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HORIZON EUROPE

THE EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROGRAMME

2021 – 2027

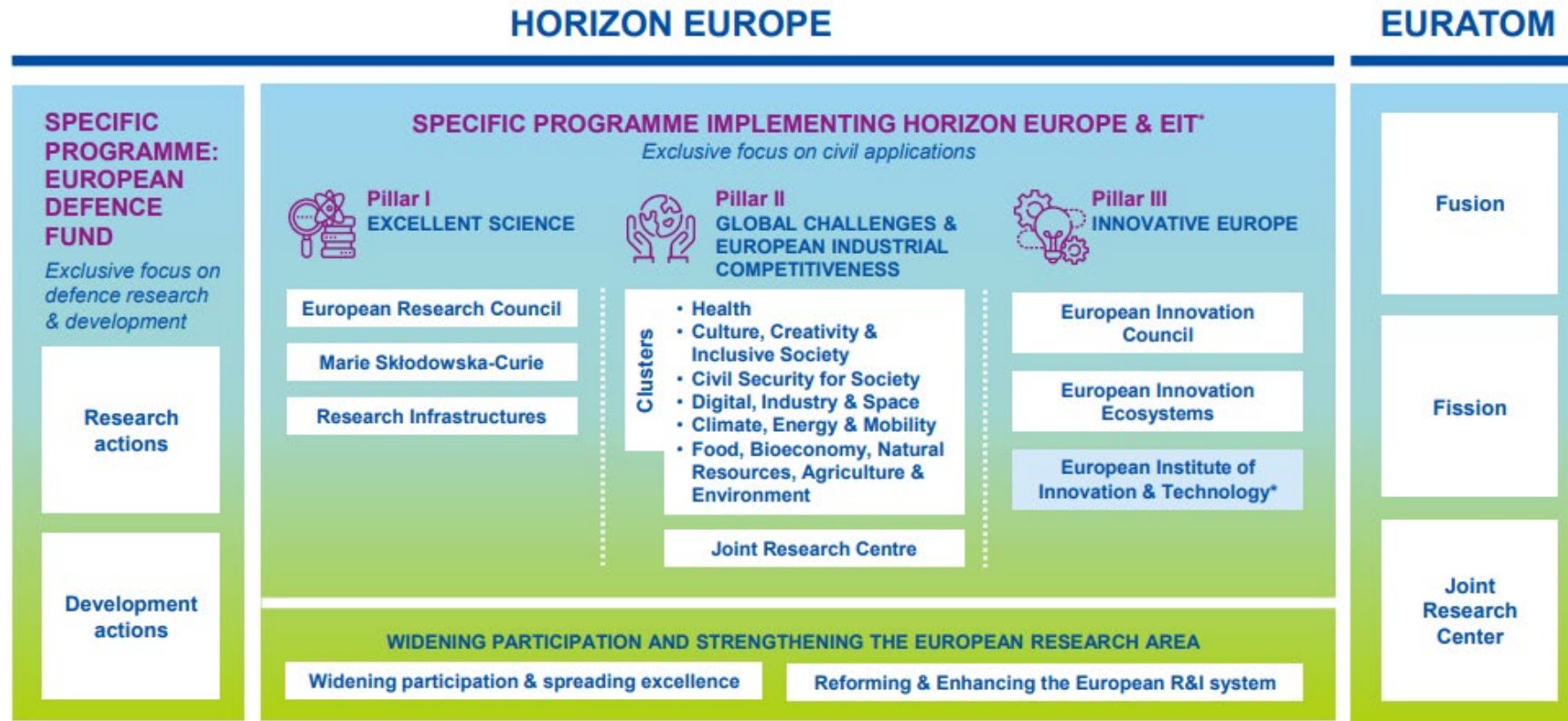
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Horizon Europe Information Event, "Horizon
Europe: State-of-Play and Opportunities for
Armenia"

