Association to the Horizon Package 2021-2027: Context and next steps

**Overall package: Elements**

- **New agreements** → electricity, food safety, and health
- **Ensure more systematic participation in EU programmes** → research, innovation, education, culture, space etc.
- **Institutional elements:** → dynamic adoption of legislation, uniform interpretation of agreements, monitoring, dispute settlement
- **State aid** → Provisions on state aid in the air and land transport agreements and the future electricity agreement
- **Free movement of persons** → principles and exemptions with regard to immigration (Citizens' Rights Directive) and wage protection
- **Recurrent Swiss contribution** → legally binding agreement
- **Political dialogue** → means of steering the bilateral approach

**Overall package: Further steps**

- **Adoption of the negotiation mandates for the overall package in CH and the EU**
- **Start of negotiations on the overall package**
- **Progress in negotiations on the overall package**
- **Conclusion of the negotiations on the overall package**
- **Conclusion of the agreements on the overall package**

**Horizon package 2021-2027: Further steps**

- Start of exploratory talks on association to EU programmes
- Start of negotiations for association to EU programmes
- Progress in negotiations for association to EU programmes
- Initialing of the agreement on the association to EU programmes
- Conclusion of the negotiations on the association to EU programmes
- Conclusion of the agreement on EU programmes

**Horizon package 2021-2027: Status of participation**

- **Transitional arrangement 2024**
  - Access to ERC Advanced Grant 2024
    - Funding: EAER / SERI or EC (after conclusion of the association agreement)
- **Transitional arrangement 2025**
  - Access to ERC Starting, Synergy and Consolidator Grant 2025
  - Access to remaining Horizon Europe & Euratom calls as «beneficiary» (except strategic areas)
    - Funding: EAER / SERI or EC (after conclusion of the association agreement)
- **Association**
  - Access to the Horizon package 2021-2027 as «beneficiary» and to comitology (incl. ERA)
    - Retroactive application to tenders in 2025 possible
    - Funding: EC (with mandatory contributions from Switzerland)