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HORIZON 2020

The Seal of Excellence

Community of Practice
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Video workshop

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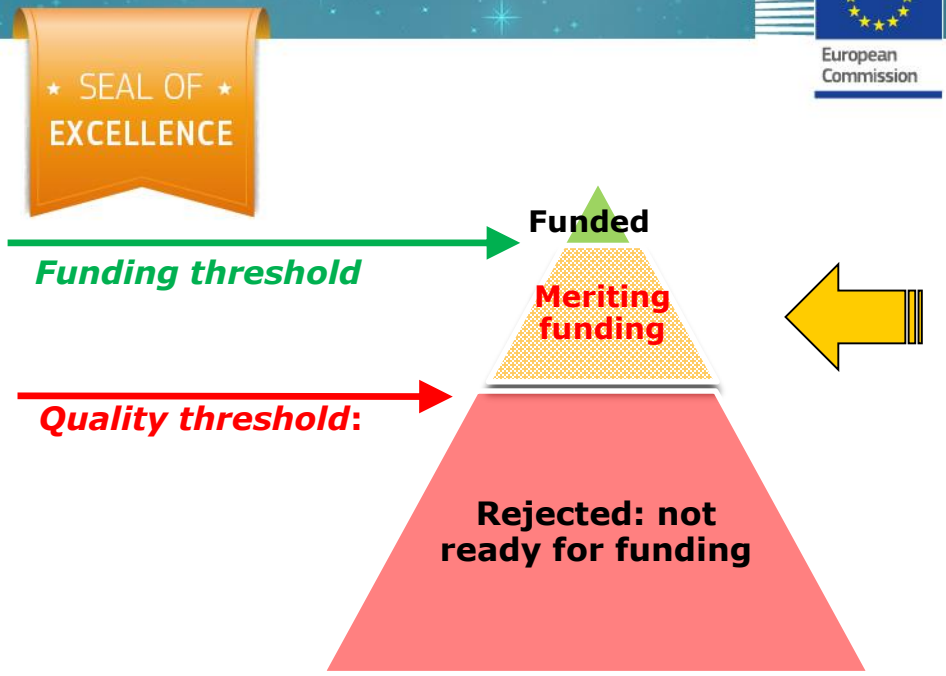
Research and Innovation

The ORIGIN: CONCEPT



- **Launched in 2015** as one **form of synergies** between Horizon 2020 and Cohesion Program
- Seal delivered **to excellent proposals** to certify their value for other possible 'investors'
- **Beneficial to SMEs**, obtaining the possibility to implement their excellent project
- **Beneficial to regional/national authorities** able to quickly support promising projects run by SMEs with high potential impact in their territories
- **Community of Practice** gathers funding bodies to exchange good practices and receive guidance (currently over 200 members representing regional/national level

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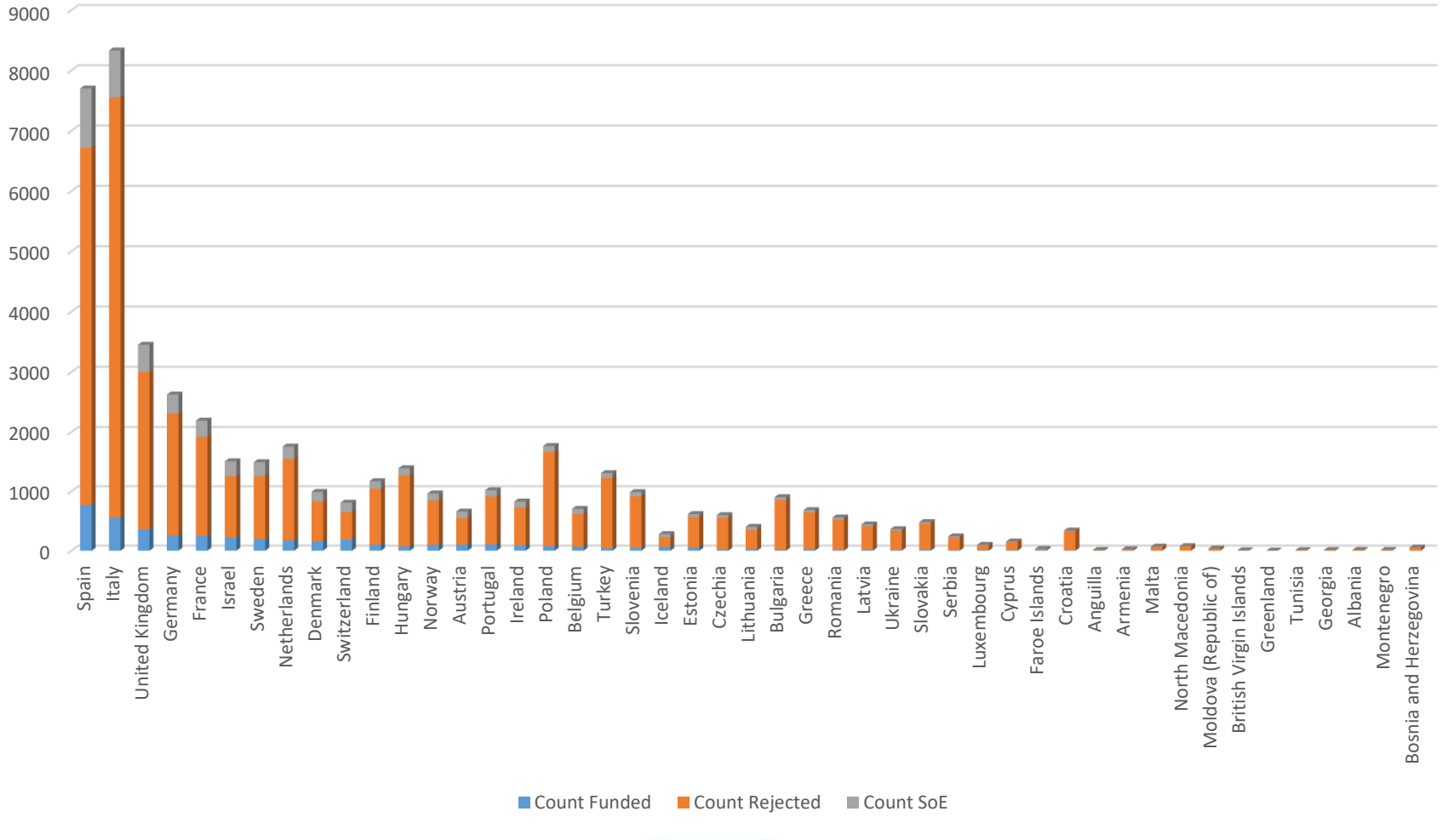

