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# Horizon Europe under next MFF (2028 – 2034)

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# The structure of the new Horizon Europe



## Pillar I EXCELLENT SCIENCE

EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL

MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

SCIENCE FOR EU POLICIES



## Pillar II COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIETY

### COMPETITIVENESS<sup>1</sup>:

1. Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation
2. Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy
3. Digital leadership
4. Resilience and Security, Defence Industry and Space

### SOCIETY:

1. Global societal challenges
2. EU Missions
3. New European Bauhaus Facility



## Pillar III INNOVATION

EUROPEAN INNOVATION COUNCIL

INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AND  
THE KNOWLEDGE TRIANGLE



## Pillar IV EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

ERA POLICIES

RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY  
INFRASTRUCTURES

WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND  
SPREADING EXCELLENCE

<sup>1</sup> Consistent with activities under the European Competitiveness Fund

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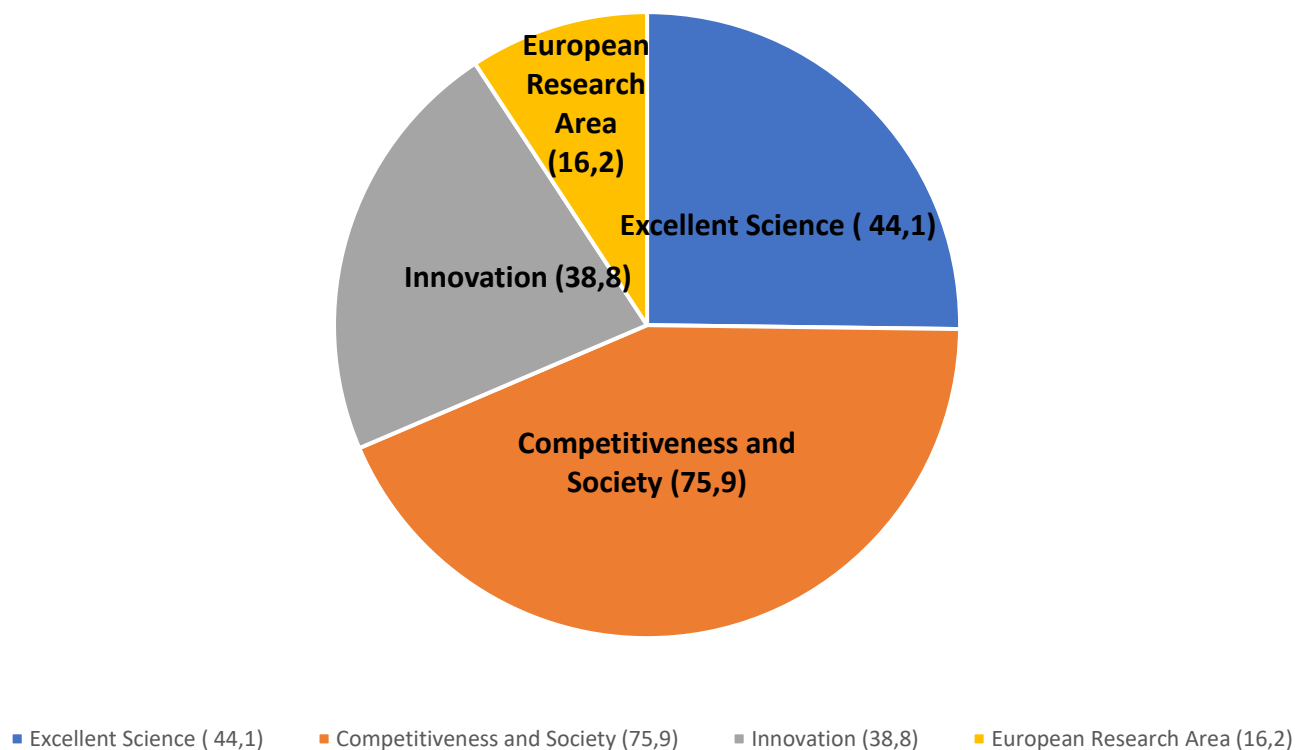
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## The Budget

Horizon Europe total budget EUR 175 billion (current prices)

Figures all in EUR billion



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# Pillar I – Excellent Science

Pillar I aims to strengthen the EU's scientific base, attract top talents and promote excellent research in Europe.

Indicative budget: **EUR 44.1 billion**







# Pillar II – Competitiveness & Society

Pillar II aims to support collaborative research and innovation in areas of high societal impact.

Indicative budget : **EUR 75.9 billion**, of which:

- EUR 68.3 billion for ‘Competitiveness’:
  - EUR 25.3 billion for ‘Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation’
  - EUR 19.7 billion for ‘Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy’
  - EUR 16.9 billion for ‘Digital Leadership’
  - EUR 6.4 billion for ‘Resilience and Security, Defence Industry and Space’
- EUR 7.6 billion for ‘Society’



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# Pillar III - Innovation

Pillar III aims to support innovation in Europe, with a focus on promoting the development of new products, services and business models. The EIC will be expanded to fund high-risk disruptive projects in stages and will introduce a strong focus for defence and dual-use startups.

Indicative budget : **EUR 38.8 billion**



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# Pillar IV - European Research Area (ERA)

Pillar IV aims to support the development of a unified ERA with a focus on promoting excellence, inclusiveness and impact. It also supports the development and operation of research and technology infrastructures.