22 October 2025, Yerevan, Armenia

Research and
Innovation

Horizon Europe Framework Programme



* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

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Key figures: Horizon Europe is well underway

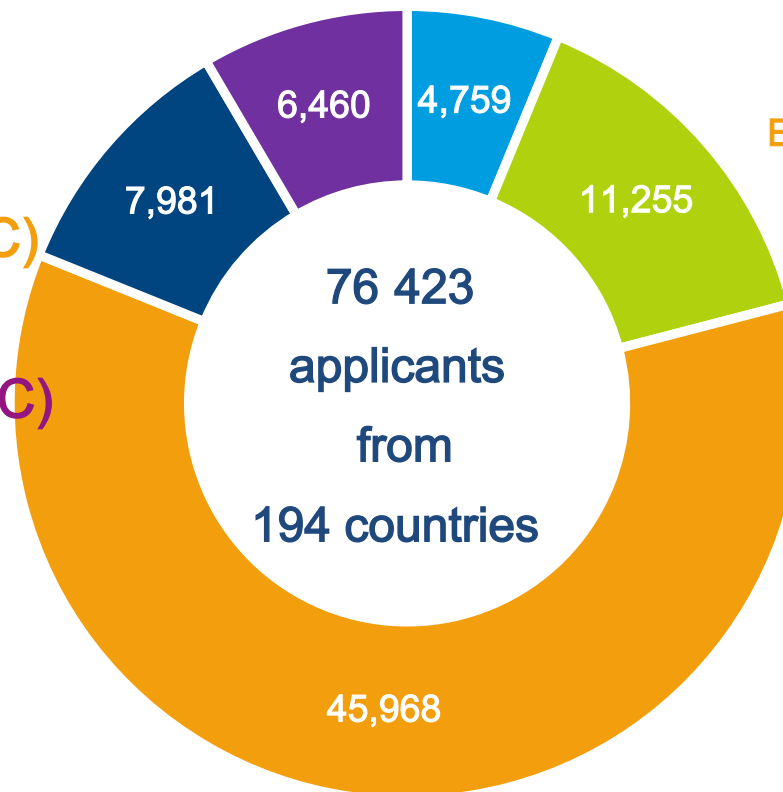
 **Higher Education (HES)**

 **Private for-profit entities (PRC)**
(excluding Higher Education)

