

HORIZON 2020

Key achievements and impacts-Slovakia

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Horizon 2020 is the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014 – 2020) with a dedicated budget of EUR 77 billion over seven years. It is a unique programme in the World designed to drive economic growth and create jobs in Europe by investing in excellent science, industrial leadership and societal challenges.

5 YEARS OF IMPLEMENTING HORIZON 2020

€45b

of EU or investment for Research & Innovation

31%

of investment for climate Research & Innovation 59%

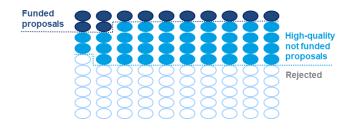
of investment to higher education institutions & research organisations, 28% to private-for profit companies 25%

of investment to SMEs (target: 20%) involved in tackling Societal Challenges and Leadership in Enabling & Industrial Technologies 31 525

unique participating entities, incl. 65% of newcomers and 14268 unique SMEs 24 574

grants signed from 204 750 proposals, involving 708 901 applications

The programme is **ATTRACTIVE** but less than 1 in 3 high-quality proposals are funded: additional €116 bn would have been needed to fund them all



200,000 proposals (twice as much per year compared to the predecessor programme FP7)

12% of them received funding

83% of projects declare they **would not have gone ahead** without EU funding

Horizon 2020 investments are **EFFECTIVE** they generate a **GDP gain estimated between EUR 400 to EUR 600** billion by 2030 (EUR 1 EUR 6 to 8.5)

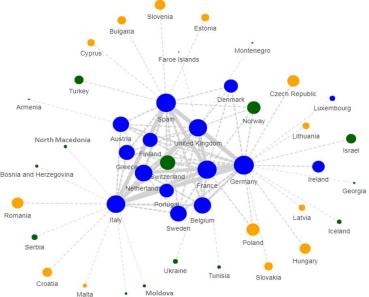
Creating networks and integrating research and innovation efforts across countries (154 countries involved), sectors and disciplines: 1.5 million one-to-one collaborations in projects



Generating scientific breakthroughs with 62,000 peer-reviewed publications, cited more than twice the world average, 3/5 based on private sector / academia collaboration



Generating innovation, including more than 1,600 patent applications and **benefits** on society expected from most projects (e.g Ebola research, IPCC panel, anti-microbial resistance)



SLOVAKIA IN HORIZON 2020

Horizon 2020 is well aligned with Slovak research and innovation priorities and helps Slovakia progress from being a moderate innovator to becoming a strong innovator in Europe.

€102m

516

49

of EU contribution

Participations from Slovakia

MSCA beneficiaries in Slovakia



Research and innovation efforts in Europe

- Slovakia is a moderate innovator. Innovation performance increased by 5.8 % in 2018. On the Global Innovation Index Slovakia ranks on position 37 out of 126
- The top priority areas in the H2020 budget going to Slovakia are Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry; marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy (EUR 26 million) and Teaming of excellent research institutions and low



Securing European funding through Horizon 2020

- Applying successfully to Horizon 2020 with a higher than average level of success of applications involving Slovak participants in Horizon 2020 (13.6%)
- Based on current trends, it is estimated that Slovak participants would receive EUR 152 million in EU contribution by the end of Horizon 2020 (compared to EUR 77 million in FP7)



Performing research and innovation

- 127 SME participations from Slovakia in Horizon 2020 with an EU financial contribution of EUR 21 million
- In Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation pillar Slovakia received 17 million, ranking 9th among eligible countries

TOP 5 SLOVAK ORGANISATIONS BY EU CONTRIBUTION FROM HORIZON 2020

- 1 TRENCIANSKA UNIVERZITA ALEXANDRA DUBCEKA V TRENCINE (EUR 12.7m)
- 2 ENERGOCHEMICA TRADING AS (EUR 10.1m)
- 3 UNIVERZITA KOMENSKEHO V BRATISLAVE (EUR 6.7m)
- 4 CHEMSTROJ SRO (EUR 5.4m)
- 5 SLOVENSKA TECHNICKA UNIVERZITA V BRATISLAVE (EUR 4.5m)

Slovakia in the current EIC pilots:

- 23 Slovak start-ups & SMEs awarded funding worth € 2.17 million the EIC Accelerator's pilot (SME Instrument) under Horizon 2020 (2014-2019)
- Blended finance pilot call: 18 Slovak SMEs applied to first call for blended finance, including 4 requesting equity investments (totally € 49.6 million). 7 of these were evaluated as excellent, among which one was invited to the interview and selected for funding, while the 6 others will receive the Seal of Excellence.

H2020 EU Contribution to Top 15 Priority Areas (mil EUR) SOCIETY -INFRA - Research Europe in a Infrastructur..., 5 changing..., 4 and efficient ENV energy, 6 Climate action, SECURIT... ERA,3 environ... 3 **EURATOM** WIDESPREAD -- Euratom FOOD - Food security, sustaina..., LEIT-ICT - Information Teaming of Research excell..., 14 and Com..., 8 and..., 3