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

- Start of negotiations on the overall package
- Adoption of the negotiating mandates for the overall package in CH and the EU
- Conclusion of the negotiations on the overall package
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- Start of negotiations for association to the Horizon package 2021-2027
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Time

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 Horizon Europe & Euratom 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 (and if applicable 2024) possible
Funding: EC (with mandatory contributions from Switzerland)