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#HorizonEU

THE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME

2021 – 2027

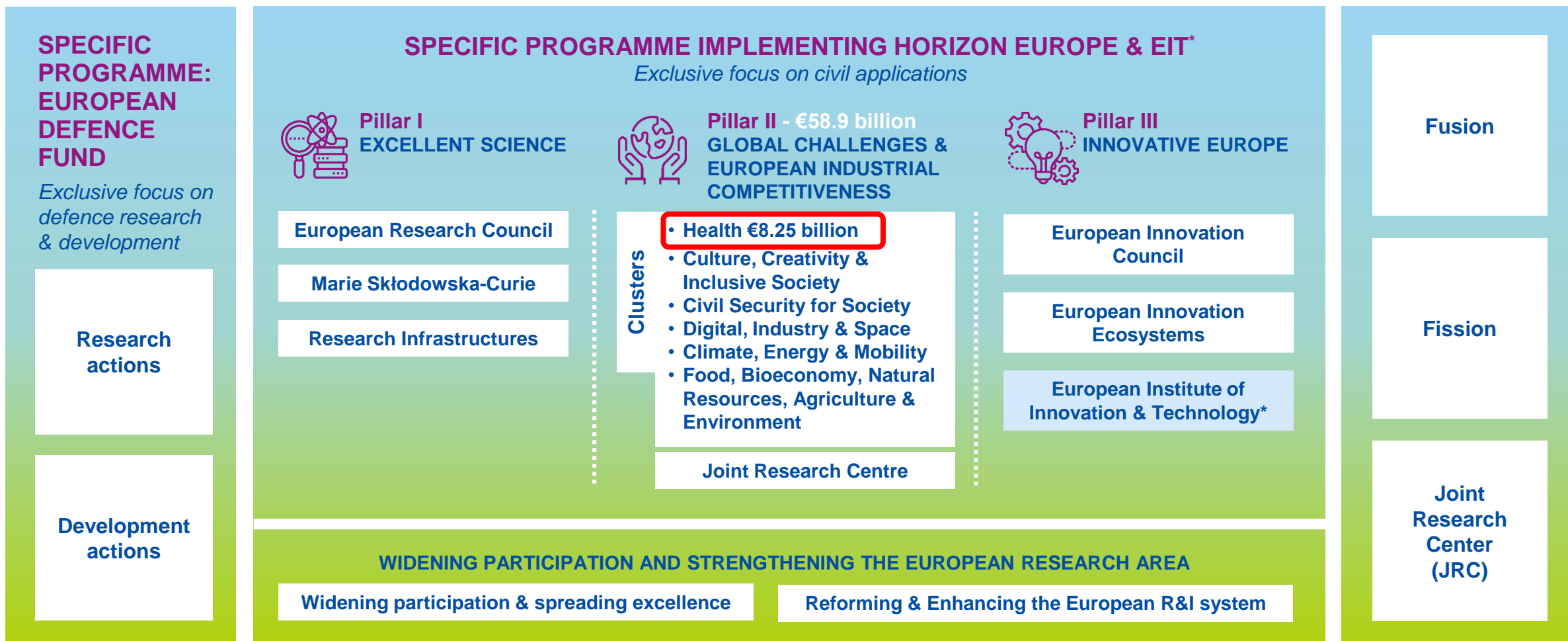Cluster 1
Health

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Horizon Europe – Cluster 1 - Health

Six "Destinations":

1. Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

2. Living and working in a health-promoting environment

3. Tackling diseases & reducing disease burden

4. Ensuring access to innovative, sustainable & high-quality Healthcare

5. Unlocking the full potential of new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society

6. Maintaining an innovative, sustainable & globally competitive health industry

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Impact pathways
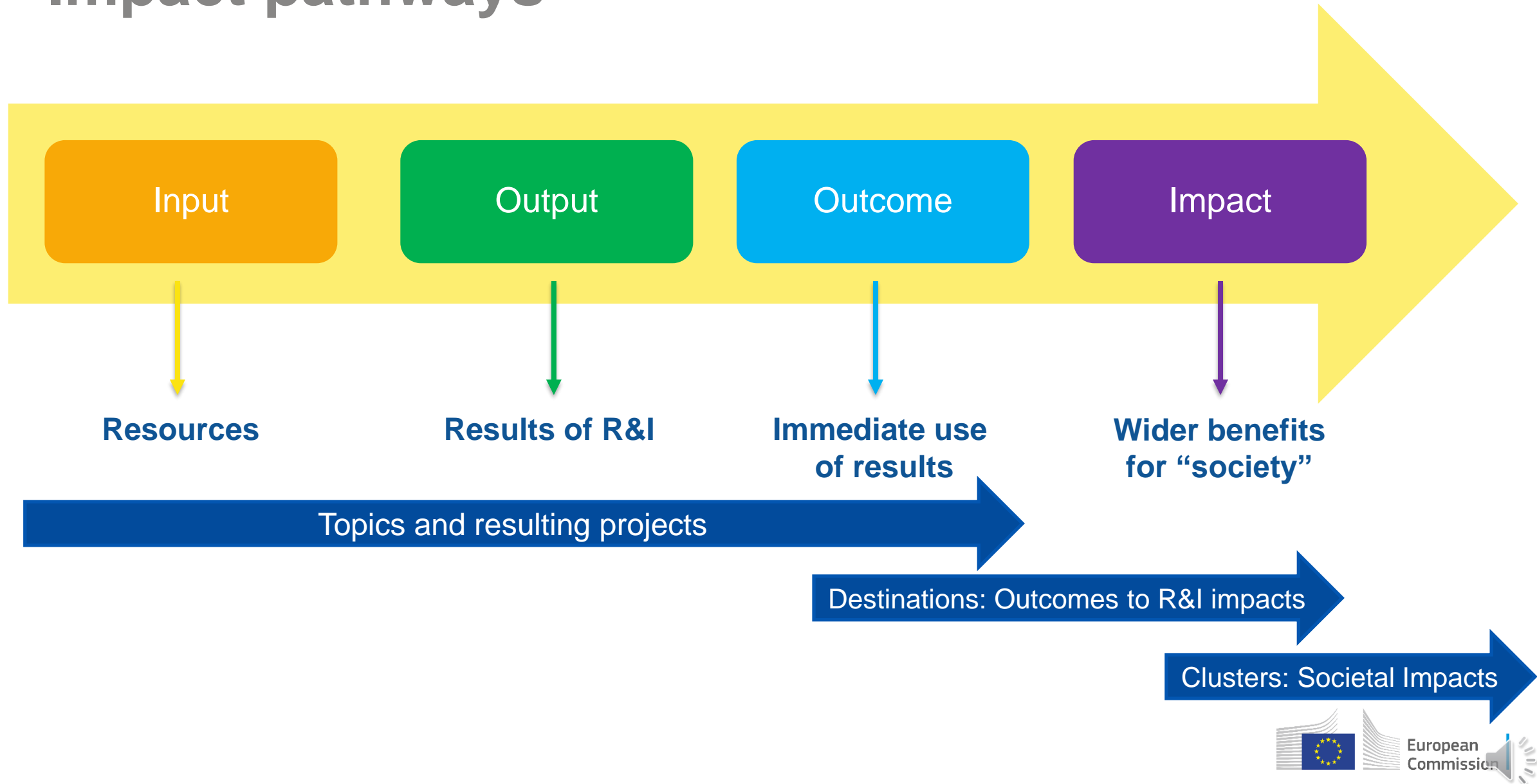
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Strategic Plan 2021-24 (link) → **6 Expected Impacts**

↳ **Work Programme 2021-22** (link)

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→ **Topics (Calls)**

Focus on outcomes contributing to the impacts specified per Destination

Project proposals should
➢ make a **clear case** (*value proposition*)
➢ supported by a **convincing trajectory** (*pathway to impact*) for the project proposal to deliver the **output**, promote the **outcome** described in the topic, and contribute to the **impact** expected under that destination.

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Examples for Pathways-to-Impact (simplified)

Output	Outcome	Impact
e.g.	e.g.	e.g.

Output e.g.

- **Knowledge and understanding** of health and diseases

- **Methodological and technological solutions** to address health and diseases

- **Know-how and capabilities** for designing, developing and implementing health technologies and services, including sustainable processes for producing safe and effective tools and health technologies

- **Evidences and recommendations** for health policy, regulation and clinical practice

Outcome e.g.

- **Citizens** are encouraged to make evidence-based life style choices and empowered to control and manage their own health

- **Health care workers** apply new evidences, health technologies and health care approaches that are more effective, accessible and sustainable

- **Health care providers** make full use of health data using data-driven decision support systems for people-centered services

- **Policy-makers and regulators** use new evidences, tools and guidelines for informed public health policies and actions

- **Researchers and developers** of medical interventions understand predisposing factors for health disorders and diseases, and the transition from health to illness

Impact e.g.

