

Vitae: Recognition of research staff “A European funding and policy perspective” Opportunities under Horizon 2020

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UK Research Office

▶ UKRO's Mission:

“To promote effective UK engagement in EU research, innovation and higher education activities”

▶ The Office:

- Is based in Brussels, was established in 1984
- Is sponsored by the seven UK Research Councils
- Over 140 research organisations subscribe to UKRO



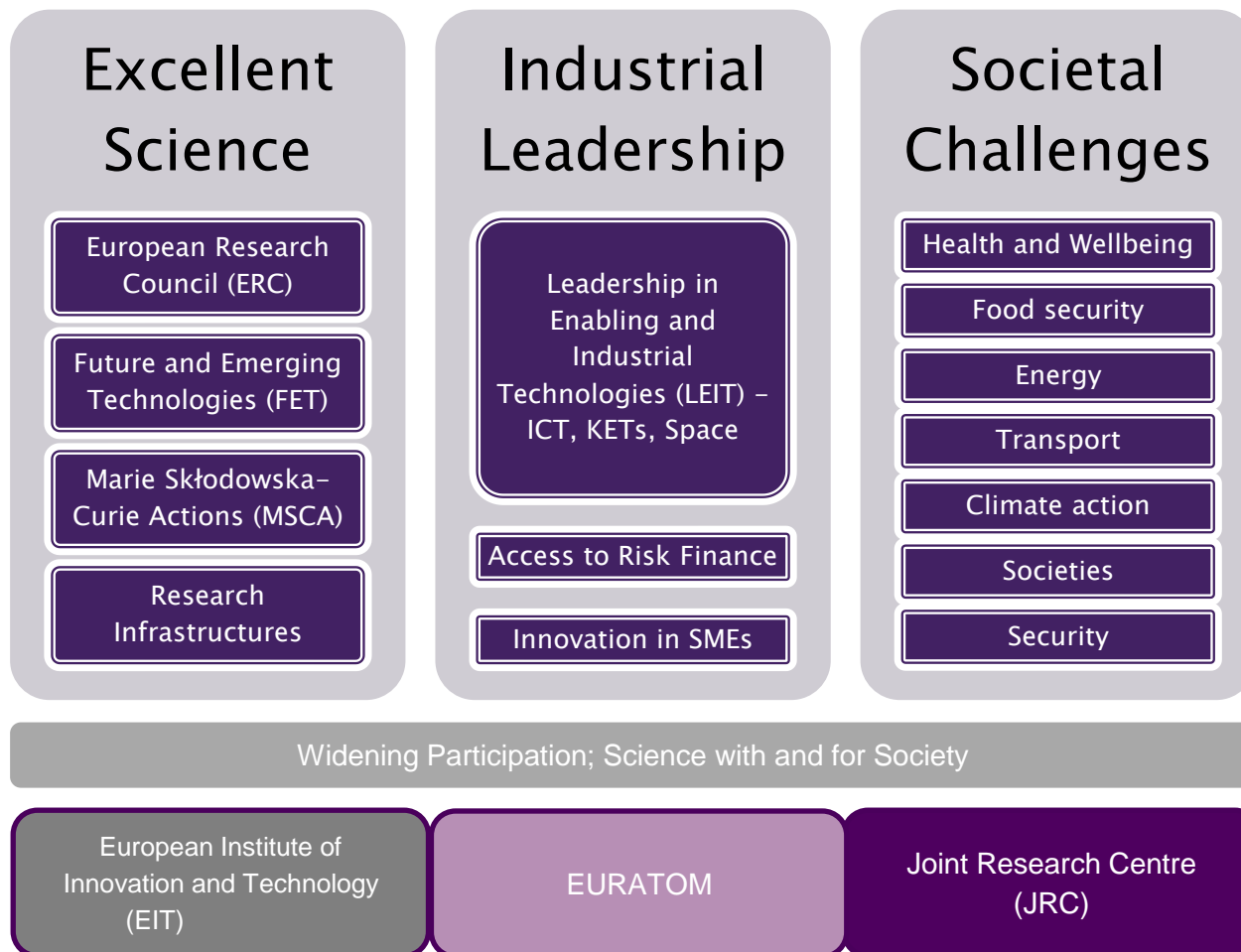
UKRO Activities

- ▶ **UKRO services:** offering a suite of quality services to help subscribers and sponsors to make informed decisions about participating in EU programmes and support on-going projects
- ▶ **Encouraging stakeholder dialogue:** supporting UK stakeholder engagement in European research policy and programme developments; promotes sharing of best practice
- ▶ **Brussels liaison:** establishing and maintaining contacts with the European Institutions and other major Brussels stakeholders in research and innovation
- ▶ **National Contact Points:** Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and European Research Council

Successful UK engagement in FP7

- UK-based organisations have been awarded €6.6 billion of FP7 funding, (the second highest share by country, after Germany), equivalent to 13% of the programme's overall budget.
- Academic organisations were awarded 67% of this share and around 13% went to SMEs.
- 16 723 UK organisations were involved in more than 8000 funded projects with the country's success rate (22,7%) higher than the EU average (20,5%).
- The highest number of European Research Council grants went to the UK, with around 960 grants based at more than 80 host institutions.
- 573 ERC grantees from the UK received more than €1 billion in grants while 983 MSCA Fellows benefitted from EU contribution of €684 million.

What's on offer in H2020?



Where and how to find the opportunities?

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The screenshot shows the UKRO Participant Portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > Funding'. The main navigation menu includes 'HOME', 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'EXPERTS', and 'SUPPORT'. A search bar and 'LOGIN'/'REGISTER' buttons are also present.

The 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE' section is highlighted, featuring a sidebar with links to 'H2020 Online Manual', 'Reference Documents', 'Beneficiary Register', 'Financial Viability Self-Check', and 'SME Participation'. The main content area is titled 'How to participate' and includes a 'H2020 ONLINE MANUAL' button. The text explains the first steps to prepare a proposal and apply for EU research funding. It lists several guidance services:

- H2020 Online Manual:** step-by-step online guide through the Portal processes from proposal preparation and submission to reporting on your on-going project
- Reference documents:** library of legal documents, guidance notes, and additional reference material for H2020 and FP7
- search for already registered organisations and their PICs
- Financial viability self-check tool** allows you simulating the financial viability check of your organisation
- SME participation:** dedicated H2020 guidance page for SME

At the bottom, a process flow diagram shows five steps: 1. FIND a call, 2. FIND partners, 3. CREATE your account, 4. REGISTER your organisation, and 5. SUBMIT a proposal.

Key Links

▶ UK Research Office

- www.ukro.ac.uk

▶ Research Participant Portal

- <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

▶ Horizon 2020 website

- <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

▶ UK Horizon 2020 NCP website

- <https://www.h2020uk.org/home>