

HORIZON EUROPE CLUSTER 5 REGIONAL INFO DAY

ENHANCING EU-CENTRAL ASIA RESEARCH COLLABORATION IN HORIZON EUROPE

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Insights into Kazakhstan's Participation Landscape

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Horizon Europe

- Mechanism and structure
- Success stories
- Kazakhstan's participation

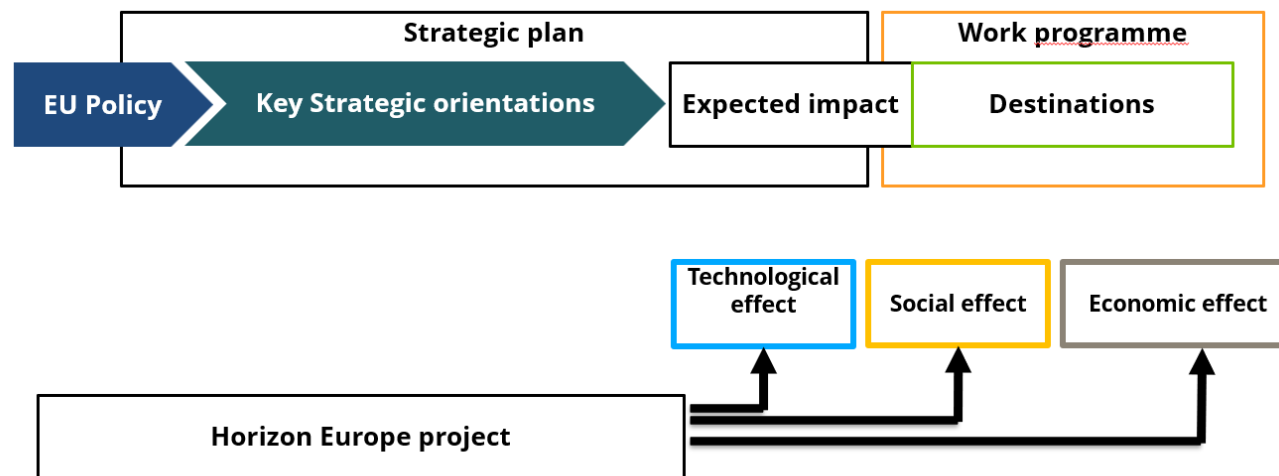
Activities of National Coordination Centre

