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Welcome to this month's Wider Outlook, this edition focuses on European Funding and the upcoming EU funding programmes that will be launched in the next 12 months. There are links to Horizon 2020 and Erasmus for All, as well as a focus on research from a European perspective. The External Projects Team are here to support you and provide information to help you to succeed in Europe, if you want to discuss any project ideas please let us know.

The External Projects Team welcomes back Holly Hoar this week, she will be working three days a week whilst Esther Knight will be covering 2 days.

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and you enjoy this edition, Jose

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FREE EVENT

Partnering for Innovation Manchester Following the Technology Strategy Board's announcement making £18m available for collaborative R&D in the digital services programme, there are a series of events to help creative businesses find technology partners from industry or academia, and learn how to submit a proposal.

When: 24th June, 2010

Venue: Bridgewater Hall
Manchester

Organiser: Creative Industries Knowledge Transfer Network

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EU Funding From 2014 to 2020

The Commission has proposed new programmes for research, innovation and higher education activities as part of its proposals under the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), which will run from 2014 -2020. The MFF is the EU's budget and normally runs for a seven year period. [Here](#)

Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020, the successor to Framework Programme 7 (FP7), is due to start on 1 January 2014.

The proposal for Horizon 2020 brings together activities currently under FP7 along with some aspects of the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. [Here](#)

Erasmus for All

This new programme will consolidate education and vocational training schemes currently funded by the Commission into one programme, with the addition of Sport.

This will run alongside Horizon 2020, with a proposed budget of approximately EUR 19 billion.

'Erasmus for All' will replace the Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action, Erasmus Mundus, ALFA III, TEMPUS EDULINK in one over-arching scheme. [Here](#)

Cohesion funds

EU funding for cohesion is currently also under revision for the next programming period. The European Commission is planning some changes to the way the Cohesion Funds can be used to ensure that there are more synergies with research and innovation funding under Horizon 2020. [Here](#)

Other post 2013 programmes

In addition, a number of other follow on programmes for current EU funding schemes are being developed including Creative Europe, which will replace the Culture and Media programmes, Health for Growth which will follow the Health Programme, the Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME) and revised funding schemes for Directorate General Home Affairs in the fields of asylum, migration and security, see page 3.



Cohesion funds – priorities 2014-2020

Combining ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund, European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development & European Maritime & Fisheries Fund.

These funds will be channelled through the

priorities of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs).

The draft socio economic framework and regional SWOT analysis are available from West Midlands Councils [Here](#)

Proposed priorities are as follows:

1. Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
2. Enhancing access to and use and quality of ICT
3. Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs

4. Supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors

5. Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and Management

6. Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency

7. Promoting sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures

The European Commission has determined that 80% of the funds will be allocated to priorities 1,3, and 4.

Other 2014-2020 EU programmes

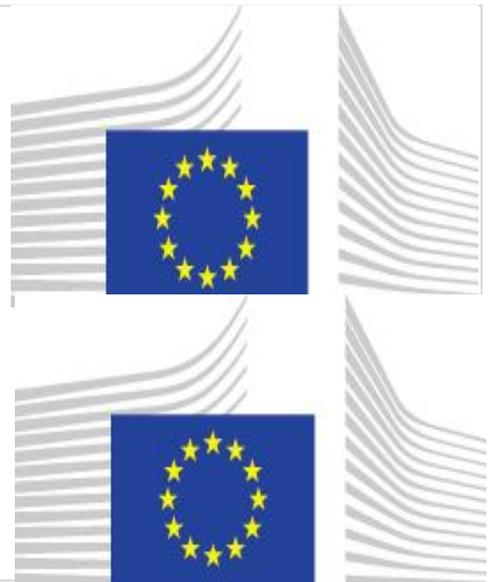
In addition, a number of other follow on programmes for current EU funding schemes of interest to the University are being developed, including:

1. Creative Europe, which will replace the Culture and Media programmes, [Here](#)

2. Health for Growth which will follow the Health Programme, [Here](#)

3. The Programme for the Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME [Here](#)

4. Revised funding schemes for Directorate General Home affairs in the fields of asylum, migration and security. [Here](#)



Policy in Brief

Member states seem ready to make the next EU budget more flexible to allow for the spending of unused money on areas “where it really counts”—including on the Horizon 2020 research programme. Several member state officials told Research Europe that the Council of Ministers is willing to make concessions to the European Parliament on budget flexibility, to bring budget negotiations to a close and prevent a deadlock. The Parliament rejected the Council’s budget proposal on 13 March, saying that it offered too little flexibility for moving money around to meet emerging needs. The apparent readiness of both sides to make a deal is fuelling optimism that the Parliament will be dissuaded from blocking the entire 2014-20 budget— that would freeze future spending at 2013 levels, plus an inflationary adjustment, and wreak havoc with multi-year programmes such as Horizon 2020.

Responsible Research

Research and innovation are seen as integral to solving the biggest problems faced by society. Policymakers are becoming increasingly keen to ensure that research serves the greater good and does not create unnecessary risks. This topic has led the European Commission to issue a report on implementing what it calls RRI, or responsible research and innovation—science that serves society. *Options for Strengthening Responsible Research and Innovation* presents four policy scenarios to promote RRI that could be implemented in the EU’s next research programme, Horizon 2020.

The report recommends that policymakers approach responsible research in a more holistic way, rather than just in terms of preventing public outrage such as that over genetic modification. It emphasises that responsible research means

research designed with its consequences in mind, with consideration for the interests of society, and with input from all groups that could be affected.

“What’s new is the attempt to coordinate different types of on going activities better,” says Bernd Stahl, director of the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility at De Montfort University in the UK. This lack of incentives is flagged up in the report. The expert group found that researchers are rewarded for doing excellent science or work that can be commercialised, but not for meeting societal needs. For example, the European Research Council, the EU’s highly successful excellence-based research funder, does not consider societal needs when making funding decisions.

[Here](#)