

European Partnerships

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New approach to Partnerships: Why?

Impact Assessment annex 8-5: current partnership landscape

Partnership approaches	Public-public partnerships (P2P)	Public-private partnerships (PPP)	EIT-KICs*	FET Flagships**
Implementation modes	ERA-NET-Cofund, EJP Cofund, Article 185, Joint Programming Initiative (JPI)	Contractual Arrangement (cPPP) Article 187	H2020 Grant agreements for different types of actions Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA)	
Currently active R&I Partnerships (Horizon 2020)	a) ERA-NETs: ~70 b) EJP Cofund: 5 c) Article 185: 6 d) JPIs***: 10	a) JUs: 7 (+HPC) b) cPPPs: 10	a) KICs: 6 (+ 2 until 2020)	a) FET-Flagships: 2 (+Quantum)
Financial contribution from H2020, estimated)	2.500 M€ (3,1% of H2020 budget)	13.450 M€ (17,5% of H2020 budget)	2.400 M€ (3,1% of H2020 budget)	1.000 M€ (1,3% of H2020 budget)

*EIT-KICs: Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT)
 **FET-Flagships: Flagships of the Future and Emerging Technologies programme (FET)
 *** JPIs: Joint Programming Initiatives are no EU level instruments but included here as they receive EU support via ERA-NETs and/or CSAs

New approach to European Partnerships



New generation of objective-driven and more ambitious partnerships in support of agreed EU policy objectives

Key features

- **Simple architecture and toolbox**
- **Common set of criteria**
- **Coherent life-cycle approach**
- **Strategic orientation**

Co-programmed

Based on contractual arrangement / MoU; implemented independently by the partners and by Horizon Europe

Co-funded

Based on a joint programme agreed by partners (Grant Agreement); MS/ACs design a common programme to be implemented under their responsibility.

Institutionalised

Partnerships based on Articles 185 /187 of TFEU and the EIT-Regulation supported by Horizon Europe. Implementation by a dedicated structure.

→ ³ The main differences are in the legal form, degree of integration and implementation



Common for all European Partnerships

- **Strategic orientation:** to make a considerable contribution to achieving EU policy priorities (e.g. Green deal, Europe fit for digital age) and related strategies (e.g. Industrial Strategy)
- **Common set of principles and criteria**, defined in the Horizon Europe regulation Article 8 & Annex III
- **Key conditions for launching a partnership:**
 - Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda/ Roadmap to demonstrate partners' common strategic vision
 - Ex-ante long-term commitment from partners
- **Implementation via annual Work Programmes:** translation of Roadmap/SRIA into annual priorities and activities
- **Systemic approach:** portfolio of activities beyond collaborative R&I projects

Horizon Europe sets out a new governance framework for the partnerships “Strategic Coordinating Process”, involving the Member States

Preparation of European Partnerships (completed)

Candidate Partnerships have been prepared fully in line with the new impact-driven policy approach set out in Horizon Europe.

- Strategic Planning: identification of priorities to be addressed by partnerships
- Structured consultation of member states (AC) on the portfolio
- Impact Assessments for Article 185/7 candidates
- Preparation and publication of draft proposals for Partnerships in co-creation between partners and Commissions services ([Horizon Europe Webpage](#))

→ ensure ambition and fit with EU priorities and selection criteria

→ ensure openness, transparency, supports alignment & synergies

Preparation of European Partnerships (ongoing)

- Commission proposals on the legislative acts for the initiatives based on Articles 185/187 TFEU
- Adoption of the Strategic Plan (2021-24)
 - **Co-programmed and co-funded partnerships need to be identified in the Strategic Plan.**
- Remaining negotiation of Horizon Europe legal base
 - **synergies & associations** □ **Co-programmed and co-funded partnerships need to be identified in the Strategic Plan.**
- Progress on MFF negotiations
 - **budgetary envelope**

Portfolio of candidates for European Partnerships (49)

HEALTH

EU-Africa Global Health (EDCTP3)
Innovative Health Initiative
Partnership for Risk Assessment of Chemicals
Fostering an ERA for Health Research
Transformation of Health Care Systems
Personalised Medicine
Rare Diseases
One Health / Antimicrobial Resistance

DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

High Performance Computing
Key Digital Technologies
Smart Networks and Services
Photonics; AI, data and robotics
Clean Steel - Low Carbon Steelmaking
European Metrology; Made in Europe
Processes4Planet
Global competitive space systems

PILLAR III AND CROSS-PILLAR

EIT Climate KIC
EIT Health
EIT Manufacturing
EIT Food
EIT InnoEnergy
EIT Raw Materials
EIT Digital
EIT Urban Mobility
EIT Cultural and
Creative Industries
Innovative SMEs
European Open Science
Cloud (EOSC)

CLIMATE, ENERGY AND MOBILITY

Europe's Rail
Integrated Air Traffic Management;
Clean Aviation
Clean Hydrogen
Batteries
Zero-emission Waterborne Transport
Towards zero-emission road transport
Connected and Automated Mobility
Built4People
Driving urban transitions to a sustainable future
Clean Energy Transition

FOOD, BIOECONOMY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

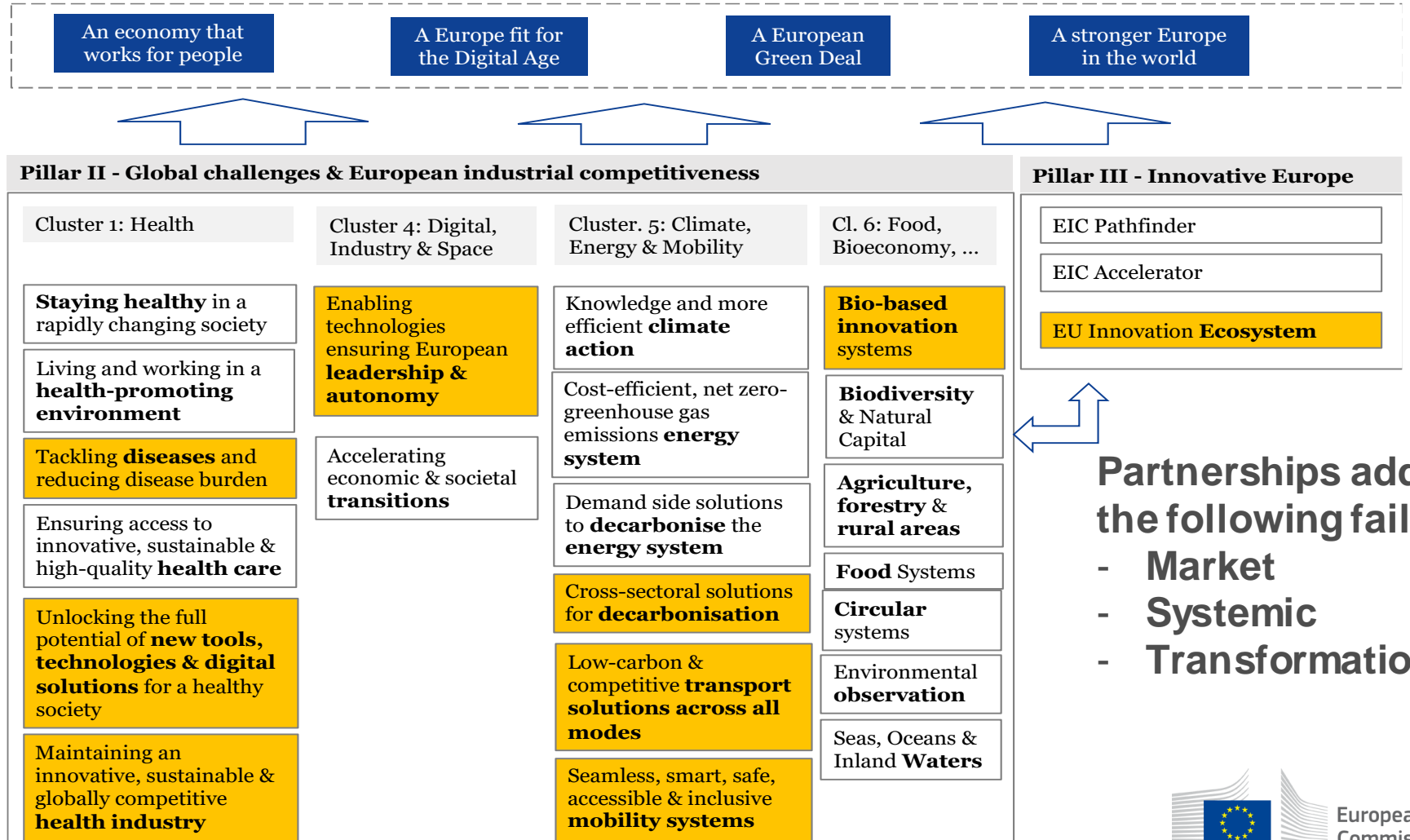
Accelerating farming systems transition
Animal Health and Welfare
Agriculture of Data
Rescuing biodiversity to Safeguard Life on Earth
A climate neutral, sustainable and productive Blue
Economy
Safe and Sustainable Food System for People, Planet &
Climate
Circular bio-based Europe
Water4All: Water security for the planet

