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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Danish EU Presidency Horizon Europe negotiation process: Pillars II & III - PowerPoint presentation

Delegations will find attached a PowerPoint presentation on the above-mentioned subject made by the Presidency at the Research Working Party Meeting held on 13 October 2025.

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Danish EU Presidency

Horizon Europe negotiation process: Pillars II & III

The six negotiation blocks

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1. General Provisions [Budget; connection to ECF]
2. Excellence Science: ERC, MSCA, JRC
3. 1.Competitiveness and Society: [ECF policy windows], Partnerships, Global Societal challenges, Missions, Bauhaus
4. Innovation: EIC and Innovation Ecosystems
5. 1.European Research Area: ERA, RI&TI, [Widening]
6. Rules for participation [Award criteria and selection; funding rates]

Competitiveness and Society – plans and points

Status Sep

- RWP/ADWP MFF + ECF
- Content of society part?
- Policy window 4 - budget

To do Oct/Nov/Dec

- Inputs: 02/10 – 24/10 – 21/11
- Drafting
- Negotiations: 13/10 – 10/11 – 1/12

Expected by Dec

- Poss. consensus on society part and partnerships
- Competitiveness part linked to ECF

Policy windows under ECF

- Development of R&I part in work programmes
- 6bn€ for PW4 – covers raw materials, civil security and?
- ECF PW to a large extend reflect HE Clusters today (PCY assessment)
- Missing: Climate, Biodiversity, Environmental sustainability – added in drafting in HE/linked to society part

Societal changes (not global as also EU)

- Climate change and biodiversity added
- Culture, creativity, heritage added but check with AGORAEU programme
- **Missions – where do we want to go?**
- **Bauhaus – where do we want to go?**
- Request for research on peace, democracy and conflict prevention added

Partnerships

- To be developed in coordination with MS added as well as voting rights for all partners
- Budgetary ceiling – should one be set?
- **EC to provide more explanation on prioritisation (including on JUs) and MoU for co-fund**
- Financial contributions have been clarified: in cash and in-kind
- New point on non-compliance
- **How many MS at least in a partnership?**

- Title of this section changed to Collaborative research and innovation
- Excellence highlighted and SSH streamlined
- TRL 8 set as upper limit and a reference to HE rules
- Difference between details in FP and SP
- Subscription actions to international activities – to be discussed

Competitiveness and Society: articles and recitals

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Framework programme	*Specific Programme*
• Art 11 (European partnerships) –Recital 9, [10, 34]	• Art 5 (European partnerships)
• Art 15 (Collaborative research) –Recital 11, 12	• Art 11 (Collaborative research)

Discussion today (two blocks):

- Partnerships, FP and SP + recital
- Collaborative research and innovation, FP and SP + recitals; and with particular attention to society part

Lunch break



Innovation: plans and points noted

Status Sep

- RWP
- Support to EIC and IE

To do Oct/Nov

- Inputs: 02/10 – 20/10 – 12/11
- Drafting
- Negotiations: 13/10 – 03/11 – 27/11

Expected by Dec

- Consensus in general on articles and recitals
- Defence-related?

The European Innovation Council (EIC)

- Terms of office of President (4+renewable) and Board (2+2)
- EIC instruments >< ECF toolbox >< ETCI at EIB
- EIC Fund, Invest EU and Innovation Fund – complementarity along value chains (EC to further explain)
- Business Accelerator Service >< Project Advisory (EC to further explain)
- Scale-up funding also under EIC has been clarified
- Text on defence needs further discussion, EC to look into possible solutions
- Grants without calls – follow on investments: process has been build in, further info to follow
- Investment in bankable investees – explanation to follow
- Link to emerging technology observatory – to be discussed
- Art 16 and 34 in FP to be consecutive

Innovation ecosystems

- EIT at this stage not introduced – hook is there, pending COM/2026 evaluation
- 'Integrating and boosting strengths and potentials' added to cover all needs for IES

Innovation: Articles and recitals

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Framework programme	*Specific Programme*
• Art 16 (European Innovation Council) • Art 34 (European Innovation Council specific rules) –Recitals 15, 16	• Art 12 (The European Innovation Council Board)
• Art 17 (Innovation ecosystems) –Recitals 29	• Art 13 (Innovation ecosystems)

Discussion today (two blocks):

- EIC, FP and SP + recitals
- Innovation ecosystems, FP and SP + recital

"God gave us the nuts, but we ourselves must crack them"

quote by Hans Christian Andersen

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