 **Research Organisations (REC)**

 **Public bodies (PUB)**
(excluding Research Organisations and
Secondary or Higher Education)

 **Other (OTH)**



€ 43.2 billion
EU contribution in grants



15 148
signed grants



€ 2.9 million
average grant size

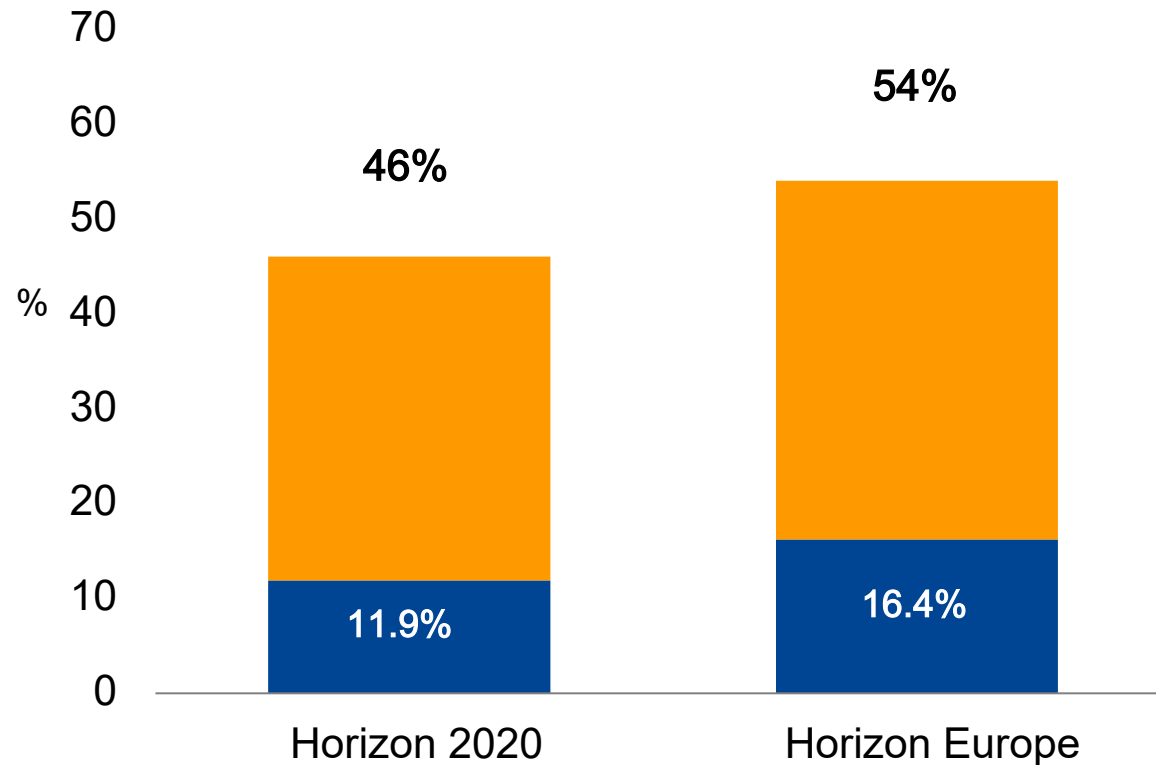


28 136
unique participants

As of 6 January 2025

Proposal success rates and quality increased

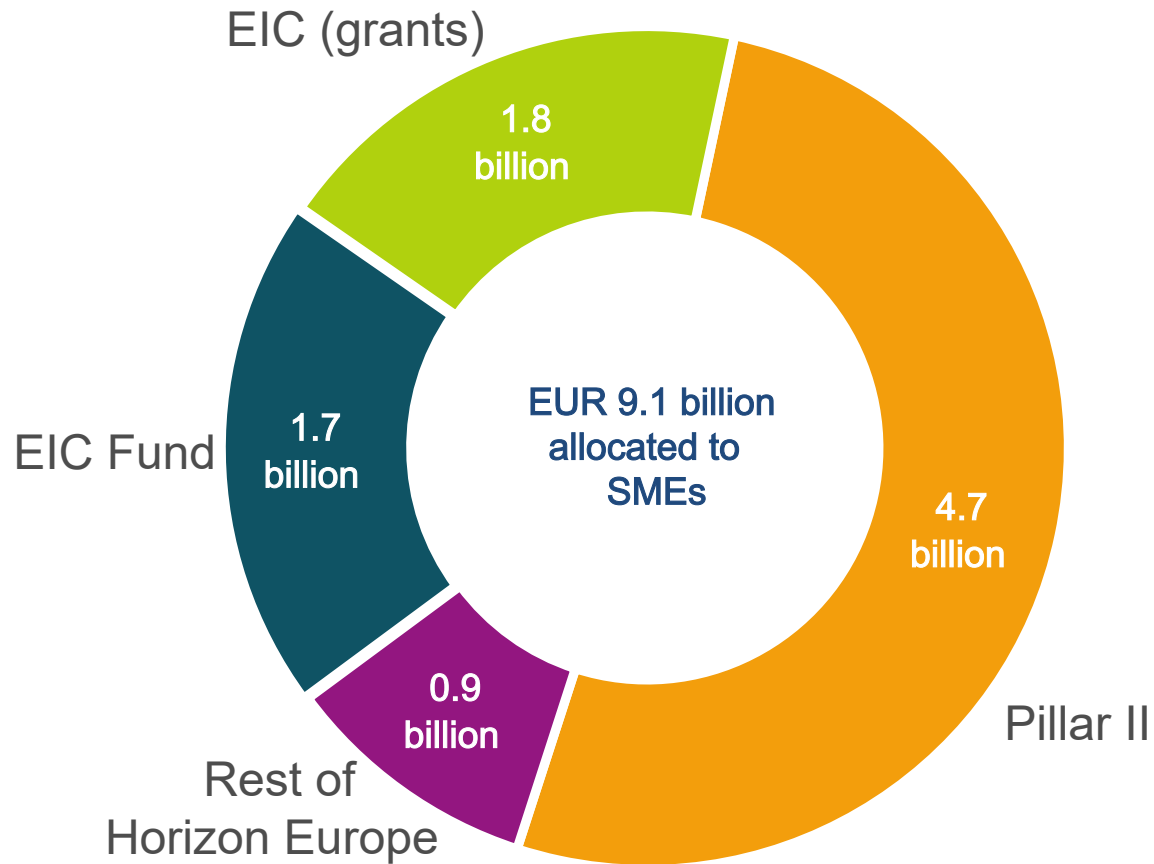
High-quality proposals and success rates



