Program Horizon Europe Thematic Launch Events

16-30 March 2021
Hosted by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, National Contact Point (NCP) for Horizon Europe
Information about the event program
All thematic events start with a plenary livestream from our RVO studio in the morning. In the morning sessions, we will look at the different opportunities Horizon Europe has to offer within each theme. In addition, experienced participants and experts will share tips for a successful application.

After the lunch break, we will start with parallel information sessions, either theme specific or general. All afternoon sessions are hosted in WebEx. In your registration form you can indicate which sessions you like to attend in the afternoon. During the breaks in the afternoon, you will have the possibility to receive relevant information at the virtual stands.

After registration, you will receive a confirmation email. This email gives you access to the online event platform on the day of your registration. All sessions (including the WebEx meetings) can be accessed through the event platform.

Information about the afternoon sessions
**Pink sessions:** Sessions without a thematic focus: some of the sessions are not specific for a research theme. This means that you can attend these session on any day you like.

**Blue sessions:** thematic session: these sessions provide you with information about the funding possibilities with the specific topic mentioned in the title.

**Green sessions** networking session: these sessions give you the possibility to meet other participants working on a similar theme.

Below you find information about the general sessions, offered at multiple events. These sessions have a pink color in the program.

**Opportunities under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**
MSCA support the development of researchers at all career stages. In this session you can find out about the different funding possibilities under MSCA, such as funding for Postdoctoral Fellowships, Doctoral Networks, Staff Exchange and CO-FUND. Also for companies and other non-academic organizations, the MSCA can provide interesting funding opportunities.

**How to apply for a MSCA Doctoral Network (offered on 23 & 30 March)**
The MSCA Doctoral Networks drive scientific excellence and innovation by bring together universities, research institutes and participants from the non-academic sector to recruit and train researchers to doctorate level. Are you interested in applying for a Doctoral Training Network? This session will provide you with all the information you need to know.

**How to apply for an ERC grant**
Are you looking for funding for your ground-breaking research idea? In this info session we will provide you with all the information you need before applying for an European Research Council Starting-, Consolidator- or Advanced Grant. We will tell you about the possibilities, rules and procedures and you will have the possibility to ask your questions about ERC grants to the NCPs.

**Horizon Europe Legal and Financial aspects**
Would you like to find out more about the legal and financial aspects of participating in a Horizon Europe project? In this session you will receive an update on the important changes for Horizon Europe. You also have the opportunity to ask your questions to the experts from RVO.

**Opportunities for SMEs – EIC Accelerator**
Are you working on a high-risk, high potential innovation? EIC Accelerator might be the scheme for your company. EIC Accelerator funds SMEs with radically new ideas, underpinned by a business plan for rolling out marketable innovation solutions and with ambitions to scale up. In this session you can find out if your company and innovation fits the EIC Accelerator by asking your questions to the experts from RVO.

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16 March 2021: Digital, Industry and Space

### Digital, Industry & Space outlook to Horizon Europe and experiences from the past
Livestream with speakers from the EC, TNO, LioniX, TU Delft and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Change

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Information about the thematic sessions on 16 March: Digital, Industry and Space

Digital, Industry & Space outlook to Horizon Europe and experiences from the past (10:00h-11:20h)
Get inspired to get started by talks from experts from the European Commission, the Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate Policy, the National Contact Points and more! Join us during this livestream from the RVO studio to learn what Horizon Europe has in store for you. Listen to interesting conversations with experts who will share what Horizon 2020 has brought to their projects and learn what the NCPs from RVO can do for you to be successful in the following 7 years.

A bird’s-eye view on Digital (13:00h-13:45h and 14:00h-14:45h)
Are you working on ground breaking solutions within destination 1 & 2 (Climate Neutral, Circular And Digitised Production and Increased Autonomy In Key Strategic Value Chains For Resilient Industry)? During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need to prepare for Horizon Europe.

A bird’s-eye view on (circular) Industry (13:00h-13:45h and 14:00h-14:45h)
Are you working on ground breaking solutions within destination 3 (World Leading Data And Computing Technologies), Destination 4 (Digital And Emerging Technologies For Competitiveness And Fit For The Green Deal) or Destination 6 (A Human-Centred And Ethical Development Of Digital And Industrial Technologies)? During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need to prepare for Horizon Europe.

Focus on other relevant co-funded R&I programs (14:00h-14:45)
Are you interested in learning more about the Eureka clusters or the institutionalized partnerships EuroHPC and Key Digital Technologies? During this session you will learn all about the latest developments and opportunities within these programs.