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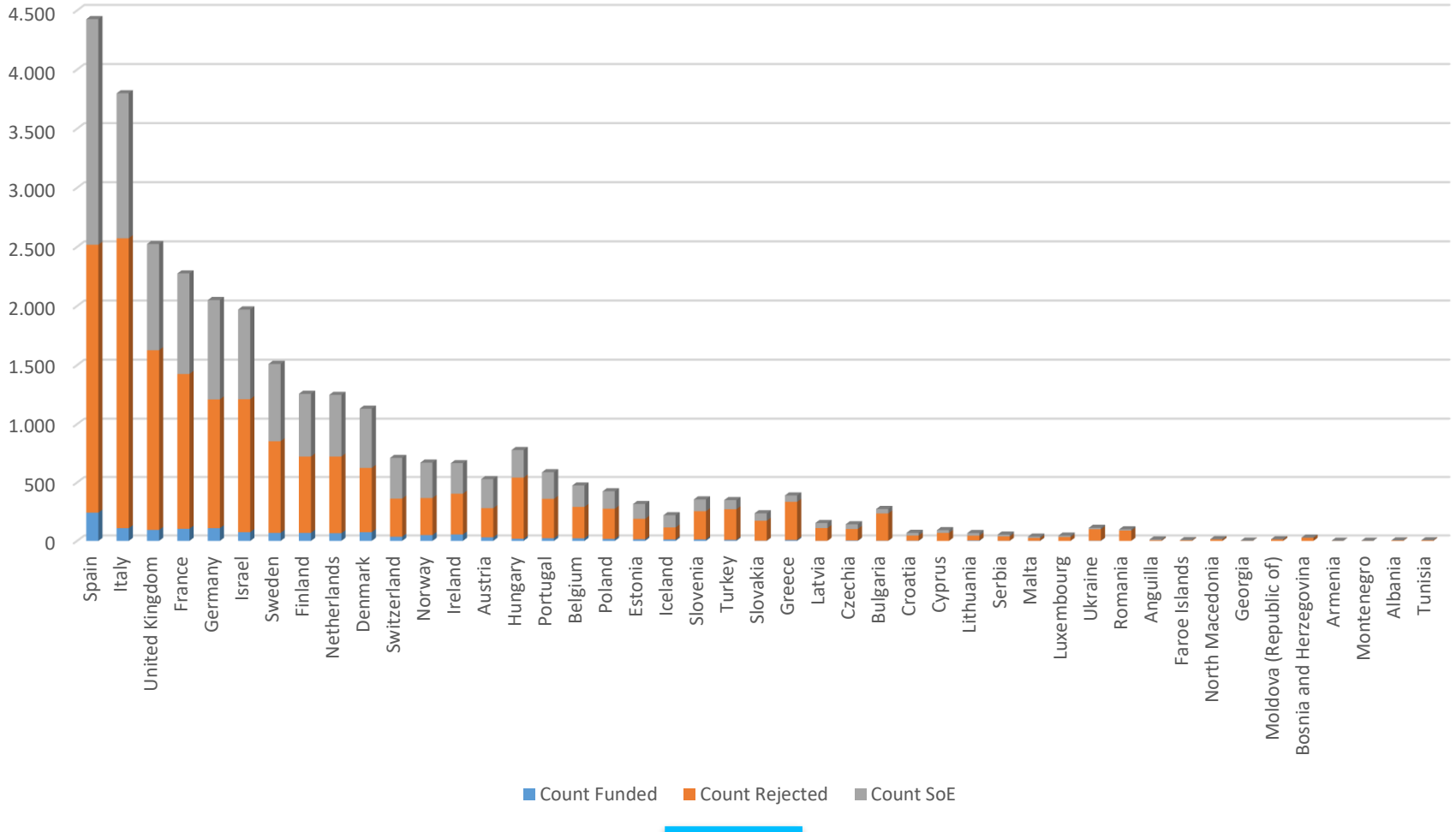

