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## Horizon 2020 funding if there's no Brexit deal

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### What does it cover?

- The **Horizon 2020** underwrite guarantee and the recent extension to the guarantee
- How the government intends to work with United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI) on the underwrite guarantee
- The current status of Horizon 2020
- How access to Horizon 2020 for UK organisations may change throughout the duration of the Horizon 2020 project.

### What will happen?

- UK organisations may not be able to access funding for Horizon 2020 projects after 29 March 2019.
- However, the government has committed to underwrite funding for all successful UK bids for EU programmes including **Horizon 2020** submitted before the UK's departure from the EU, for the lifetime of the projects, even if they are notified of their success after exit.
- Only UK organisations participating in consortia will have access to this funding, not any other organisations from other countries in the consortia.<sup>12</sup>
- Funding will also be guaranteed by the government for successful bids where UK organisations can participate as a third country.<sup>3</sup>
- Government is also working with UKRI to create and International Research and Innovation Strategy.

**Post Horizon 2020**, the government intends to work with the EU to ensure a continuing collaboration in research and innovation.

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<sup>1</sup> The government is in discussing options for UK participants who lead consortia and are therefore responsible for distributing funding.

<sup>2</sup> The government's underwrite guarantee notes that government is in discussion with consideration of projects in which the UK's change from Member State to Third Country status could lead to concerns about the UK's compliance in H2020 rules (including where a consortium no longer meets the threshold for Member State participants)

<sup>3</sup> Third country participation does not apply to some Horizon 2020 calls, including European Research Council (ERC) grants, some Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) and the SME instrument.

### What will businesses have to do?

- Government is working in partnership with UKRI to create a portal for current UK recipients of **Horizon 2020** funding to provide data about their projects.
- UKRI will then use these details to inform them of the next steps.
- The portal will remain open after the UK's departure from the EU so that UK applicants can continue to submit their information.

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