Deep dive in the Digital Europe Program (15:00h-15:45h)
Are you interested in learning more about the Digital Europe Program, the program focused on the deployment of digital technologies, the development of digital skills and infrastructure? During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need on this new program.

A bird’s-eye view on Space (15:00h-15:45h)
Are you working on ground breaking solutions within destination 5 (Open Strategic Autonomy In Developing, Deploying And Using Global Space-Based Infrastructures, Services, Applications And Data)? During this info session the National Contact Point will provide you with all the information you need to prepare for Horizon Europe.

Opportunities for early-stage research (15:00h-15:45h)
Are you working on early-stage research? During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need on the EIC Pathfinder and the opportunities within Emerging & Enabling Technologies in cluster 4.
### 18 March 2021: Health

**10:00 – 11:45**

**Kick-start of your Life, Sciences & Health journey in Horizon Europe**

Get inspired to get started by talks from experts such as Anne May (UMC Utrecht) and NCPs from RVO

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Kick-start of your Life, Sciences & Health journey in Horizon Europe (10:00h-11:45h)
Join us during this livestream from the RVO studio to learn what Horizon Europe has in store for you. Listen to interesting conversations with two experts who will share what Horizon 2020 has brought to their projects and learn what the NCPs from RVO can do for you to be successful in the following 7 years.

Explore your possibilities within the Health work program destination 5&6 (13:00h-13:45h)
Are you working on ground breaking solutions within destination 5 & 6 (Unlocking the full potential of new tools, technologies and digital solutions for a healthy society and Maintaining an innovative, sustainable and globally competitive health industry)? During this info session we will provide you all the information you need to know on: topics, budgets and upcoming deadlines.

Learn from Prof. Catharina Hartman (UMCG) what made her successful in H2020 (13:00h-13:45h)
Do you need some inspiration to get started with your own project? Prof. Catharina Hartman will provide insights in her successful Horizon 2020 project and give some tips and tricks on writing and submitting a proposal.

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Insights on being successful in cross cultural consortia and the role of the private sector in Horizon Europe projects (15:00h-15:45h)
Rob Smeets (funding program manager at Philips research) and one representative from a NGO will provide insights on their experiences with international consortia in Horizon 2020. And provide you with tips and tricks to start a strong consortium.

How can we reduce the burden of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the future? (15:00h-15:45h)
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What does a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic do with our mental health? (15:00h-15:45h)
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**Essentials for participation in Cluster 2 (Society) (13:00h-13:45h and 15:00h-15:45)**
You are collaborating, researching, governing, or are otherwise involved in themes like: democracy, governance, cultural heritage, or cultural and creative industries – then join this session during which we will provide you with all you need to know about: topics, budgets and upcoming deadlines.

**Matchmaking and networking session Cluster 2 (Society) (13:00h-13:45h)**
Join this session to discuss with likeminded people, and perhaps meet your peers to start collaborating in a future Horizon Europe project.

**Essentials for participation in Cluster 3 (Security) (13:00h-13:45h and 15:00h-15:45)**
You are collaborating, researching, governing, or are otherwise involved in themes like: cybersecurity, EU external borders, crime & terrorism, disaster management – then join this session during which we will provide you with all you need to know about: topics, budgets and upcoming deadlines.

**Inside information for a winning proposal (14:00-14:45)**
In this session you will learn what an evaluator sees when he/she reads and scores your proposal. You will also gain insight on the evaluation process and will have the opportunity to ask anything you always wanted to know about the evaluation process.

**Matchmaking and networking session Cluster 3 (Security) (14:00-14:45)**
Join this session to discuss with likeminded people, and perhaps meet your peers to start collaborating in a future Horizon Europe project.
25 March 2021: Climate, Energy and Mobility

**10:00 – 11:50**
Climate, Energy and Mobility experiences and successes in Horizon 2020 and outlook to Horizon Europe
Livestream with policymakers and innovators, hosted by Corinne van Voorden (National Contact Point)

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Plenary closure: Wrap up & speak to you soon! (no registration needed)

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Information about the thematic sessions on 25 March: Climate, Energy and Mobility

Climate, Energy and Mobility Experiences and Successes in Horizon 2020 and Outlook to Horizon Europe (10:00h-11:50h)
Join us during this livestream from the RVO studio to learn what Horizon Europe has in store for you. Listen to success stories of three researchers and innovators who will share their experiences with Horizon 2020 projects, and learn what is needed for preparing a successful project proposal within Horizon Europe.

