

# Horizon Europe

what are the implications in the domain of innovation

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# GENERAL FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS

## Switzerland...

... is sometimes a bit special.



## BUT the Swiss R&I community

has always been and will be **happy to join European teams** when it comes to research and innovation!



## political boundary conditions





# POSSIBLE SCENARIOS → PERSPECTIVE OF SERI

Depending on EU members' and EC's goodwill and, first of all, on Swiss home politics' success in making accession negotiations with EU possible:

**scenario 1: Timely association** of CH to “Horizon Package”  
= {HEU, DEP, Euratom, ITER}

**scenario 2: solely TC-mode participation of CH:** CH participants are “downgraded” from “beneficiary” to “associated partner” status:  $\implies$  only collaborative projects (i.e. no EIC and ERC), eligible for neither CSAs nor strategic projects related to technological sovereignty in Europe (e.g. digital, quantum, space), no comitology representation.

**scenario 3: something inbetween** scenario 1 and 2.



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# 3 GENERIC STEPS OF SERI FOR DEALING WITH THE THIRD COUNTRY STATUS

HEU participation in TC mode: participation in collaborative projects only, no beneficiary status, no CSAs, ...

**Transient measures:** all participations in 2021 calls or such ones where CH partners have already been evaluated by EC, will be funded by SERI. Still hope for 2022 association  $\implies$  apply in prospective AC mode and be prepared for the worst

**Complementary measures:** are independent from association status, initially intended to provide additional support for HEU participation in AC mode...

**Replacement measures:** iff no association for  $\leq 2024$ . However we all are aware, that there is no replacement for full FP participation.



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# SERI'S POSITION TO THIRD COUNTRY MODE

## Association asap is still FC's goal

**better than nothing:** all what is accessible in TC mode:  
funded by SERI (transient measures for 2021,  
hope for association 2022  $\implies$  stay in touch and  
prepare TC fall-back solution to be funded by  
SERI...)

**what really hurts:** all that is *accessible neither in TC nor in AC  
mode*  $\implies$  complementary measures ...

**no association achieved until 2024:** ...no need to talk about  
that now.



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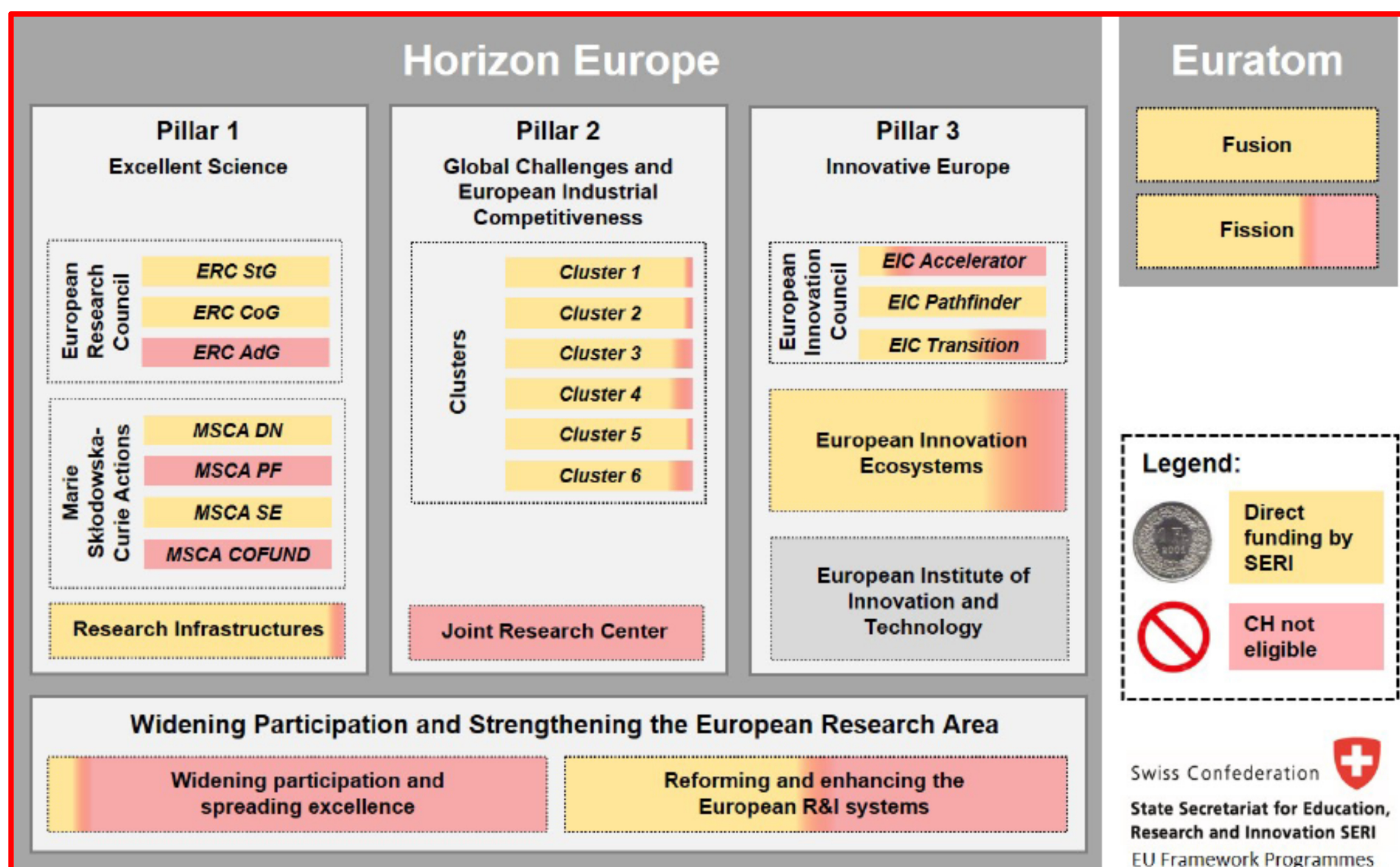
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# ELIGIBILITY AND FUNDING OF SWISS PARTNERS IN 2021 CALLS