Indicative budget: **EUR 16.2 billion**, of which

- EUR 5.4 billion for 'Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence'

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# Novelties

**Further  
Simplification**

**Partnerships  
Landscape**

**EIC**

**Research and  
Technology  
Infrastructures**

**Widening**

**Dual-use  
research**



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# Simplification for applicants

Streamlined **reporting** obligations

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Use of **lump sum** grants by default

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Faster procedures

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Less **prescriptive** programming

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## Novelties – Eligibility conditions & TTG

Key principles maintained with following novelties:

For **collaborative actions**, and except when the work programme otherwise provides, to be eligible for participation in grant actions legal entities shall form a consortium as follows (see Article 21(3)):

- at least **two legal entities** established in different Member States; and
- at least one other legal entity established in another Member State or an associated country

**Faster implementation** of Horizon Europe with a maximum Time To Grant (TTG) of **7 months**  
(previously 8) (see Article 26)



## Links with the European Competitiveness Fund

- **Four policy windows defined in the ECF Regulation:**
- ‘Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation’
- ‘Health, Biotech, Agriculture and Bioeconomy’
- ‘Digital Leadership’
- ‘Resilience and Security, Defence Industry and Space’

➤ **Budget** for collaborative research is under the ‘Competitiveness’ part of **Horizon Europe**.

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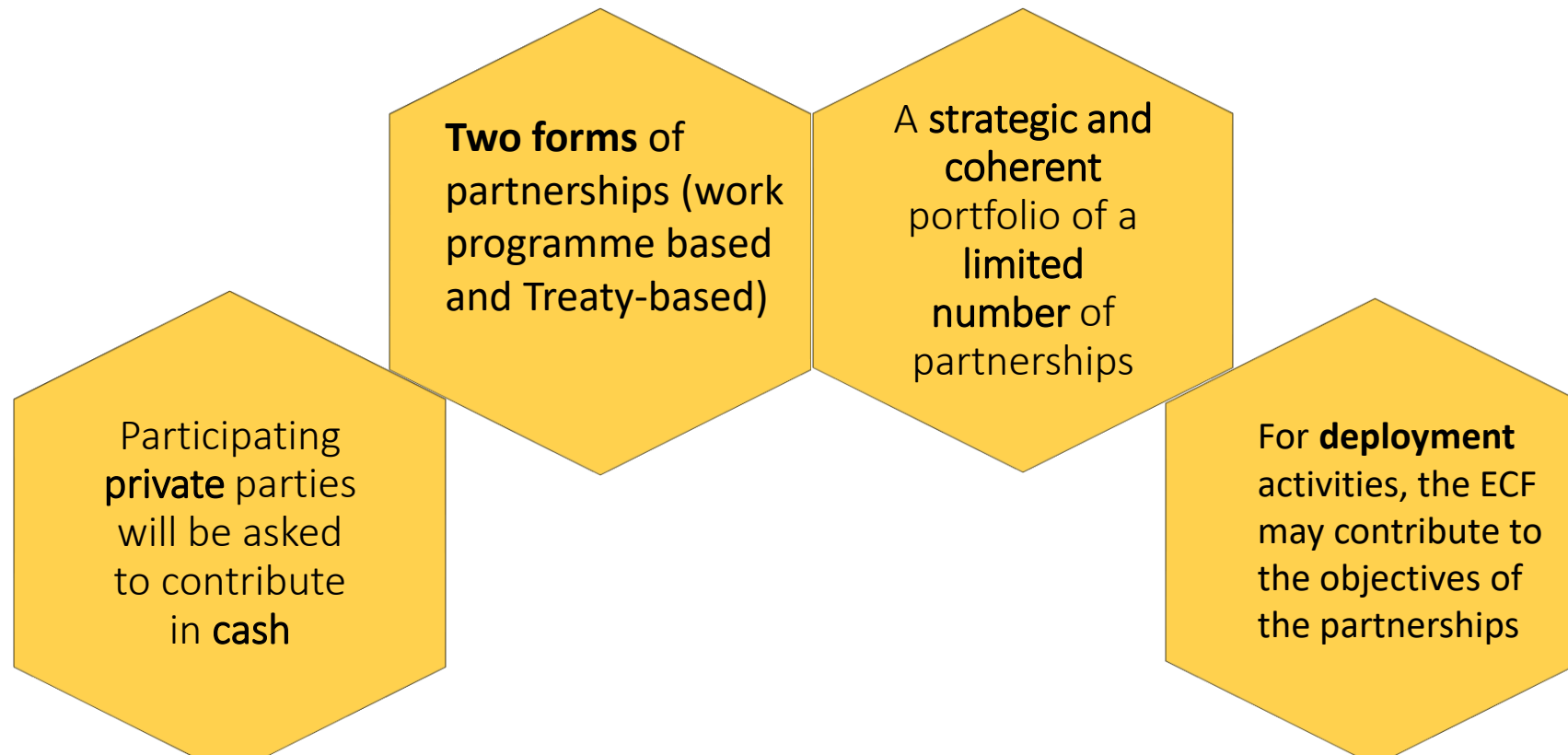
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# Partnerships

Partnerships will remain a key instrument of the programme and will work in synergy with the ECF







## European Innovation Council

- The European Innovation Council (EIC) has already developed into the biggest European deep tech venture capital fund.
- The EIC will support innovative start-ups SMEs, with a focus on promoting disruptive innovation and entrepreneurship.
- To further improve its integrated model, the EIC will include:

more “**ARPA**” elements,  
supporting high risk projects  
assessed by Programme  
Managers.

a “**DARPA**” approach  
supporting defence and  
dual use startups.