- **Citizens** of all ages stay healthy and independent in a rapidly changing society

- **Health care providers** are able to better tackle and manage diseases and reduce the disease burden on patients effectively

- **Health care systems** provide equal access to innovative, sustainable and high-quality health care

- **EU health industry** is innovative, sustainable and globally competitive

- **Living and working environments** are health-promoting and sustainable

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WP 2022 – Info Day – 28 October 2021

https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/events/upcoming-events/horizon-europe-info-days/cluster-1_en

Welcome / clinical studies / Gender equality: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIOXaFAjmXQ

Dest 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdrCkDvr9Eg

Dest 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpfhwdDkLB0

Dest 3: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKUDo8Ia5EI

Dest 4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Jz6D0aXObo

Dest 5: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6C6GEjYdek

Dest 6: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHb-5awmeyk

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Destination 1: Staying healthy in a rapidly changing society

Citizens of all ages stay healthy and independent in a rapidly changing society thanks to healthier lifestyles and behaviours, healthier diets, healthier environments, improved evidence-based health policies, and more effective solutions for health promotion and disease prevention.

- Key Strategic Orientation: 'Creating a more resilient, inclusive and democratic European society'

- Impact areas:
    - Good health and high-quality accessible health care
    - High quality digital services for all
    - Sustainable food systems from farm to fork on land and sea
    - Climate change mitigation and adaptation
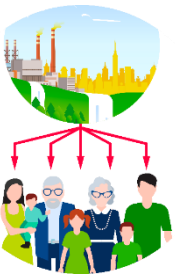
Destination 1: Expected impacts

- **Citizens adopt healthier lifestyles and behaviours**, make healthier choices and maintain longer a healthy, independent and active life with a reduced disease burden, including at old ages or in other vulnerable stages of life.

- **Citizens** are able and **empowered** to manage better their own physical and mental health and well-being, monitor their health, and interact with their doctors and health care providers.

- **Citizens´ trust in knowledge-based health interventions and in guidance from health authorities is strengthened**, including through improved health literacy (including at young ages), resulting in increased engagement in and adherence to effective strategies for health promotion, diseases prevention and treatment, including increased vaccination rates and patient safety.

- **Health policies and actions for health promotion and disease prevention** are knowledge-based, people-centred and thus targeted to **citizens' needs**, and designed to **reduce health inequalities**.

Destination 1: Topics in 2022

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-01: **Boosting mental health in Europe in times of change**
- Closure: **1.2.2022 1st stage**
- Instrument: RIA
- Tot: 50M€
- Project size: 7M€

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-05: **Prevention of obesity throughout the life course**
- Closure: **1.02.2022 1st stage**
- Instrument: RIA
- Tot: 60M€
- Project size: 10M€

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-01-04: **Trustworthy AI tools to predict the risk of chronic non-communicable diseases and/or their progression**
- Closure: **1.2.2022 1st stage**
- Instrument: RIA
- Tot: 60M€
- Project size: 6M€

- HORIZON-HLTH-2022-STAYHLTH-02-01: **Personalised blueprint of chronic inflammation in health-to-disease transition**
- Closure: **21.4.2022 Single stage**
- Tot: 50M€
- Project size: 7M€

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Boosting mental health in Europe in times of change

Expected outcome (contributing to **all of the following** elements)

- **Health care professionals, national/regional public authorities and other relevant actors:**
  - Have access to and apply new strategies and interventions for the promotion of mental health and the prevention of mental ill health, with focus on vulnerable populations;
  - Adopt clinical guidelines, practices, strategies and policy recommendations to mitigate the mental health burden in a transforming Europe;

- The **scientific community together with the public authorities** anticipate new and emerging risks to mental health associated with a transforming Europe, contributing to better and inclusive public mental health preparedness.

- **Citizens** have access to and make use of new tools and services to take informed decisions about their wellbeing and mental health care needs (including for self-management and self-care).

- **Citizens** feel less stigmatised and marginalised due to their mental ill health.

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Boosting mental health in Europe in times of change

Scope (address **one or several of the following** elements)

- Provide a **comprehensive knowledge base** of how a transforming Europe can influence mental health in a fast-evolving society, especially in the most vulnerable populations

- Develop and implement **interventions, which promote wellbeing and prevent mental illness** to help cope with and mitigate the stress of a changing society, including digitalisation, climate change and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The interventions should **target relevant settings** (e.g. workplaces, schools) and the **most vulnerable populations** (e.g. children and adolescents, the elderly, people with pre-existing health conditions and socio-economic high-risk groups).