- Activities in 2023-2024
- MSCA NET Project
- Next steps



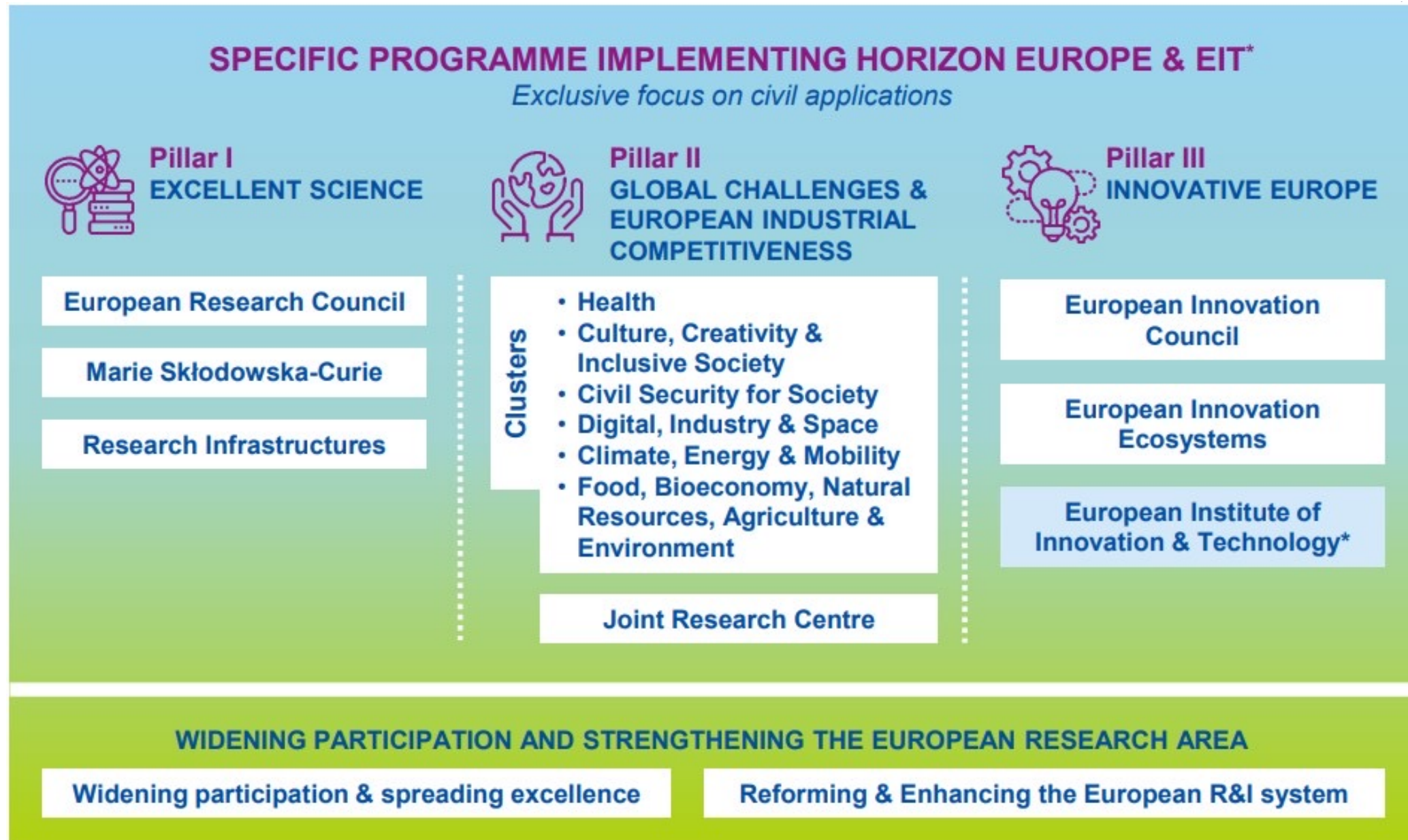
Major EU program on research and innovation with a €95,5 bln budget for 2021-2027

The mechanism of the Program



Objectives:

- Ensuring scientific, economic and social impact of EU investments in R&I
- Fostering competitiveness in EU and beyond
- Addressing global challenges in sustainable development



European Research Council

- Funding for individual researchers (and their teams) to pursue excellent frontier research
- Schemes: Starting Grants, Consolidator Grants, Advanced Grants and Synergy Grants
- Budget of €16 billion (2021-2027)

Research infrastructures

- facilities that provide resources and services for the research communities to conduct research and foster innovation in their fields open to the best researchers from Europe and beyond

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

- flagship funding programme of the EU for doctoral education and postdoctoral training of researchers
- Actions: Doctoral Networks, Postdoctoral Fellowships, Staff Exchanges, COFUND, MSCA and Citizens

ERC Work programme 2025



RI Work programme 2023-2025



MSCA programme 2023-2025



Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)	new knowledge and/or improved technology, product, process, service or solution TRL 3-6	100% EU funding for all types of organizations+ a flat rate of 25 % for all types of actions and beneficiaries
Innovation Actions (IA)	plans or designs for new or improved products, processes or services	100% EU funding rate for non-profit organizations – 70% for all other types of participants+a flat rate of 25 % for all types of actions and beneficiaries
Coordination & Support Actions (CSA)	standardization, dissemination, awareness-raising, communication and networking activities, policy dialogues, mutual learning or studies	100% EU funding for all types of participants +a flat rate of 25 % for all types of actions and beneficiaries
COFUND	multi-annual co-funding for European partnerships bringing together public and private partners.	Funding rate 30-50%



Recovery of valuable rare earth elements (REEs) from phosphogypsum, a waste by-product of fertilizer production

A cost-efficient, eco-friendly process using biodegradable lixiviants to extract REEs.

