

PRESS RELEASE

EARTO Welcomes the EU Institutions' Agreement on Horizon Europe

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EARTO and its members welcome the EU Institutions' timely agreement on Horizon Europe (HEU), which has been formally approved by the Council and voted on today by the European Parliament. EARTO especially congratulates the EU co-legislators for the extensive work performed to reach an agreement before the upcoming European elections. The HEU agreement is in continuity with its predecessor, Horizon 2020, and builds on the successes of the previous Framework Programmes.

Such programme now needs a budget at the scale of its ambitions. EARTO therefore strongly calls on EU Members States to significantly invest in RD&I as key priority for Europe's future, and to scale-up HEU budget to at least €120bn in the next Multiannual Financial Framework, following the European Parliament's position. In addition, EARTO very much supports the reinforcement of Europe's excellent multi-disciplinary collaborative applied RD&I within HEU. This can only be delivered by strengthening the budget share of HEU Pillar II to 60% of the total HEU budget.

In addition to the programme's final budget, key decisions will be taken in the frame of HEU Strategic Planning on the content of Pillar II, including the framework for HEU partnerships and missions, and of Pillar III instruments, such as the EIC pathfinder and innovation ecosystems. Regarding the HEU Model Grant Agreement, EARTO will share its members' expertise with EU institutions to co-create an efficient and simplified Programme, including on HEU financial aspects (e.g. unit costs and allocation keys, lump-sums, system audit and cross-reliance) and legal aspects (e.g. open science, Intellectual Property Rights, dissemination & exploitation, pre-commercial procurements).

EARTO and its experts look forward to further supporting the design of HEU implementation.

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