Cluster allocation tbc
Pandemic preparedness
and societal resilience

Strategic orientation – contribution to EU objectives

A key feature that distinguishes European Partnerships from other collaborative research instruments is the focus on the development of **Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas** that are shared and committed to by all partners in the partnership.

It places European Partnerships in a unique position to address **transformational failures**



Partnerships address the following failures:

- Market
- Systemic
- Transformational

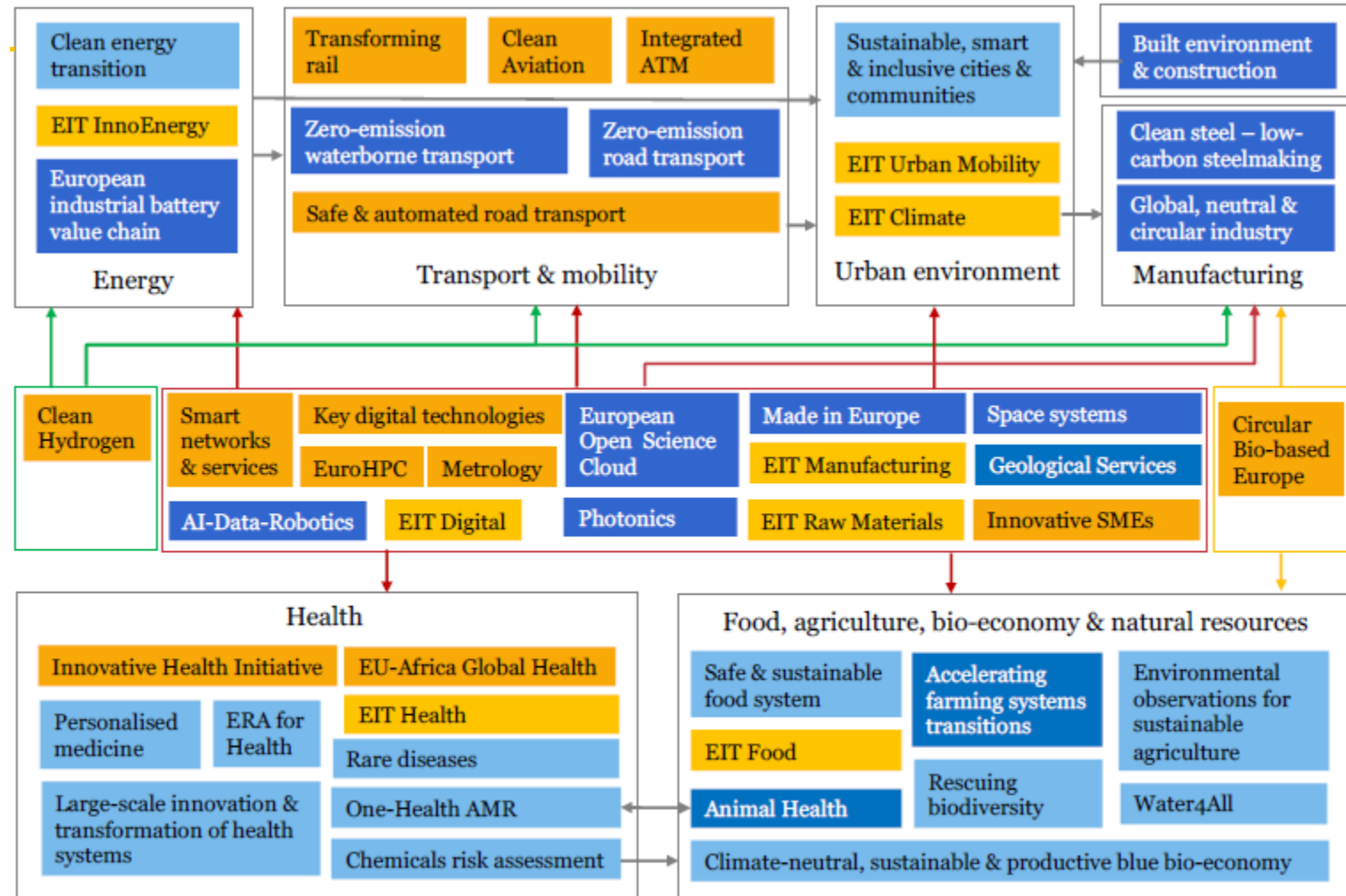
Coherence and synergies

Multiple interconnections exist...

Industry-orientated
'vertical' partnerships

'Horizontal'
partnerships

Vertical partnerships
in the societal
application areas



Participation Opportunities

- The definition of partners is broad (Art 2. *‘industry, universities, research organisations, bodies with a public service mission at local, regional, national or international level or civil society organisations including foundations and NGOs’*)
- That said, there are still **some Partnerships with ‘Participating States’** (21)
 - All co-funded Partnerships (majority in clusters 1 and 6, but also Urban and Clean energy transition in cluster 5)
 - European Open Science Cloud (co-programmed)
 - Article 185 Metrology & some Article 187 (HPC, Key Digital Technologies)
- **Others with industry in the lead**, but covering the whole sector (relevant infrastructure providers, operators, authorities, research organisations, academia...) (18)
 - Most co-programmed
 - Most Article 187 initiatives

Participation Opportunities

- **European Partnerships with Member States**
 - **Participation as a partner, decided at the level of the country** (decisions expected in October)
 - **Apply to calls for proposals:**
 - co-funded partnerships: funding typically limited to legal entities from countries that are a partner, national funding rules apply
 - others: Horizon Europe rules apply