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# FAQ



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- ▶ from our FAQ at [www.horizon-europe.ch](http://www.horizon-europe.ch),
- ▶ from Euresearch: [www.euresearch.ch](http://www.euresearch.ch),
- ▶ from us: [europrogram@sbf.admin.ch](mailto:europrogram@sbf.admin.ch).



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# HORIZON EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL INNOSUISSE CALLS 2022: WHAT WORKS?

Horizon Europe (management SERI, advice Euresearch)

- ✓ Cluster Digital, Industry and Space → check with Euresearch if Swiss partners are eligible
- ✓ EU Partnerships: co-programmed partnership Photonics → Switzerland contributes to definition of photonics topics in Horizon Europe calls

Innosuisse

- ✓ Eurostars: call for innovative SME, no thematic restrictions; Swiss companies are eligible for funding, call deadlines (tbc): 24.3.2022 and 15.9.2022
- ✓ EUREKA Photonics Call 2022: thematic, multilateral call; Standard Innosuisse rules apply (Swiss companies are not eligible for funding, universities are); call announcement early 2022.

# HORIZON EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL INNOSUISSE CALLS 2022: DIFFICULT AREAS

## Horizon Europe

- ✘ Projects related to strategic European areas such as digital, quantum, space
- ✘ European Innovation Council - Accelerator
- ✘ Institutionalised EU Partnerships

## Innosuisse

- ✘ Key Digital Technologies (follow-up programme of ECSEL)



# HORIZON EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL INNOSUISSE CALLS 2022: TRANSIENT MEASURES?

## Horizon Europe

- SERI funding for approved Horizon Europe applications

## Innosuisse (transient for Key Digital Technologies)

- EUREKA Cluster XECS: thematic call in the area of electronic components and systems; standard Innosuisse rule apply (Swiss companies are not eligible for funding, universities are); deadline full proposal: 28.5.2022
- EUREKA Cluster ITEA-4: thematic call in the area of software-intensive systems, standard Innosuisse rule apply (Swiss companies are not eligible for funding, universities are); deadline full proposal: 15.2.2022

# HORIZON EUROPE AND INTERNATIONAL INNOSUISSE CALLS 2022: WHAT'S NEW?

## Horizon Europe / SERI – Innosuisse cofounded partnerships

- Driving Urban Transition: Calls in the area of a) urban mobility and space, b) positive energy districts and neighbourhoods and c) urban greening and circularity; cooperation with SNSF, SFOE and FOCA; first call in summer 2022.
- Health and Care System Transformation: cooperation with SNSF and FOPH; first call in autumn 2022
- Federal Offices engage in more EU partnerships, which can be relevant for the photonics area, like Clean Energy Transition (SFOE) -> check Euresearch Website



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