EU Missions

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Missions – Horizon Europe Strategic Plan

Based on the advice provided by the Mission Boards, the following missions are identified:

- Cancer,
- Adaptation to Climate Change,
- Ocean Seas and Waters,
- Climate Neutral and Smart Cities,
- Soil Health and Food.

They will now enter into a (max. 12 month) preparatory phase during which detailed draft plans, including objectives, budget and indicators, will be developed.



Missions – Preparatory phase I

- A limited numbers of actions per mission will be included in the Horizon Europe work programme at launch. These actions will lay the foundations for the missions, to enhance the potential for rapid scaling up of the investments after the conclusion of the preparatory phase.
- Missions will have a separate Work Programme part. These preparatory actions will be presented to the Shadow Strategic Configuration of the Programme Committee for discussion before its December meeting.
- The celling for budgetary support to the missions from Horizon Europe is set by the draft legal text of Horizon Europe at up to 10% of the budget for Pillar II for the first three years.



Missions – Preparatory phase II

- During the preparatory phase, each mission will prepare a detailed implementation plan, which will include intervention logic and actions to be supported, investment strategy and indicators.
- Member States will be consulted on the preparatory stage via the SPC and the mission sub-groups.
- Mission Boards will be consulted on the preparation and drafts of the implementation plans.
- At the end of the preparatory phase, the Commission will take a decision on the missions to enter the full implementation phase, based on the criteria of art 7(3) of the FP/RfP Regulation for Horizon Europe and the feasibility for success as shown by the strength of the implementation plan.



Mission Boards Proposals



A Climate Resilient Europe – Prepare Europe for climate disruptions and accelerate the transformation to a climate resilient and just Europe by 2030

Targets by 2030:

- Prepare Europe to deal with climate disruptions
- Accelerate the transition to a healthy and prosperous future within safe planetary boundaries
- Scale up solutions for resilience that will trigger transformations in society



100 Climate-Neutral Cities by 2030 - by and for the citizens

Mission aim:

- Support, promote and showcase 100 European cities in their systemic transformation towards climate neutrality by 2030
- Turn these cities into innovation hubs for all cities
- Lead on the European Green Deal to make Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050



Mission Starfish 2030: Restore our Ocean and Waters

Targets by 2030:

- Cleaning marine and fresh waters
- Restoring degraded ecosystems and habitats
- Recarbonising the blue economy in order to sustainably harness the essential goods and services they provide



Conquering Cancer: Mission Possible

Targets by 2030:

More than 3 million more lives saved, living longer and better, achieve a thorough understanding of cancer, prevent what is preventable, optimise diagnosis and treatment, support the quality of life of all people exposed to cancer, and ensure equitable access to the above across Europe.



Caring for Soil is Caring for Life

Targets by 2030: At least 75% of soils in the EU are healthy for food, people, nature and climate.

The proposed mission combines research and innovation, education and training, investments and the demonstration of good practices using "Living labs" (experiments and innovation in a laboratory on the ground) and "Lighthouses" (places to showcase good practices).