 - **European Partnerships with industry**
 - **Join the partnerships**, e.g. become a member of the association
 - **Apply to calls for proposals** (calls are open by default, Horizon Europe rules apply)
 - **Most have scientific, as well as MS/ACs advisory bodies** to inform, align & coordinate joint activities
 - **EIT-KICs: new** - Likely to implement in the future a large part of their activities via (more) open calls for proposals
- Find out more from the draft proposals (chapters “Partner composition and target group” & “Openness and transparency”)
- Reach out to the partnership contact points

Preparation of European Partnerships (next steps)

NB! Tentative timeline,
subject to MFF progress

- **Q2/Q3 drafting on partnerships' strategic R&I agendas/Roadmaps.** They all need to be finalized by the time we commit to a partnership.
- **Most candidate Partnerships are progressing well. Check draft proposals to get info on the process (consultations etc.)**
- **Q2/3:** Request for preliminary commitments from partners
- **Q4/2020:** adoption of COM proposals for Article 185/7 initiatives;
- **Q1/2021:** launch of co-programmed European Partnerships (with the publication of the WP 2021/2), and publication of calls for co-funded European Partnerships;
- **Q2-Q3/2021:** adoption of basic acts for Article 185/7 proposals by the Council (and EP, for Article 185);
- **Q4/2021:** launch of co-funded European Partnerships (signature Grant Agreement with a consortium of national research funders).
- **Different timing for the different types of partnerships**

Useful sources of information

1. [European partnerships webpage](#) on europa.eu:

- ✓ Here you will find all the published partnership proposals
- ✓ Report on coherence and synergies

2. www.era-learn.eu

- ✓ Contains a large variety of detailed information on the financial management of European partnerships, guidelines on SRIA development, etc.



Thank you

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