- Inform policy-makers and regulators on: i) the **prevalence and burden of mental ill health** related to a transforming European society (e.g. digital technologies, climate change, etc); and/or ii) the **effects of a transforming European society** (including transition to "green jobs") on **occupational mental health**; and/or iii) **the (comparative) cost-effectiveness** of interventions/policy choices.

Additional conditions

- Research should be multidisciplinary, including medical sciences, social sciences, the humanities, and the arts, if relevant. It is important to consider aspects such as (associated) behavioural patterns, stigma and novel social dynamics as well as different socioeconomic, cultural and geographical contexts.

- Proposals should involve end-users (including civil society organisations) and/or strategic partners in the design and during the course of the project. Possible end-users and strategic partners could include local or regional authorities, community services, employers, schools/universities, …

- Propose ideas and foresee a budget for joint activities with other projects: to be finalised during the grant agreement preparation!

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Lessons Learned
from Horizon 2020 Interim Evaluation

Key Novelties
in Horizon Europe

Support breakthrough innovation → **European Innovation Council**

Create more impact through mission-orientation and citizens' involvement → **EU Missions**

Rationalise partnerships' landscape → **New approach to partnerships**

Reinforce openness → **Open science policy**

Strengthen international cooperation → **Extended association possibilities**

Encourage participation → **Spreading Excellence**

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New approach to European Partnerships

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

Key Features

- **Strategic orientation**
- **Systemic approach**
- **Simple architecture and toolbox**
- **Common set of criteria for the life-cycle**

CO-PROGRAMMED
Based on Memoranda of Understanding/contractual arrangements; implemented independently by the partners and by Horizon Europe

CO-FUNDED
Based on a joint programme agreed and implemented by partners; commitment of partners for financial and in-kind contributions

INSTITUTIONALISED
Based on long-term dimension and need for high integration; partnerships based on Art 185/187 of TFEU and the EIT legal acts for 2021-2027

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9 European Partnerships on Health

The Strategic Plan 2021-2024 identifies 49 European Partnerships (9 on health):

– public-public;

– public-private;

– global initiatives.

EC proposal for 2 institutionalised partnerships on health based on Art 185/187 (23 Feb 2021)

CLUSTER 1: Health
Innovative Health Initiative
Global Health Partnership
Transformation of health systems
Chemicals risk assessment
ERA for Health
Rare diseases
One-Health Anti Microbial Resistance
Personalised Medicine
Pandemic Preparedness

Newcomer ➡️

- 🟧 Institutionalised Partnerships (Art 185/7)
- 🟩 Co-Funded – calls 2021-22
- 🟪 Co-Funded – calls expected 2023-24
- 🟨 Under discussion in the context of HERA

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Partnership on pandemic preparedness Background

- Responds to request for better coordination, as expressed in the context of the **ERAvsCorona Action plan**

- Recommended in the scientific opinion on **Improving pandemic preparedness and management** by the Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM)

- Partners (Member States and European Commission) should develop and agree on an **aligned multi-annual agenda with common objectives for R&I actions** in pandemic preparedness

Health Emergency Preparedness
and Response Authority

HERA

EU Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Authority (HERA)

- **Mission**: Enable the EU and its MS to rapidly deploy the most advanced medical and other measures in the event of a health emergency
- Assembly of **ecosystems of public and private capabilities**
- This will be done by covering the **whole value chain** and by providing **end-to-end solutions**

Flexible and resourced financing & procurement capacities
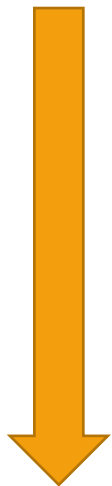
Knowledge generation: horizon scanning, market intelligence, foresight

Development: late stage research, innovation and development

Production: flexible and scalable manufacturing capacities

Deployment: EU level stockpiling and distribution

Use: training programmes

Pandemic preparedness partnership
3 objectives

Improve EU's preparedness to prevent, predict and respond to epidemics / pandemics

Develop Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) on preparedness

Build a European Research Area (ERA) in pandemic preparedness

Synergy with HERA and sustainability

Partnership development – tentative timeline

Start CSA

Early 2022
- First draft partnership proposal submitted for review
- Start developing Strategic R&I Agenda

Mid 2022
- Partnership proposal finalised and published
- Continue working on Strategic R&I agenda

End 2022
- Strategic R&I agenda finalised and adopted including consultation process

Early 2023
- Adoption of the work programme including the calls related to the partnership

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