



Status update: Swiss participation in the Horizon package 2021–2027

Information as of 5 May 2025

- **28 April 2025, access to strategic areas:** The European Commission has completed its assessment and concludes that in the Horizon Europe 2025 work programmes (e.g. Cluster 4), Switzerland receives full access to calls for proposals in strategic areas (artificial intelligence, quantum, communication and network technologies, and space sensitive research topics). This also applies to strategic areas in the 2025–2027 work programmes of the Digital Europe Programme.
- **10 April 2025, Federal Council approved the EU Programmes Agreement (EUPA):** At its meeting on 9 April 2025, the Federal Council approved the EU Programmes Agreement (EUPA) along with the associated protocols on education, research, innovation and health. It also authorised Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin to sign the agreement. The signature of the EUPA will enable Swiss association in Horizon Europe, the Euratom programme and the Digital Europe Programme to be applied retroactively from 1 January 2025.
- **02 April 2025, Initialling of the EU Programmes Agreement (EUPA):** The chief negotiators from Switzerland and the European Union initialled the EU Programmes agreement. The agreement comes into force once the overall Switzerland-EU package has been ratified, but could already be applied provisionally after the signing, which is due to take place in November.
- **20 December 2024, material conclusion of negotiations:** Switzerland and the EU have materially concluded negotiations on the overall package. This also applies to negotiations on participation in EU programmes (e.g. Horizon Europe, Euratom Programme, Digital Europe Programme and ITER) that were carried out as part of the negotiations on the overall package.
- **20 December 2024, full activation of the transitional arrangement:** The European Commission has fully activated the transitional arrangement as of 1 January 2025, which enables researchers and innovators in Switzerland to participate as beneficiaries in almost all calls for proposals of Horizon Europe and the Euratom programme, from the programme year 2025 onwards. This means that they can submit project proposals in the role of coordinator. Switzerland's participation in calls for proposals in areas considered strategic by the EU (including quantum and space) will be the subject of technical discussions with the European Commission. More information: [Q&A: Questions and answers on Switzerland's participation in the Horizon package 2021–2027](#)
- **20 December 2024, participation in the Digital Europe Programme (DEP) from 2025 onwards:** Under the transitional arrangement, researchers and innovators in Switzerland also have the opportunity to participate in DEP calls for proposals as beneficiaries from the 2025 programme year onwards. This means that they can submit their project applications in the role of coordinator. Specific Objectives 3 (Cybersecurity) and 6 (Semiconductors) are exceptions to this; they are only accessible to EU member states and, to a limited extent, to countries in the European Economic Area (EEA). For questions about the DEP: digital-europe@sbfi.admin.ch.
- **25 March 2024, Financial guarantee for Horizon Europe and Euratom programme calls 2025:** Switzerland and the EU have agreed on a transitional arrangement for the Horizon Europe and Euratom programme. In the event that no association agreement with the EU is in force at the time of the signature of the grant agreement, the Swiss participation will be funded by the Swiss government, subject to budgetary decisions by Parliament. Against this background, SERI has provided the financial guarantee for Horizon Europe and Euratom programme calls 2025 on its [website](#).