

Austrian governance on EU missions

Opportunities and challenges

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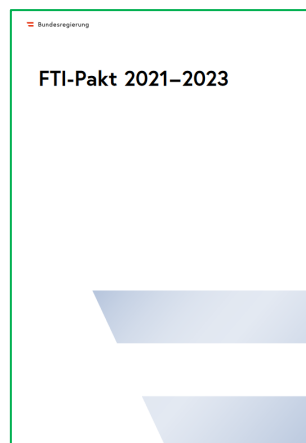
Legal framework conditions in Austria

RTI Strategy 2030



Defines overall objectives

RTI Pact 2021-23

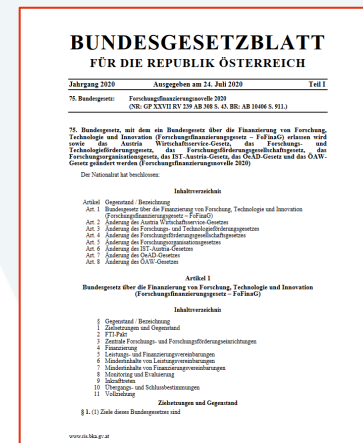


RTI Pact to define strategic priorities for three years to operationalise the objectives of RTI strategy 2030



Promoting EU missions

Research Funding Act 2020



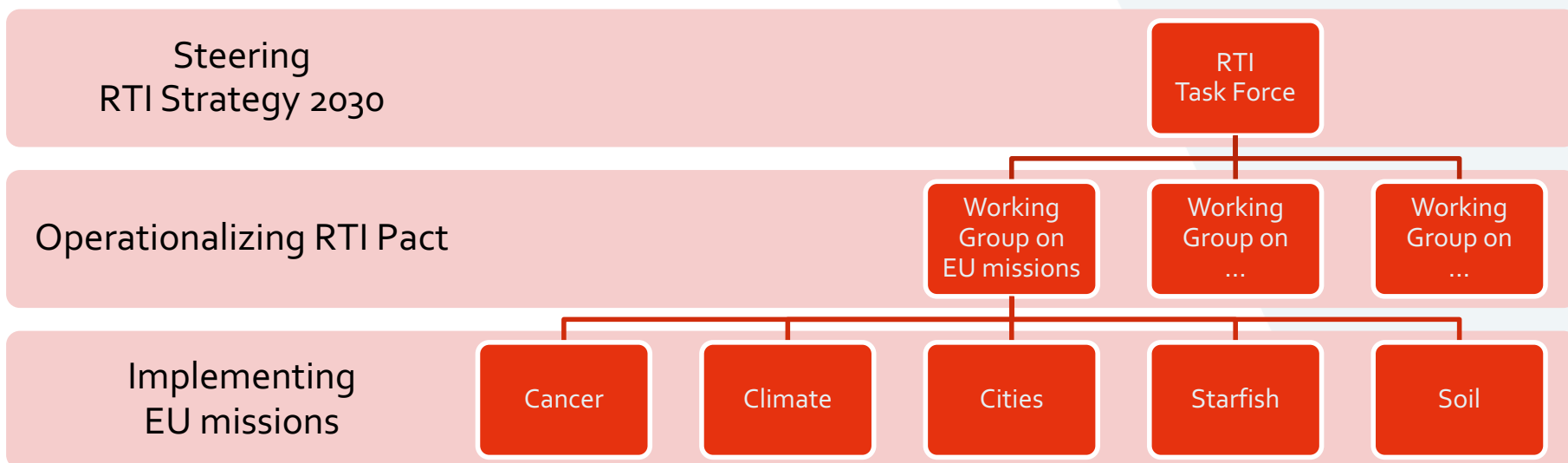
Identifies 10 central RTI institutions to implement RTI Pact through performance and funding agreements

RTI Pact 2021-2023 on EU missions

- In Horizon Europe, the new European Research Framework Programme 2021 - 2027, missions and partnerships will be of particular strategic importance. Austria will make targeted use of its strengths and set new priorities. The three RTI ministries and the central institutions will **intensify strategic coordination** and coordination in the prioritisation of international priority measures and further develop the international cooperation and mobility programmes. The introduction of missions at the European level will make it necessary to **align national research and research funding activities** with them.