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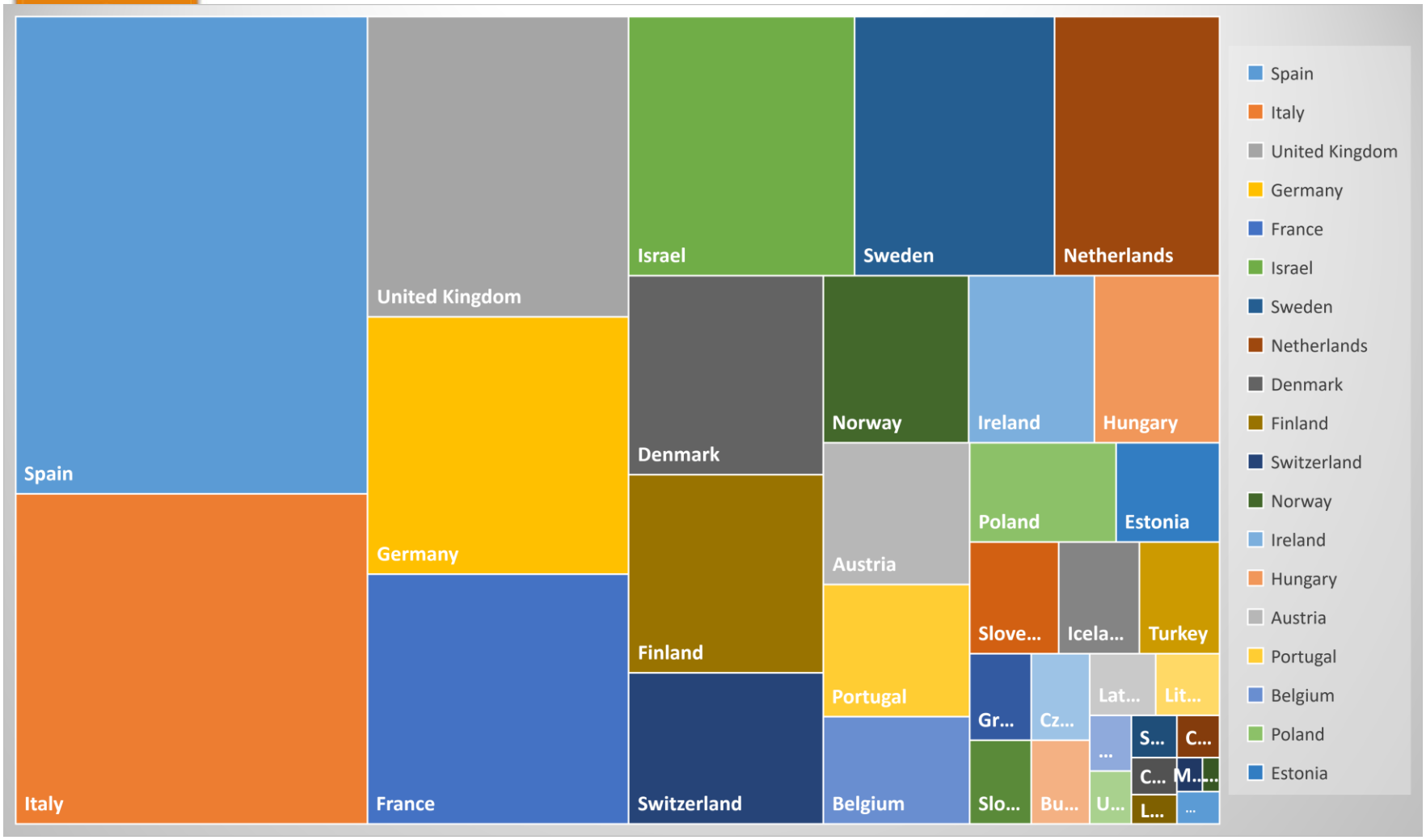

