



# HORIZON 2020

**Welcome** to the December edition of Horizon 2020 e-News, with a special welcome to our new subscribers.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## Wales secures €100m of Horizon 2020 funding

Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford has announced (12 November) that Wales has secured more than €100m from Horizon 2020 to support major research and development projects.

Since the launch of the highly-competitive programme, Welsh businesses and universities have been involved in more than 2,800 international collaborations. These have supported market-leading innovation and growth for Welsh businesses, bringing significant economic benefits for Wales and have helped to put Welsh universities at the forefront of research. More information [here](#).

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## SCoRE Cymru helps draw down over €5 million from Horizon 2020

Since its inception 5 years ago, SCoRE Cymru has contributed to a draw down into Wales of over €5.3 million from the Horizon 2020 programme. Supporting Wales based organisations applying principally to Horizon 2020, 249 applications have been approved supporting 86 individual organisations, with the majority of funding committed to Welsh SMEs.

For a limited time the maximum grant rates available via SCoRE Cymru have been increased for both Higher Education Institutes and other organisations (SMEs can already access up to 100% of eligible costs). Further details of these adjusted levels of support are available [here](#).

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## **£1.7 million EU funds to boost Wales' manufacturing sector**

Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford has announced (26 October) £1.7 million of EU funding to boost Wales' manufacturing sector. The EU funding will support small and medium-sized enterprises to maximise the use of advanced technology to create new and improved processes and products as part of the £2.8 million Advanced Design Engineering project.

Led by the University of Wales Trinity St David, the project will support manufacturing businesses to move away from traditional manufacturing methods to new processes, helping to increase their competitiveness and sustainability in global markets. More information [here](#).

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## **EU funds help underpin Wales' marine energy ambition**

Finance Secretary Mark Drakeford recently set out Wales' ambition to become a leading country in the development of marine energy. Delivering his keynote speech at the Ocean Energy Europe conference and exhibition in Edinburgh on 31 October, the Finance Secretary said:

“Over the last 18 months, the EU and Welsh Government has invested in a number of marine energy projects, including Morlais Consent, the Marine Energy Test Area in Pembrokeshire, Bombora Wavepower and Marine Power Systems, as well as ongoing support for Marine Energy Wales.

“We are striving to make Wales a leading player in the marine energy field with energy generated from waves and the tide playing an important role in our ambitions for a low-carbon economy.”

More information [here](#).

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## **Less red tape in Horizon 2020, say Auditors**

Following the introduction of a range of simplification measures, the administrative burden on those applying for and managing research grants under the Horizon 2020 programme has been reduced, according to the new [report](#) from the European Court of Auditors.

Most of the measures introduced by the European Commission have been effective, say the auditors, although there is still room for improvement. More information [here](#).

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## **Dates for your diary**

### **EUREKA Eurostars Funding National Info Day, Birmingham, 13 December 2018**

The Enterprise Europe Network in partnership with Innovate UK is holding an exclusive FREE half-day information and networking event introducing the EUREKA Eurostars programme and other funding opportunities delivered via other EUREKA Network programmes.

Eurostars is a joint programme between EUREKA and the European Commission, co-funded from the national budgets of 36 Eurostars Partner States and Countries and the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme. More information [here](#).

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### **Horizon 2020 Regenerative medicine: EU Partnering Event, Sweden, 10 January 2019**

The Swedish Research Council, Vinnova, Enterprise Europe Network, Innovate UK, and the Knowledge Transfer Network are hosting a partnering event focused on fostering and facilitating R&D project consortia for Horizon 2020 funded projects for topic BHC-07-2019 – Regenerative medicine: from new insights to new applications.

The event, open to SMEs, larger companies, technology centres, universities and research organisations, will provide a platform for new translational research, commercial and technological collaborations, especially between UK and Swedish businesses and research organisations. More information [here](#).

### **Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge Six: 2019 work programme information events, January 2019**

Following the update to Work Programme 2019 for Horizon 2020 earlier this year, the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is holding a series of information events discussing Societal Challenge Six: Europe in a changing world, in addition to wider research funding opportunities for social sciences and humanities available in Horizon 2020. The events will be held in two different locations as well as online:

Wednesday 9 January 2019 – Webinar

Monday 14 January 2019 – The British Academy, London

Thursday 17 January 2019 – Newcastle University

More information [here](#).

### **High Performance Computing and Extreme Scale Computing Technologies in Horizon 2020: Information and Consortia Building Event, London, 29 January 2019**

Innovate UK and the Knowledge Transfer Network are hosting the Horizon 2020 High Performance Computing and Extreme Scale Computing Technologies event which is aimed at supporting collaboration across the UK and Europe.

The event will cover insights on the call topics for 2019, and include opportunities for consortia building, proposal development and related brokerage activities. More information [here](#).

### **UK Space Conference 2019, International Convention Centre, Newport, 9-11 July 2019**

The [UK Space Agency](#) has announced that Wales will play host to the 2019 UK Space Conference between 9 and 11 July 2019. The conference is considered the most influential event for the space community, bringing together government, industry and academia, to build links, share opportunities and address mutual concerns at a crucial time of unprecedented change and growth for the sector. More information [here](#).

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### **Additional information**

If you are a recipient of Horizon 2020 funding, log on to the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) portal to provide information about your project.

The [portal \(available here\)](#) is designed to ensure that UKRI has initial information about

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projects and participants in order to keep organisations informed of the next steps regarding the implementation of underwrite payments, should they be required.

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## **Top Tip!**

Be inspired by some of the Welsh Horizon 2020 successes to date - take a look at the [\*\*business\*\*](#) and [\*\*higher education\*\*](#) focused case studies on the [\*\*Welsh Government Horizon 2020 website\*\*](#).

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## **Feedback**

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