Proposal success rate increased from 11.9% to 16.4% under Horizon Europe

54% of all proposals were marked as **high-quality proposals** under Horizon Europe (was 46% in Horizon 2020)

Over 20% of total funding so far allocated to SMEs



Pillar II involves 70% of all SME unique participants and provides 68% of all EU contribution for SMEs (EUR 4.7 billion). Approximately 15% of the joint undertakings funding went to SMEs.

The **EIC grants** provided EUR 1.8 billion for SMEs more than any other programme part.

The **EIC Fund** approved equity investments for start-ups and SMEs - adding **EUR 1.7 billion** for SMEs, totalling the investments to **9.1 billion** (20.3% of EUR 44.9 billion total funding, including the approved equity investments). Excluding equity investments, SMEs received 17% of programme funding.

Horizon Europe legislation defines three types of impact tracked through Key Impact Pathways



Work Programme 2025

- Adopted on **14 May** 2025
- Published in Official Journal and opening of first calls on **15 May**
- Result of an intensive **co-creation and co-design** process
- In line with the research and innovation priorities outlined in the Horizon Europe **strategic plan for 2025-2027** (the green transition, the digital transition and a more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe).
- In line with the EU's main policy priorities as set out in the Commission's Political Guidelines for 2024-2029

Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025

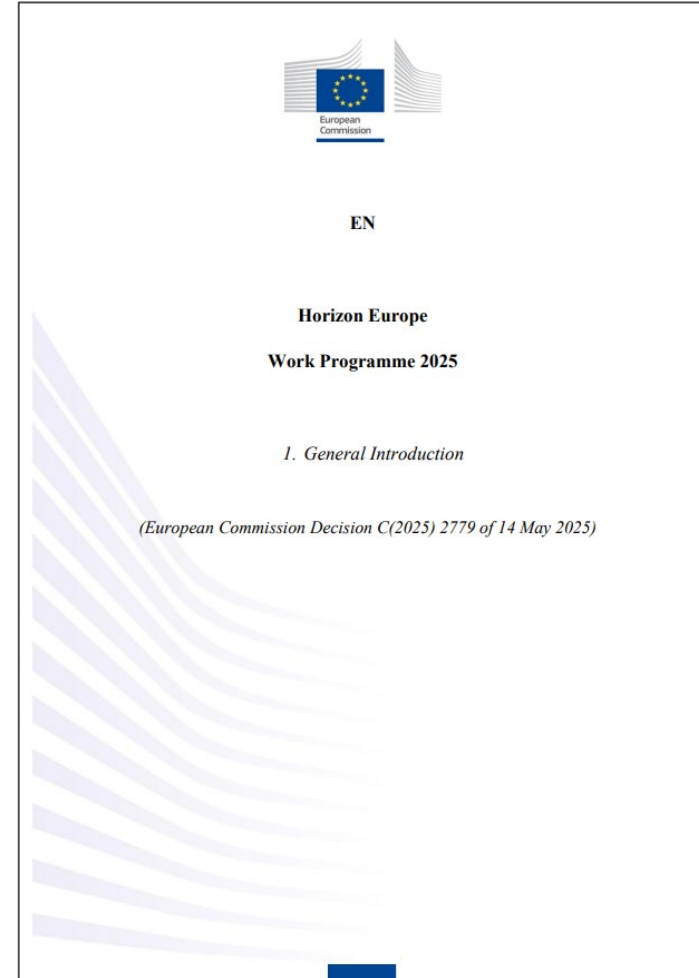
Topics to be funded include:

- Encouraging the development of AI
- Supporting the EUMissions and the NewEuropeanBauhaus Facility
- ChooseEurope for Science to attract promising talent through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

Out of the total €7.3 billion investment:

- 35% is dedicated for climate action
- 8.8% for biodiversity
- 36% for the digital transition

More information available under the following [link](#).





The Horizon Europe 'main' work programme 2026-2027

‘Main’ work programme 2026-2027: Context

- Last work programme under Horizon Europe 2021-2027
- In line with the [Strategic Plan 2025-2027](#) key strategic orientations:
 - Green transition
 - Digital transition
 - A more resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe
- In line with the [European Commission priorities](#) (2024-2029):
 - Sustainable prosperity and competitiveness
 - Security and defence
 - Supporting people, strengthening our societies and our social model
 - Sustaining our quality of life
 - Protecting our democracy, upholding our values
 - A global Europe

'Main' work programme 2026-2027: indicative planning

- **Q4 2024-Q3 2025:** Preparation of draft work programme 2026-2027 in co-creation within the Commission and co-design with Member States/Associated countries in line with the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 and the political priorities
- **Q4 2025:** Formal consultation of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee configurations and procedural steps towards adoption
- **December 2025:** Expected adoption of the 'main' work programme 2026-2027

A continued effort towards simplification

- **Less prescriptive topic descriptions and fewer topics** resulting in an expected reduction of the overall length of the work programme text
- **Increased use of lump sum funding** with the aim to simplify financial management and reduce administrative burden for participants
- **Use of topics with two stage evaluations** where relevant allowing applicants to submit a shorter summary proposal and submit a full proposal only if successful in the first stage
- **Reduced complexity of the proposal template**

The Republic of Armenia in Horizon Europe – cut-off date 17 October 2025



144 ELIGIBLE PROPOSALS

- 177 proposals in total
- Success rate of 12.02%



26 SIGNED GRANTS

- Out of 28 Participations
- **1 SME participation from Armenia with an EU financial contribution of EUR 0.3 million**



