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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Danish EU Presidency
EuroHPC + Horizon Europe negotiation process
- 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 20 November 2025.

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Danish EU Presidency EuroHPC + Horizon Europe negotiation process

Today's agenda



- AOBs
- EuroHPC
- Horizon Europe proposal: General provisions part

General Provisions – last changes FP

- Edits of new recital 2a to streamline text
- Article 2 definitions:
 - Undeleted last part of definition 4 on blended finance to avoid restricting to equity
 - Simplified the definition of open access
 - Small edits to background and dissemination definitions
 - Added definitions for the **TWO** seals
 - Added a definition of a research and innovation activity
 - Deleted at Union level in the definition of innovation ecosystems as it is not needed there
- Article 3.1: added European challenges to global challenges
- Article 3.2: first indent a reference to the ERA PACT **will be** added following discussions in RWP on 14.11
- Article 4.b.i: added ‘objectives and activities’ of policy windows for the competitiveness part
- Article 4.c.ii: shortened the text on innovation ecosystem to leave only the name as for the other parts in this article
- Article 5
 - paras a and ba: edits of sentences for simplification
 - para c: added FAIR principles and removed reference to economic and research security as there is now a proper para on research security
 - –ca: new para on research security
 - para cb: split into two – one on equal opportunities for all R&I stakeholders and para cc on gender equality
 - new para cd and ce on synergies within the programme and between programmes
- Article 8 introduced both seals and added new recital 16a to explain their use
- Article 10 pending technical workshop to decide on lumps sums and PUC, 10.5 edit of sentence for clarity

General provisions – last changes SP

- Article 1: moved para 3 from Article 2 to Article 1 as it concerns the implementation of R&I part of the ECF policy windows and is not an operational objective as such
- Article 2: para 2.f added the optimisation of the use of infrastructures
- Article 4: added type of funding to 1.a and research security to 1.e
- New Article X: before the Article 18 on Comitology to propose a placeholder for the involvement of MS in strategic priority setting and coordination with ECF – exact text to be further defined, including discussed with ECF group
- Article 18: para 2 changed General Configuration into Strategic configuration and added a task of overseeing coherence of the individual work programmes in HE and with the partnerships (ALL)
- Article 18: new para 5a added the no opinion clause
- Recital 6: changed wording so that the exception for the advisory procedure for the ERC comes at end of recital.

General provisions: Trying to stabilise text

Framework programme

- Art 1 [duration, 1.2 and 1.3] (subject matter)
 - Recitals 1,2,5,7 – new 2a
- Art 2 (definitions) – living part of document
- Art 3 (programme objectives)
 - [Recital 3]
- Art 4 [1st sentence] (programme structure)
- Art 5 (horizontal principles)
 - Recital 4,18 – new 4a
- Art 6 [bracketed] (budget)
 - Recital 31
- Art 7 (additional resources)
- Art 8 (alternative, combined, cumulative funding)
 - NEW Recital 16a
- Art 9 (third countries association)
 - Recital 21
- Art 10 [10.3 bracketed] (implementation, forms of Union funding)
 - Recital 26, 30, 32, 33, 35
- Art 35 (repeal) – Recital 38
- Art 36 (transitional provisions)
- Art 37 (entry into force and application)

Other recitals: 8, 23, 24, 25, 36, 37

Specific Programme

- Art 1 [1.2 bracketed] (subject matter)
 - Recital 1
- Art 2 (operational objectives)
 - Recital 2
- Art 3 [bracketed] (budget)
 - Recital 4
- Art 4 [4.3 bracketed] (work programmes)
 - Recital 5
- NEW Art. [placeholder for strategic priority process]
- Art 18 (committee procedure)
 - Recital 6
- Art 19 (repeal)
 - Recital 7
- Art 20 (transitional provisions)
- Art 21 (entry into force and application)

Other recitals: 8

“Life is not a problem to be solved but a reality to be experienced.”

quote by Søren Kierkegaard (Danish philosopher)

