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Available national programmes or funds that could provide support to the Indian participants under Horizon Europe

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 India, a **distinction has to be made between participation and funding**. Indian participants are not automatically eligible for funding by HE for their participation in collaborative projects (Pillar 2 of HE 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 own or institutional funding or funding received from Indian ministries or agencies, from foundations and other organisations, which fund Indian participants in international research and innovation actions with European partners. On exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Indian entities.

For the time being the Government of India has no co-funding in place for the successful Indian entities under HE collaborative projects, unlike in the past when the Department of Science and Technology (DST), the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), had co-funding mechanism available for specific topics under Horizon 2020.

Successful Indian 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 India can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchanges and COFUND, but have to bear the cost of their participation.

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

Useful links

- Website of EU Delegation to India: information on Horizon Europe and actions of interest to R&I cooperation between EU and India are published on a regular basis on the website of the EU Delegation: http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/india/index_en.htm

- Contact directly the R&I Section at the EU Delegation to India: Email: delegation-india-ri@eeas.europa.eu
- [EURAXESS India](#) links researchers in India with Europe
- [Horizon Europe](#)
- Partner search: To publish your partner search request or offer - [IT HOW TO](#).
- Use the [Partner Search](#) offered in this site to select an organisation based on their profile or their previous participation.
- Work as an expert: The European Union Institutions appoint external experts to assist in the evaluation of grant applications, projects and tenders, and to provide opinions and advice in specific cases. [click here](#)
- National Contact points: to note that India has not nominated National Contact Point(s) but interested Indian participants can seek guidance and practical information from NCPs based in Europe: [click here](#)

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