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### **Brexit - updated FAQs on UK Participation**

**The UK Research Office UKRO has published updated FAQs on UK Participation in EU Funding for Research, Innovation and Higher Education**

A joint report from the UK Government and the negotiators of the European Union was published on 8 December. This report covers the financial settlement aspects and it is understood that there is an agreement, in principle, that the UK will continue to pay net contributions until the end of the current EU budget plan in 2020 that were committed to during the UK's membership. It is important to recognise that nothing is agreed until everything is agreed at the end of the negotiations.

UKRO, the UK Research Office understands that based on the joint report, and the agreement of the EU to move on to the second phase of the Brexit negotiations on 15 December 2017, the UK will continue to benefit from EU programmes during the period 2019-2020 post exit, including from Horizon 2020.

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### **Lists of H2020 Expert Evaluators published**

**The European Commission has published the list of experts on the Participant Portal, who in 2016 have evaluated project proposals submitted under Horizon 2020.**

In addition, general experts lists have been released. The evaluators' lists are divided by the parts and sub-programmes of Horizon 2020. They are organized by alphabetical order and contain e.g. gender, countries of origin, most recent/current employers, current towns and countries of employers as well as specific fields of expertise.

The lists can be found in the 'Reference Documents' section on the Research Participant Portal.

[H2020 Space Experts \(xls\) / Reference Documents](#)



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Access 4 SMEs  
National Contact Points for Innovation

## New Guide: Annotated proposal template for SME Instrument

**The aim of this guide is to assist innovative companies in applying to the EIC SME Instrument 2018-2020 call of Horizon 2020 and to help them better understand the requirements of the template and write better applications.**

The authors of this guide are Horizon 2020 NCPs dealing daily with SME Instrument applications. Their recommendations also include feedback received from evaluators of SME Instrument proposals employed by the European Commission. The NCPs interacted with, trained and provided advice to thousands of companies that wanted to introduce their innovative product or service to market by using SME Instrument funding.

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## New function on Participant Portal – Partner search got easier

**A new feature on the Participant Portal is now active. It now offers the possibility to look for partners directly in the context of individual call topics, both open and forthcoming.**

In particular, potential applicants can access the list of existing partner search requests for a given topic via the individual call topic pages. For example: [goo.gl/nxjTTq](http://goo.gl/nxjTTq)

From the same place, Legal Entity Appointed Representatives (LEARs) can also create new partner search requests on behalf of their organisation.

[Detailed Guidance \(Login on Participant Portal requested\)](#)



## Copernicus Incubation Programme launched

**The European Commission will pay up to 50,000 EUR for selected projects making use of Copernicus data and services, whether they are in the early incubation of a working product or in the phase leading up to market launch.**

Big data produced by Earth observation has huge potential for the creation of innovative products and services. Applications have value in industry 4.0, mobile and digital, environment protection, management of urban areas, regional and local planning, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, health, transport, climate change, sustainable development, civil protection, tourism and others.

The Copernicus Incubation Programme will run until 2020 and hold selection rounds 3-4 times a year. The first submission deadline is 15 March 2018.

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## **Public consultation on EU funds in the area of investment, research & innovation, SMEs and single market**

**In 2018, the Commission will make comprehensive proposals for the next generation of financial programmes for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework, which is the EU's long-term budget. This requires a careful assessment both of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved in the future. All citizens, organisations and stakeholders with an interest and/or involvement in issues related to investment, entrepreneurship, research, innovation and SMEs are welcome to respond to the consultation.**

The Commission's proposals will be designed to make it possible for the EU to deliver on the things that matter most, in areas where it can achieve more than Member States acting alone. The consultation is an integral part of the process and its objective is to collect the views of all interested parties on how to make the most of every euro of the EU budget. Consultation period: 10 January 2018 – 8 March 2018

[Public Consultation](#)



## **Horizon 2020 Interim Evaluation Maximising the Impact of EU Research and Innovation**

**On 11 January 2018, the European Commission adopted a Communication on the interim evaluation of Horizon 2020, which outlines its views on how the impact of a successor research and innovation investment programme could be maximised.**

Europe must step up investment in research and innovation in order to maximise impact, while also further refining the success story that is Horizon 2020, the EU research and innovation programme.

This is one of the key messages from the Communication on the Horizon 2020 interim evaluation that the European Commission presented today. It also calls for a mission-oriented approach, focusing on cracking specific challenges, as a way of boosting the impact of the programme. Other key messages include the need for an increase in effective engagement of citizens and support for breakthrough innovation.

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## Space Moves! Countdown for the INNOspace Masters ideas competition

**The final submission phase of the third INNOspace Masters has started true to the slogan "Space Moves!". Spin-in as well as spin-off ideas are both of interest for the INNOspace Masters and thus make the competition and the conference unique.**

Submissions should address current user problems and offer innovative concepts and solutions related to the space industry, with a focus on the following topics:

- Materials, Components and Production
- Sensor Technology & Miniaturisation
- Communication & Network
- Propulsion Technology, E-Mobility & Energy Storage
- Simulation & Testing

Do you want to win prizes from well-known partners worth more than EUR 1,500,000?  
Then don't miss this chance and submit your innovative solution.

Submission Deadline: 16 February 2018

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## Matchmaking Event @ FIDAE 2018 – Business Beyond Borders 3 – 5 April 2018, Santiago (Chile)

**The matchmaking event will take place at the International Air and Space Fair (FIDAE), the leading aerospace, defense and security exhibition in Latin America and a prime business platform in the region. The aim of the event is to create a quick and easy way for companies and clusters from the aerospace, defense and security sectors to meet potential business and cooperation partners as well as to operate internationally.**

FIDAE is the most important event in South America in the following sectors:

- Civil-Commercial Aviation
- Defense
- Homeland security
- Aircraft maintenance
- Airport equipment and services.
- Space technology

More than 550 companies from 60 different countries are expected to participate in the exhibition, 75% of those companies coming from countries other than Chile.

[Official Website](#)



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