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### National programmes or funds which could provide support to Japanese participants in Horizon Europe (2021-2027)

The EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme 'Horizon Europe' (HE) offers many cooperation opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world ("open by default"), and many topics are marked as being specifically relevant for international cooperation or target specific countries and/or regions and multilateral organisations.

In the case of Japan, a **distinction has to be made between participation and funding**. Japanese entities are not automatically eligible for funding by HE for their participation in collaborative projects under HE (Pillar 2 and the actions Pathfinder and Transition under Pillar 3 on the European Innovation Council (EIC)), and thus have to bear the cost of their participation. This could be internal/institutional funding or funding received from Japanese ministries, research funding agencies, foundations and other organisations which fund international research and innovation activities with participants from the EU and Japan. On exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Japanese entities.

For the time being the Government of Japan has no co-funding in place for the successful Japanese entities under Horizon Europe collaborative projects, unlike in the past when the JTS had foreseen co-funding schemes for some specific topics under Horizon 2020.

Successful Japanese researchers in individual grant or fellowship actions under the European Research Council (ERC) and the Postdoctoral Fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are funded by HE. Organisations based in Japan can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchange (SE) and COFUND but have to bear the cost of their participation.

For the actions in which entities from Japan have to bring their own funding, they are considered as 'Associated Partner' (and thus no obligation to sign the grant agreement).

For the "Staff Exchange" (SE) scheme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) may provide some support to research entities in Japan who participate in a SE, in particular under the Core-to-Core Program (<https://www.jps.go.jp/english/e-c2c/index.html>) and the Bilateral Research Projects (<https://www.jps.go.jp/english/e-bilat/index.html>). To note, however, that entities who are planning to participate in a SE, as well as those who already participated, will not automatically be eligible for funding on the basis of the HE selection, but will be subject to a review by JSPS, on the same basis as other entities (more details will be available on the JSPS website). In case of Bilateral Research Projects, JSPS will accept applications from June to September 2022; for the Core-to-Core Program, applications will be accepted in September 2022.

## Useful links

- National Contact Point for Horizon Europe in Japan: <https://www.ncp-japan.jp/>; phone: +81 3 6408 0281
- Details for participation: <https://www.ncp-japan.jp/participation>
- EU Delegation to Japan: [https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/japan/19229/eu-japan-science-and-technology-relations\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/japan/19229/eu-japan-science-and-technology-relations_en); email: [Delegation-Japan-ST@eeas.europa.eu](mailto:Delegation-Japan-ST@eeas.europa.eu); phone: +81 3 5422 6001
- More information on Horizon Europe: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M9kL-2fjre85vU7qjOoTQTDrdfEmAF6S>

### **Research funding organisations in Japan:**

- Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST): <https://www.jst.go.jp/inter/english/index.html>; e-mail: [intl@jst.go.jp](mailto:intl@jst.go.jp) or [jointeu@jst.go.jp](mailto:jointeu@jst.go.jp); phone: +81 3 5214 7375
- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS): <https://www.jsps.go.jp/>
- National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT): <https://www.nict.go.jp/en/>
- Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED): <https://www.amed.go.jp/en/program/list/20/index.html>; e-mail: [jimu-ask@amed.go.jp](mailto:jimu-ask@amed.go.jp); phone: +81 3 6870 2200
- New Energy and Industry Technology Development Organization (NEDO): <https://www.nedo.go.jp/english/>
- NARO Bio-oriented Technology Research Advancement Institution (BRAIN): <https://www.naro.go.jp/laboratory/brain/index.html>

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