maritime celebration. It aims to be an interactive experience to catch up on the current state of play on a broad range of issues concerning the blue economy and the marine environment and discuss ways of moving forward. **More information is available [here](#).**

***NEW* The European food safety authority (EFSA) is holding a scientific colloquium on 8 to 9 June 2020.** The topic of the event is '*A coordinated approach to assess the human health risks of micro- and nanoplastics in food*'. **Online registration is not yet available, however further information can be found [here](#).**

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 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](#) shortly.**

The next annual EU Sustainable Energy Week will take place in Brussels from 22 to 26 June 2020. As part of the 2020 event, a Policy Conference will take place from 23 to 25 June 2020 - the biggest European conference dedicated to renewables and efficient energy use in Europe. Sessions organised by the European Commission and energy

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stakeholders will focus on sustainable energy issues, debate new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas. Past speakers and participants have come from city councils and the European institutions, private companies and research organisations, citizen groups and NGOs. **Registration for the conference will be launched in April 2020. Further information will be posted [here](#).**

The North Sea Interreg programme has announced that its next [North Sea Conference](#) will take also place during the week 22-26 June 2020 but 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](#).**

The European Commission, in collaboration with University of Milan-Bicocca, Brunel University London and University of Ca' Foscari, is organising the 7th health econometrics workshop (HEW 2020) being held in Ispra, Italy on 13-17 July. The workshop welcomes research empirical (applied econometrics) papers that evaluate current or past health policies and undertake analyses which shed light on important health policy questions. The workshop will consist of plenary sessions only, which will host keynote speakers, along with the presentation of selected papers submitted through a call for papers. **More information can be found [here](#).**

NEW **The European Commission, has announced that European Research & Innovation Days will be organised in Brussels on 22-24 September 2020.** More information will be available soon. The event was organised for the first time last year and video recordings of the individual sessions are available [online](#).

Other European Funding News and Developments

The European Commission has announced that it has extended its 'Horizon Results Platform' tool to all Horizon 2020 and Framework Programme 7 (FP7 – 2008-2013) projects. This means that UEA researchers can upload the results from any research framework project, not just those included in the previous pilot. The new tool allows researchers to manage the results of their project on their own and publish them directly without having to submit them for validation. The Commission has updated its online guide accordingly. Whilst not compulsory, capturing the results of a Horizon 2020 or FP7 project in this way makes sense if a UEA researcher wants to give themselves the best chance of hopefully win EU funding going forward (as we cannot rule out the assessment of an applicant's 'track record' including the use of this tool within the evaluation process in the future).

The League of European Research Universities (LERU) has published a new 'advice paper' entitled 'Towards a Research Integrity Culture at Universities: From Recommendations to Implementation'. The document states that at a time when public trust in information is increasingly challenged by misinformation, sound and trustworthy research is of particular importance. The paper first examines how universities can tackle the issues of 'sloppy science' or 'questionable research practices' by improving research design, conduct and reporting, then identifies how researchers could be educated about research integrity. It then gives ideas on the internal structures that could be put in place to deal with research integrity and incidents of research misconduct. It highlights the benefits of transparency and accountability at universities, and what universities can do to instil a culture of research integrity within their institutions. **The paper's key message is that research integrity is a vital issue for universities and that there are a number of ways in which this could be realised. It gives examples of how some LERU universities are developing research integrity policies which may act as inspiration for others wishing to develop or further strengthen their own practices.**