Enables circular economy in fertilizer industry while reducing environmental waste and dependence on imported REEs.



Advanced Design Tools for Ocean Energy Systems Innovation, Development and Deployment

Open-source software tools—the Structured Innovation Tool, Stage Gate Tool, Deployment Tools, and Assessment Tools—that support the entire innovation, development, and deployment process for ocean energy systems.

Impact in providing clean, affordable and sustainable energy.



Mapping Corporations to Understand Economic Complexity








Interactive network visualizations and databases integrating millions of corporate and economic links.

Enhances policymaking and transparency by revealing global corporate influence and economic interdependencies.

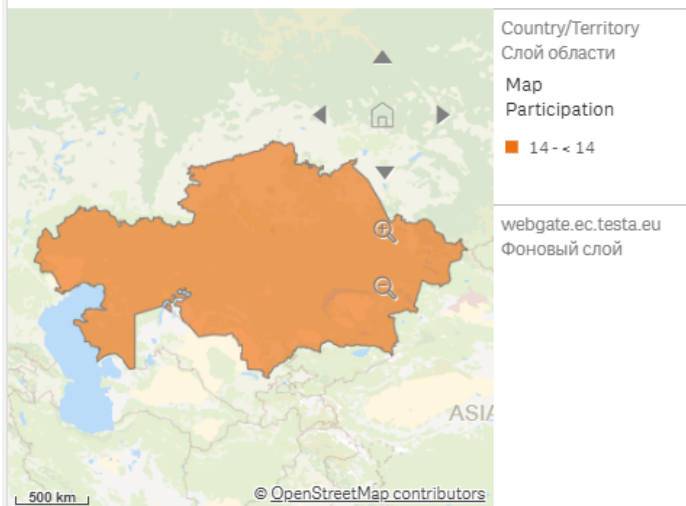
More information can be discovered here <https://projects.research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/success-stories>

Project title	Research Organization
MOCCA Multilevel Orders of Corruption in Central Asia	Jetisu university
ORCA Open(ing) Research in Central Asia: consolidating a culture of research ethics, data management, and open science, in Eurasia and beyond	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University Suleiman Demirel University
EuAsiaN-ROOT Eurasian Network for Collaborative Research on Tree-Root-Mycorrhizal-Pathogen Interactions in Forest Soils	Kazakh Research Institute of Soil Science and Agrochemistry named after Uspanov
CLEANWATER Multifunctional sustainable adsorbents for water treatment assisted with plasma technologies and for health protection from xenobiotics	Satpayev University
CARSI Caucasus and Central Asia Research on Social Innovation: Development Assistance, Innovation and Societal Transformation	Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
PRELAB Precarious Labour in Asia: Exploring Challenges and Solution to Labour Insecurity through Case-Study-Based Evidence from 8 Asian Countries	KIMEP
LOC3G Localization in Geophysics, Geohazards and Geoengineering	Nazarbayev University
FuncTiGlass Structured functional glasses for lasing sensing and health applications	Nazarbayev University
MARS Non-Western Migration Regimes in a Global Perspective	Nazarbayev University
UPGRADE multiscale IoT equipped long linear infrastructure resilience built and sustainable development	Nazarbayev University
Contributing to anti-corruption programmes and efforts in Central Asia	Jetisu University
Soil Salinity Estimation for South Kazakhstan Based on SAR Sentinel-1 and Landsat-8,9 OLI Data with Machine Learning Models Earth Observation for Early Warning of Land Degradation at European Frontier"	Institute of Automation and Information Technologies Satpayev University

