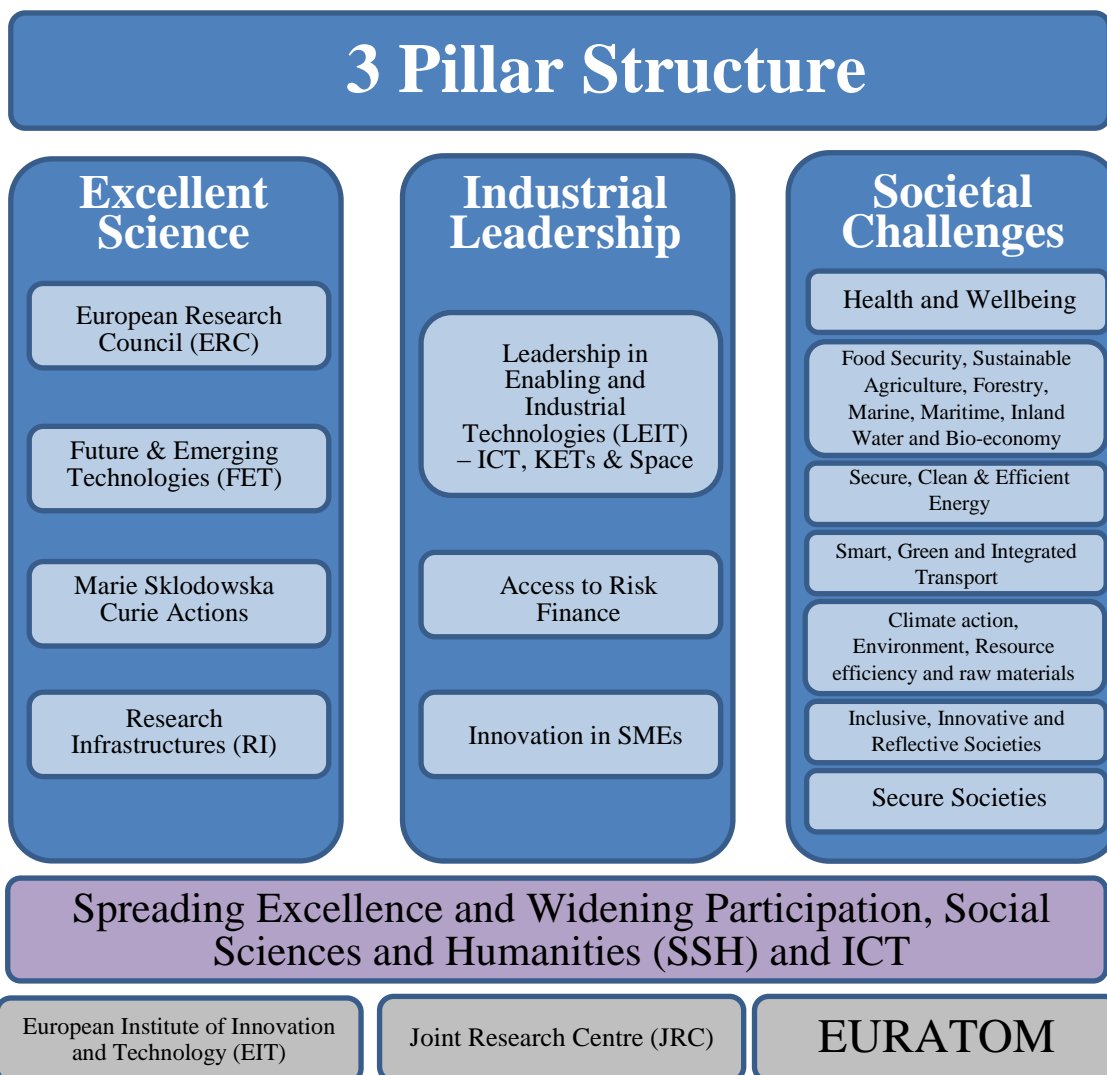


Horizon 2020 at a Glance

Horizon 2020 is the new name for the Framework Program coming after FP7. It will run for 7 years from 2014 to 2020 with an approximate €70 billion budget.



Horizon 2020 Workprograms and Calls

The first Horizon 2020 Workprograms will cover 2 years 2014-2015. There are draft Workprograms available now. Some units have better drafts than others but there is plenty of information available to be able to start planning.

Horizon 2020 does not start until 1 January 2014, thus calls cannot officially be launched until then, however, there are several units that are planning to pre-launch calls at the end of 2013 to give proposers more time.

Funding Rates in Horizon 2020

In Horizon 2020 there will be 2 main types of Project or Action.

There will be Research Projects and Close to the Market Innovation Projects.

Research Projects will be entitled to 100% Direct Costs with a flat rate of 25% Overheads added on top.

Innovation Projects will be entitled to 70% Direct Costs with a flat rate of 25% Overheads added on top.

Currently, there will be no Full Costs Overheads option available.

Co-ordination and Support Actions (CSAs) will continue to be funded.

Most of the Projects will claim to be reimbursed via the Eligible Costs method however some Actions such as the Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions will use Flat Rates and be paid via the Lump Sum method.

New SME Actions

Horizon 2020 introduces a new SME action for highly innovative SMEs which is given in 3 Phases.

Phase I: Concept and feasibility assessment

Phase II: R&D and demonstration work

Phase III: Commercialisation

The particularly good thing about this is that Phase 1 is very similar to the old FP5 exploratory awards. It is a 10 page proposal to do a feasibility study of the Proposed Project idea that gives €50,000. This idea is a bottom up approach.

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