Austrian governance model (under discussion)

Overall objectives: building on existing governance structures, respecting legal framework conditions, and establishing lean and efficient structures



Working Group on EU missions (under discussion)

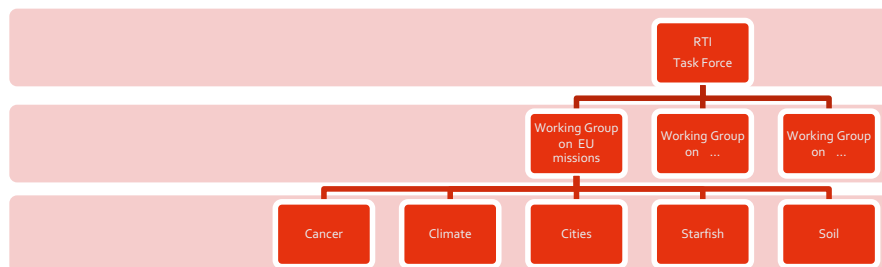
- **Possible mandate** (*in line with RTI Pact*)
 - Setting-up a **strategic coordination** among RTI ministries and central institutions
 - **Aligning** national **research** and research **funding activities** with EU missions
 - Ensuring an **efficient and effective governance** of EU missions in Austria across STI and sectoral actors
- **Possible composition**
 - **Co-chaired** by Ministry of Technology/Climate and Ministry of Research
 - **Permanent members**: all relevant sectoral ministries, central RTI institutions
 - **Occasional members**: e.g. universities, universities of applied sciences, sectoral institutions, social partners...

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- **Possible tasks**

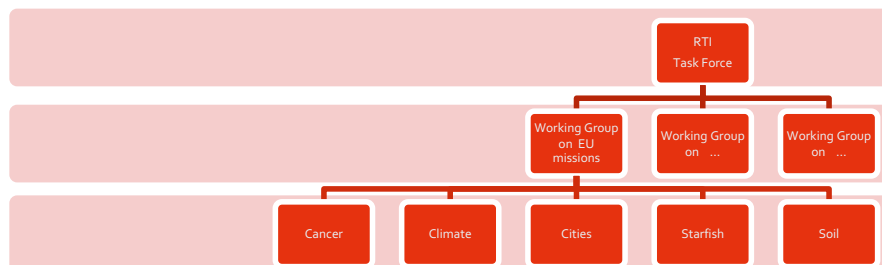
- Analysing already existing activities of the central RTI institutions, the universities and the universities of applied sciences that are potentially relevant for EU missions (“**baseline-study**”)
- Creating a network of RTI and sectoral actors who share a **common understanding** of the political, regulatory, financial and operational efforts to translate EU missions into societal and economic opportunities for Austria
- Enabling **thematic implementation structures** along the five EU missions in Austria
- Fostering **coherence** among Horizon Europe and other EU, national or regional programmes and initiatives (e.g. IPCEIs, Digital Europe, national climate strategy...), also in view of the green and digital transitions of the Austrian society
- Providing **strategic intelligence** (foresight, monitoring, evaluation know-how from EU, OECD and other sources)

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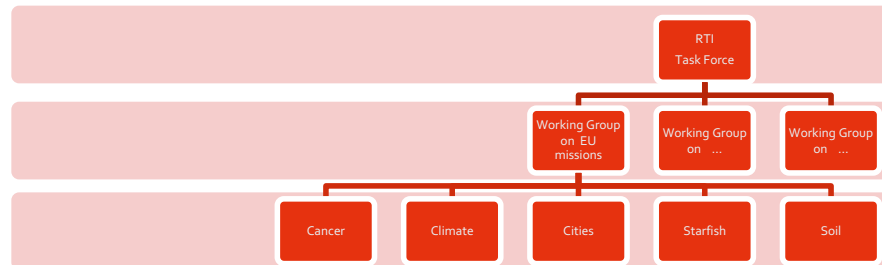
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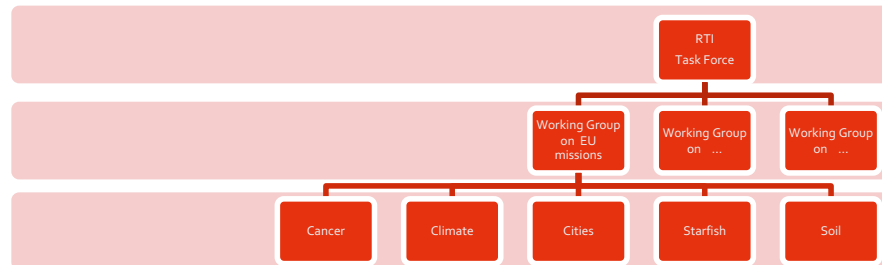