Interactive Session Climate Sciences and Responses (13:00h-13:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to co-operate on climate sciences? In this session we will address the topics part of Destination 1 ‘Climate sciences and responses for the transformation towards climate neutrality’.

Interactive Session Energy (13:00h-13:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to co-operate in research and innovation for a climate neutral energy system? In this session the National Contact Point for Energy provides you with information to prepare proposals for the topics of destinations 3 and 4 of the cluster 5 work program, such as the focus, budgets and deadlines.

Info Session Mobility (13:00h-13:45h)
Are you active in research and innovation for a clean, competitive, safe and smart transport and mobility system? During this info session we will provide you with information to prepare proposals for the topics of destination 5 and 6 of the Cluster 5 work program, such as the focus, budgets and deadlines.

Interactive Session Cross-sectoral Solutions for the Climate transition (14:00h-14:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to co-operate on the climate transition? In this session, we will address the topics part of Destination 2 related to ‘Communities and Cities’ and ‘Citizens and Stakeholder Engagement’.

Opportunities for Hydrogen (14:00h-14:45h)
If you wanted to work on hydrogen under Horizon 2020 you knew where to find opportunities: they were concentrated in the partnership Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCHJU). Within Horizon Europe several partnerships deal with hydrogen. This session provides you with an overview of this richer, but also complex funding landscape.

Networking Session Mobility (14:00h-14:45h)
Join this networking session to discuss the opportunities for research and innovation in Mobility (destination 5 and 6) with likeminded people, and perhaps meet your peers to start collaborating in a future Horizon Europe project.

Opportunities for early-stage research (15:00h-15:45h)
The work program of cluster 5 provides rather few opportunities for so called “breakthrough technologies”. If low TRL research is what you are focused on, then the EIC Pathfinder might be for you. During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need on the EIC Pathfinder.

Deep dive on Batteries (15:00-15:45h)
Are you working on groundbreaking solutions within batteries (Destination 2: Cross-sectoral solutions for the climate transition; A competitive and sustainable European battery value chain)? During this info session the National Contact Points will provide you with all the information you need in order to prepare for Horizon Europe.
# 30 March 2021: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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Information about the thematic sessions on 30 March: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Livestream with (EU) policy makers and practitioners (10:00h-11:50h)
Join us during this livestream from the RVO studio to learn what cluster 6 in Horizon Europe has to offer you. Listen to interesting experiences from three experts who will share their experiences with Horizon 2020 projects, learn what is needed for a successful project proposal and how the National Contact Points from RVO can help to be successful in Europe!

Session Natural Resources & Environment (13:00h-13:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to address water, environmental and climate change adaptation challenges? During this session we will provide you all the information you need to know on relevant topics, missions and upcoming deadlines. Furthermore, we will inspire you with some tips & tricks for the development of a successful project proposal and facilitate an interactive Q&A session.

Session Agri, Soil & Food (13:00h-13:45h)
Do you want to contribute to the transition to sustainable food systems and ensuring food and nutrition security for all within planetary boundaries? During this session we will provide you all the information you need to know on relevant topics, missions and upcoming deadlines. Furthermore, we will inspire you with some tips & tricks for the development of a successful project proposal and facilitate an interactive Q&A session.

Session Biodiversity and Ecosystems (14:00h-14:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to address biodiversity and ecosystem challenges? During this session we will provide you all the information you need to know on relevant topics and upcoming deadlines. Furthermore, we will inspire you with some tips & tricks for the development of a successful project proposal and facilitate an interactive Q&A session.

Session Circular & Bioeconomy (15:00h-15:45h)
Are you looking for opportunities to address circular and bioeconomy challenges? During this session we will provide you all the information you need to know on relevant topics and upcoming deadlines. Furthermore, we will inspire you with some tips & tricks for the development of a successful project proposal and facilitate an interactive Q&A session.

Meet your network I: session Natural Resources, Environment, Biodiversity & Ecosystems (15:00h-15:45h)
Join this session to network and discuss topics with likeminded people. An opportunity to find partners to collaborate with in upcoming project(s)!

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‘Lagerhuis’ debate: socio vs techno solutions (16:00h-16:30h – no registration needed)
Join us during this closing debate where experts will give their view on what they think will be necessary for society to ensure transformational change. Will this be spear-headed by new forms of behavior, organization and cooperation? Or by technological advancements? Perhaps a combination of both?