EUR 8.1 MIO. CONTRIBUTION

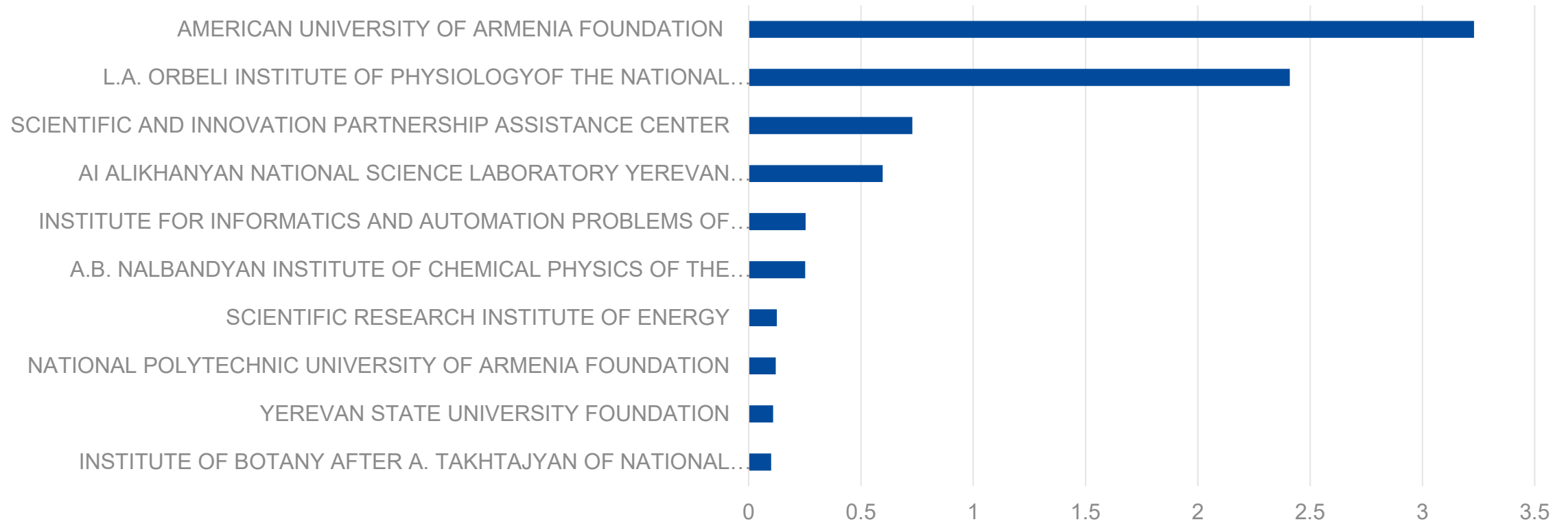
- Widening participation and spreading excellence (EUR 6.0 million)
- 2 participations in *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)* with EU contribution of EUR 620 579,12

All data is taken from the public [Horizon Dashboard](#)

1) Overall success rate for eligible proposals in Horizon Europe: 17%

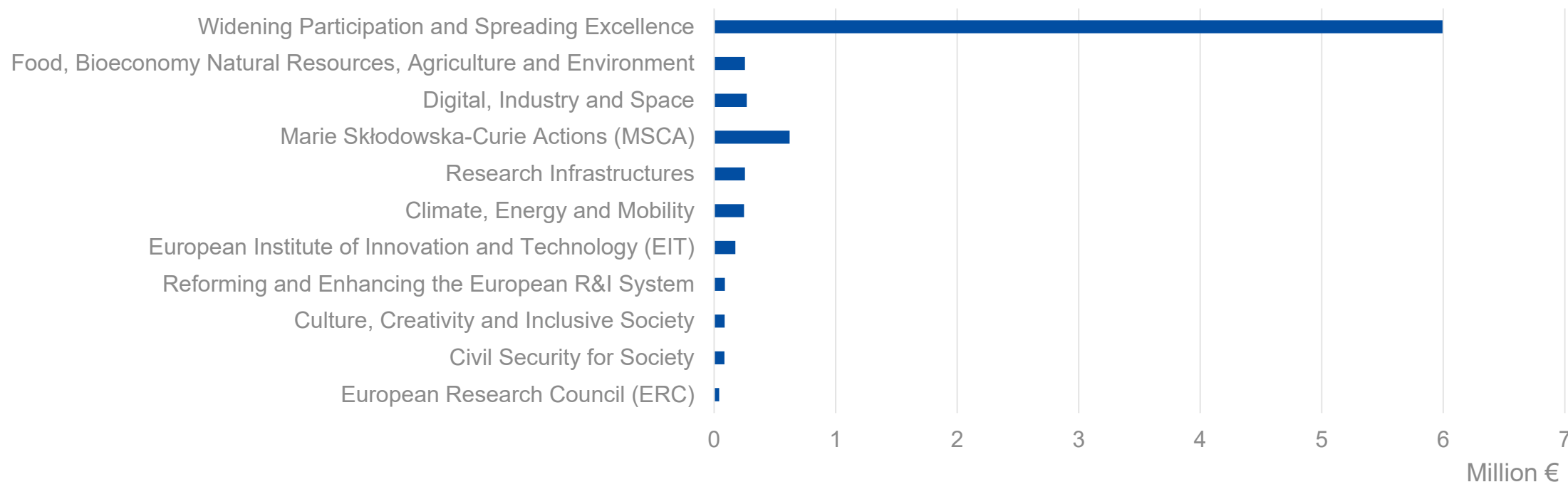
Top 10 Organisations By Net EU Contribution