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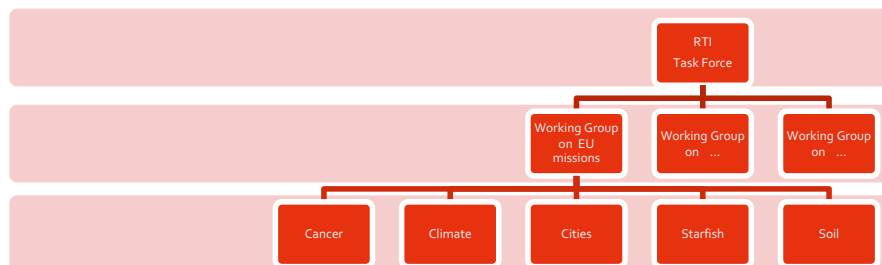


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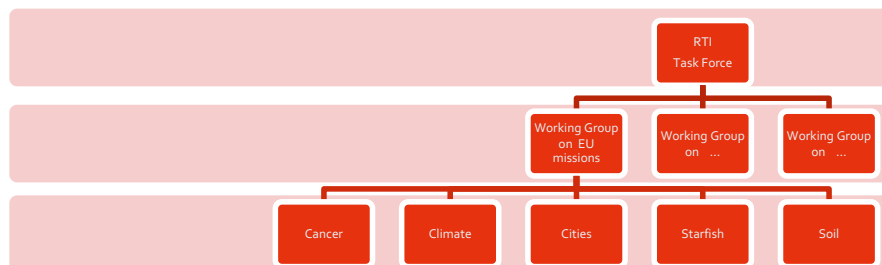
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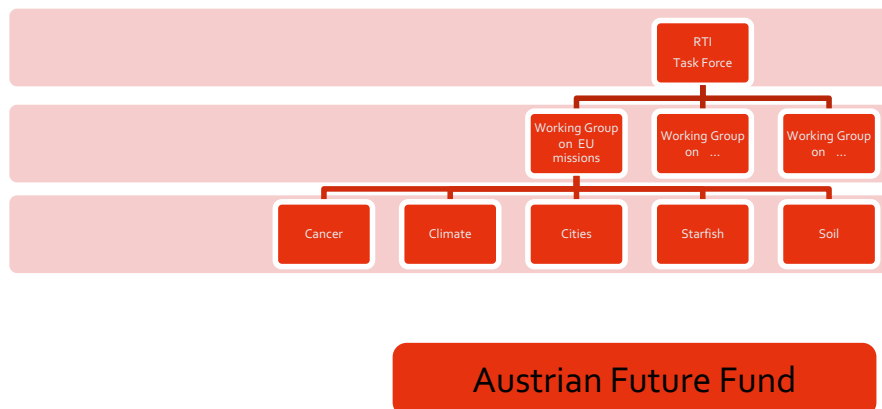
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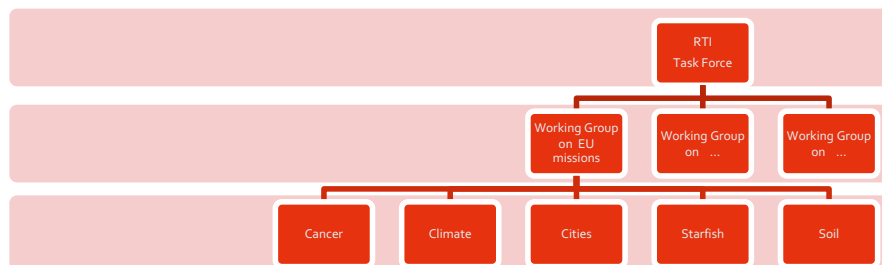
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OECD project on mission-oriented innovation policy

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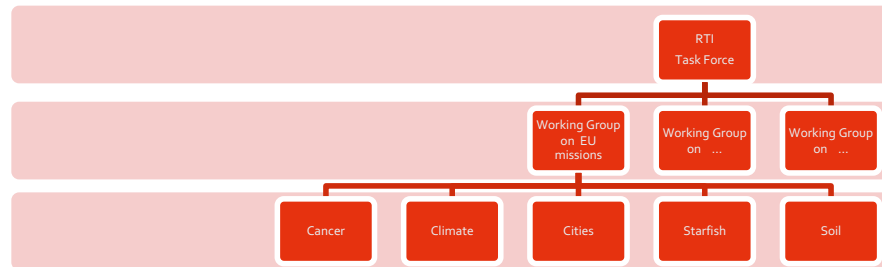
Support by the European Commission
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• Challenges

- Linking missions with existing **sectoral policies** and key actors
- Clarifying the relation between the overall **national and thematic governance** of missions
- Building **trust and channels of communication** with stakeholders and citizens
- Creating **strategic intelligence** to inform the governance process
- Offering opportunities for **mutual learning** among Member States and the Commission

Thank you for your attention!

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