Key Figures -

Programme	Select map level	Country Group	Country/Territory			
<div>Net EU Contribution </div> <div>36,06k^{0,00%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Funding received by the project's participants after deduction of their</div>	<div>Signed Grants </div> <div>12^{0,07%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Number of grant agreements signed, including suspended, terminated and</div>	<div>Participation </div> <div>14^{0,01%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Number of organisations involved in HORIZON EUROPE projects. One</div>	<div>Unique Participation </div> <div>10^{0,04%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Number of unique organisations involved in HORIZON EUROPE projects. One</div>	<div>Success rate </div> <div>16,67%^{56,17%} Average</div> <div>Ratio of the retained applications to the total number of eligible applications received. It filters only at country</div>	<div>Eligible Proposals </div> <div>64^{0,06%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Proposals that have not failed at the eligibility or admissibility step of the evaluation, that have not been</div>	<div>Applications </div> <div>84^{0,02%} HORIZON EUROPE</div> <div>Number of organisations applying for HORIZON EUROPE grants. One organisation applying in N proposals is</div>

Participations by country/territory

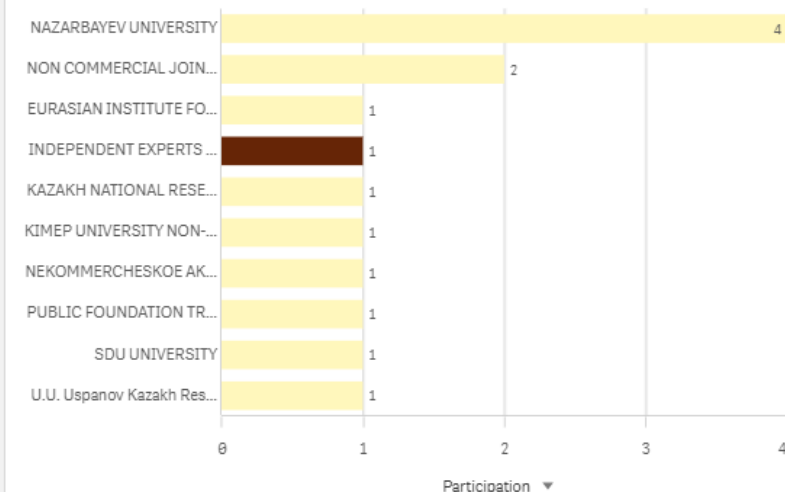


Participation by region (NUTS 3)

Region (NUTS 3)	Participation	Net EU Contribution (EU)
Totals	14	36 063
Not Available	14	36 063

The filters are available only for country and NUTS levels.

Top organisations



Types of organisations

Based on the net EU Contribution



* Набор данных содержит отрицательные или нулевые значения,....

The designations employed and the presentation of material on the map do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the European Union concerning the legal status of any country, territory or areas or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

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ERC Principal Investigators ↗ 0 ^{0,00%} <small>HORIZON EUROPE</small>	EIC Participation ↗ 0 ^{0,00%} <small>HORIZON EUROPE</small>	MSCA Participation ↗ 13 ^{0,07%} <small>HORIZON EUROPE</small>	Experts ↗ 2 ^{30,46%} <small>female evaluators</small>
Net EU contribution to ERC PI... 0 ^{0,00%} <small>HORIZON EUROPE</small>	Seal of Excellence ↗ 0	MSCA unique participants ↗ 9 ^{0,13%} <small>HORIZON EUROPE</small>	Proposals evaluated per expe... 8,50 ^{8,50} <small>Average</small>



Activities of the National Coordination Centre



National Coordination Center for EU Framework Programmes on R&I in Kazakhstan

(Decree of the MSHE RK dated April 27, 2023)



Priority areas



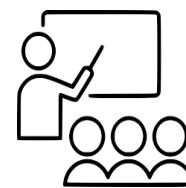
REM mining and processing



Agriculture



Sustainable energy



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**Coordinators for
Pillar II clusters**

**4 Clusters and
MSCA**



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Webinars

**For
200 attendees**



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Offline seminars

**For
150 attendees**



International Workshop on Exploration, Production, Processing and Supply Chains of Critical Raw Materials

(with Nazarbayev University and speakers from industry)

[Date: 05 September 2023](#)

Expert Seminar on the Health Cluster

(with the Batpenov Research Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics, Nazarbayev University School of Medicine and the National Scientific Cardiac Surgery Center. Speaker: Prof. Dr Sarria-Santamera of Nazarbayev University School of Medicine)

[Date: 27 October 2023](#)

Information Session on program components and participation procedures *(with Astana IT University)*

[Date: 01 March 2024](#)

Horizon Europe in Central Asia: Promoting Sustainable Research Excellence and Collaboration (by SECCA project)

(with EU project on Sustainable Energy Connectivity in Central Asia, with the participation of a representative of the EU Directorate General for Research and Innovation, the National Coordinators of Poland and Georgia.)