The IMPLEMENTATION

Seal Scheme	Number of 'Seal' Schemes	Countries
31 SME Instrument Seal schemes	**16 PHASE 1** schemes in 13 countries	CY (1), IT (1), ES (3), HU (1), SI (1), SE (1), CZ (2), NO (1), PL (1), SK (1), BE (1) EL (1) and expected LT(1)
		11 National: CY (1), ES (1), HU (1), SI (1), SE (1), CZ (1), NO (1), PL (1), SK (1), EL (1) and expected LT (1) **5 Regional:** IT (1), ES (2), CZ (1), BE (1)
	15 PHASE 2 schemes in 10 countries	CY (1), IT (4), ES (2), FR (1), SI (1), PL (1), BE (2), LV(1), EL (1) and expected HR (1)
		6 National: SI (1), PL (1), CY (1), LV (1), EL (1) and soon HR (1), **9 Regional:** IT(4), ES (2), FR (1), BE (2)
13 Marie Sklodowska-Curie	**MSCA** schemes in 9 countries	CY(1), CZ (1), SE (1), SI (1), IT (5), LT(1), BE Flanders (1), BG (1), SW (1)
		6 National: CY (1), CZ (1), SE (1), SI (1), LT (1), BG (1) **1 Regional:** BE Flanders (1) **6 Universities:** IT (5), CH (1)
1Teaming	**Teaming** Scheme in 1 country	SK (1)
		1 National: SK (1)
1 European Research Council*	**1** scheme in 1 country	CY (1)
		1 National: CY (1)
TOTAL	**46 Schemes** in 18 countries	CY (4) *, CZ (3), IT (10), ES (5), FR (1), HU (1), SI (3), SE (2), NO (1), PL (2), HR(1), LV (1), EL (2), SK (2), LT (2), BE (4), BG (1), CH (1) *CY has a programme with 2 modules and it funds (Ph1&2, MSCA and ERC starting and consolidator grants)
		• **25 National schemes** • **15 regional schemes** • **6 Universities' schemes**

TO SUPPORT UPTAKE

- The **Horizon Dashboard** is an interactive reporting platform providing a **'thematic view'** for the SoE available for the public where you can extract your own **statistics and analyses** on SMEI seal data
- EIPP – Invest EU - The meeting place for Promoters and Investors
- Access4SMEs project, with e-pitching events
- IP Support for Seal SMEs

- In the future
  - **Seals mentioned in Horizon Europe and Cohesion Regulations**
  - **State Aid GBER**

TODAY

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ERAvsCORONA ACTION PLAN

10-short term actions for R&I response to COVID-19

1. **Coordinating** research and innovation funding against the coronavirus for vaccines, treatments and diagnostics (international pledging conference on 4 May)
2. **Extending and supporting** large EU wide clinical trials for coronavirus patients
3. **New funding** for innovative & rapid health-related approaches against coronavirus
4. Increasing support to innovative companies via the H2020 European Innovation Council Accelerator pilot and expanding the current EIC Community Platform
5. **Creating new opportunities to help access funding sources other than EU funds - for example through a Covid-19 Response Seal of Excellence**
6. Establishing **a one-stop shop** ERA Corona platform for information on EU funding and national actions on coronavirus research
7. Establishing an High Level Research and Innovation Task Force on the coronavirus
8. Better access to **research infrastructures**
9. Creating a European COVID-19 Research data sharing platform
10. pan-EU EUvsVirus Hackathon to mobilise innovators and civil society

TODAY'S AGENDA

- *10.00-10:10* ***Welcome by Anna Panagopoulou***
  DG R&I, Acting Director G 'R&I outreach'
- *10:10-10:30* ***Setting the scene: past, present and future for the Seal***
  Magda de Carli, DG R&I and Peter Berkowitz, DG REGIO
- *10.30-10.50* ***EIC Accelerator COVID-19 Response Seals*** *– content and timing, Keith Sequeira, DG R&I*
- *10.50-11.10* ***Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative***
  Anna Wagner, DG REGIO
- *11.10-11.30* ***State Aid Temporary Framework for R&I****,*
  Bernhard Von Wendland, DG R&I
- *11.30-12.30* ***Tour de table*** *- Each participant may ask question and present possible funding schemes*

USEFUL LINKS FOR MORE INFO

Seal of Excellence Website
https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence_en

MSCA Seal
https://ec.europa.eu/research/soe/index.cfm?pg=opportunities_msca

Access4SMEs: www.access4smes.eu

Seal Dashboard: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dashboard

EIPP: **https://ec.europa.eu/eipp/desktop/en/index.html**

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