Million €



Signed Horizon Europe Grants Per Thematic Area

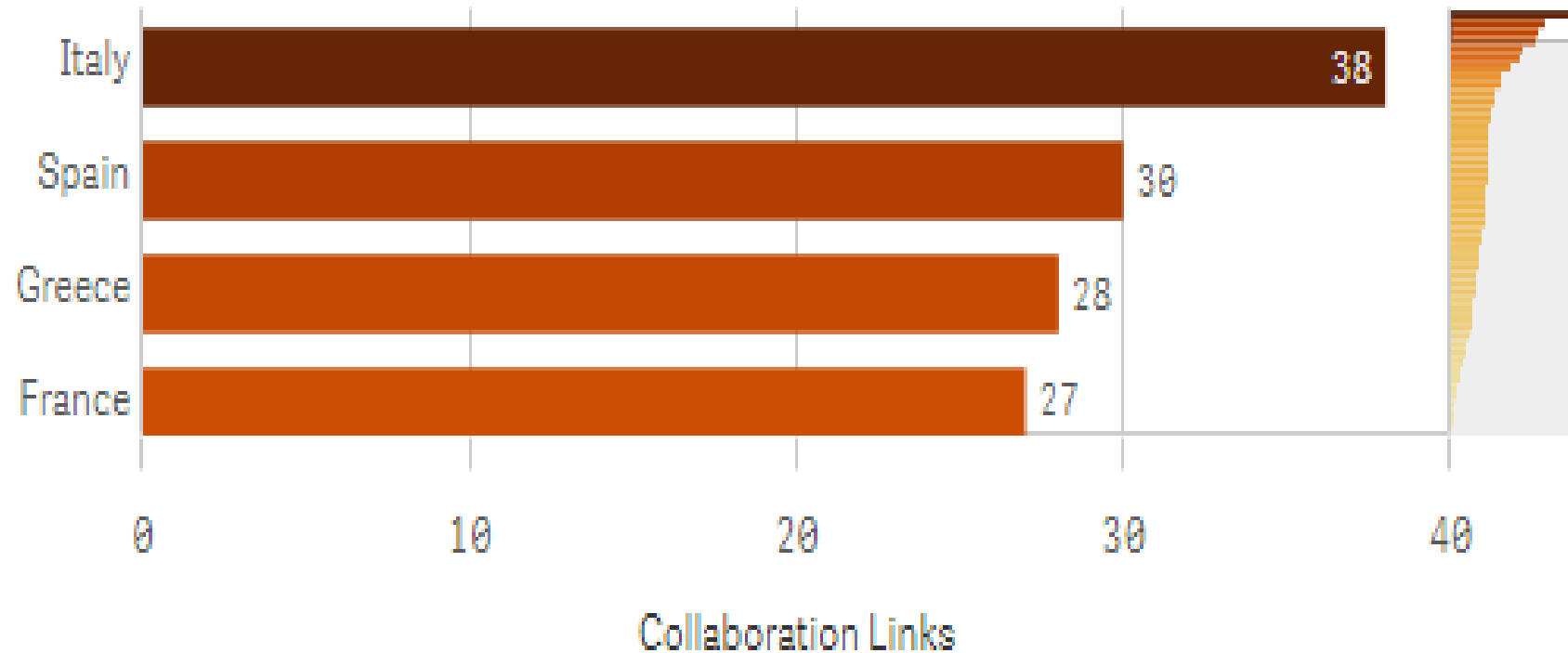
Net Requested EU Contribution



Collaborative links in Horizon Europe projects with participants from Armenia and the EU