[Date: 14 May 2024](#)

Key results

- **10** trainings held for **200** attendees
- Application submitted to the **European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)** program with EU partners
- **a network of cluster-based coordinators** from HEIs established (Nazarbayev University, Daulet Serikbayev EKTU, Satpayev University).
- **a database of Kazakhstani research organizations** in sustainable energy research
- joined **Horizon Europe MSCA-NET project**, aimed at strengthening cooperation and improving the services of national coordinators.



21-26 November 2023	Participation in the 5th Annual Horizon Europe National Coordinators Meeting and Horizon Academy Training in Brussels, Belgium
12-13 November 2024	Participation in the 7th Annual Meeting of Horizon Europe National Coordinators and Horizon Academy Training in Brussels, Belgium
13 May 2024	Visit of the Representative of the EU Directorate for Research and Innovation to Kazakhstan
14 May 2024	Meeting of the EU Directorate Representative with the Vice-Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan and HEIs and research institutes in Astana.
20-21 May 2025	Regional Info Day on EU-CA Science Cooperation in Almaty
	Visit of the Representative of the EU Directorate for Research and Innovation to Almaty, Kazakhstan





Objective: enhance **cooperation** between **Horizon Europe MSCA NCPs** and **harmonisation** of their services in EU and third countries



Tasks:

- ✓ Current analysis and identification
- ✓ Development of communication strategies
- ✓ Collaboration and capacity building
- ✓ Implementation of digital tools for cooperation development
- ✓ Communication and dissemination

26 consortium members



Independent think tank
Switzerland EURESEARCH



Italian Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE)



Ministry of Higher Education and Research of France



German Aerospace Center (DLR)



Science Fund JSC (SF)

Advantages for Kazakhstan

- Increasing the quantity and quality of applications from Kazakhstan
- International cooperaton
- Development of human resources
- Integration into the global research community

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS AND GREEN ENERGY

ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP AND
COOPERATION AGREEMENT (EPCA)
BETWEEN THE EU AND THE REPUBLIC OF
KAZAKHSTAN OF 4 FEBRUARY 2016

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
SUSTAINABLE RAW MATERIALS, BATTERIES
AND GREEN HYDROGEN VALUE CHAINS OF
7 NOVEMBER 2022

SET OF "CONCRETE ACTIONS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING" WITH KAZAKHSTAN
FROM MAY 19, 2023

ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2023, NCC HELD AN INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON EXPLORATION, PRODUCTION,
PROCESSING AND SUPPLY CHAINS OF CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS

OBJECTIVE

Creating a platform for potential
applicants
to plan
project proposals

Key areas identified for cooperation

(additional supply chain requirements, exploration and production technology)

Representatives of academia, industry and commercial organizations,
including SMEs

Participants noted **the high value of the event for networking and
knowledge exchange**

HORIZON EUROPE 2025 WORK PROGRAMME AND THE EU-RK ROADMAP 2025-2026

Focus on Central Asia and particularly Kazakhstan in Horizon Europe 2025 Work Program
Roadmap for the implementation of the EU-Kazakhstan MOU on Raw Materials for 2025-2026

The Next Steps – Association to Horizon Europe

Rationale:

Direct access to HE funding,
networks, and programs
Elevate national research excellence
and innovation capacity
Integration into the European
Research Area (ERA)

Enablers:

Alignment with HE regulatory and
policy frameworks
Minimum 3 HE applications annually
per Research Organization (RO)

Anticipated Impact:

Increased HE proposal participation
and success rate
Stronger international partnerships for
national R&I actors
Accelerated alignment with EU
green, digital, and health missions

Thank you

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