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**

- **Horizon package 2021-2027:** Further steps
  - Start of exploratory talks on association to EU programmes
  - Start of negotiations for association to the Horizon package 2021-2027
  - Conclusion of the negotiations on the association to the Horizon package 2021-2027 (initialling of the agreements on EU programmes)
  - Conclusion of the agreement on the Horizon Package 2021-2027

- **Horizon-Paket 2021-2027:** Status of participation
  - Transitional arrangement 2024
    Access to ERC Advanced and Proof of Concept Grants 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)