Top Collaborations

Collaboration links in the projects where Armenia is involved



A collaborative links is calculated as the number of overall connections between participants of the same- and other countries.
See R&I Country Profile dashboard.



Horizon Europe 2028 - 2034

DG RTD

08/09/2025



The legal package

- **Regulation** establishing Horizon Europe including the rules for participation and dissemination (as required by the Treaty)
- **Specific programme** to implement 'Horizon Europe' (as required by the Treaty)
- **Impact assessment** (European Competitiveness Fund, ECF)
- Complemented by the **Regulation for the ECF**, including **Specific Programme for Defence**
- ... and by the **Performance Framework** for the Union programmes and activities

The structure of the new Horizon Europe

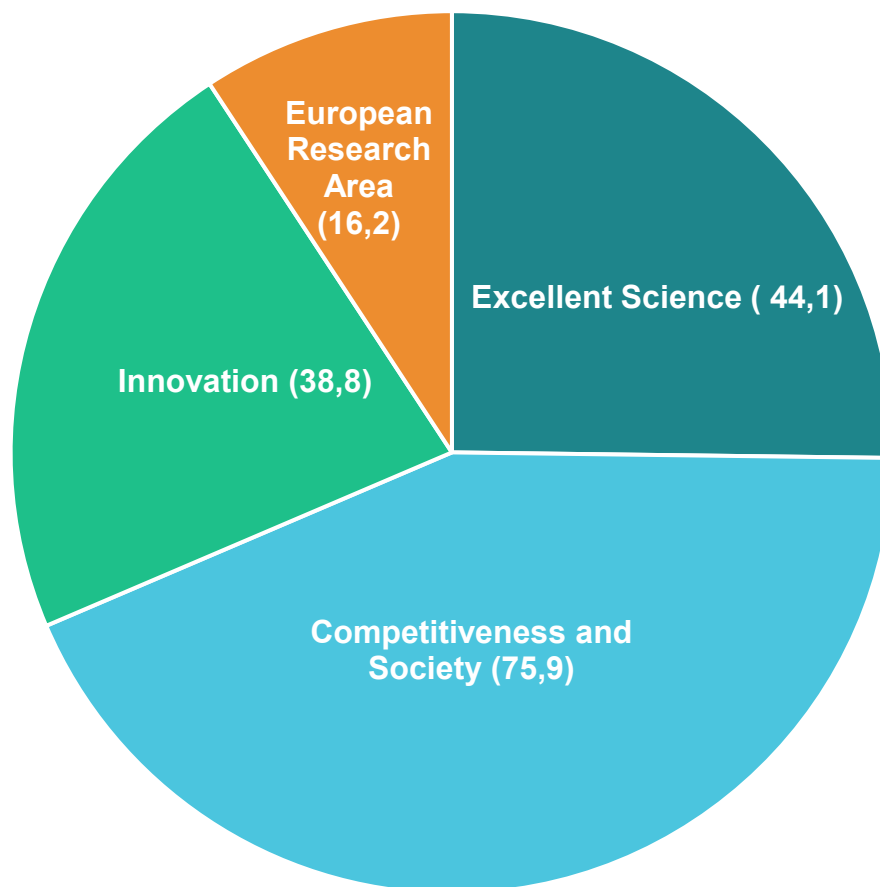


¹ Consistent with activities under the European Competitiveness Fund

The Budget

Horizon Europe total budget EUR 175 billion (current prices)

Figures all in EUR billion



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