Global collaboration

The major strength of UK research and innovation

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"Working with international partners is essential for addressing major global and societal challenges, while also helping to deliver economic impact and enhance quality of life across the UK."

UK Research and Innovation Chief Executive Sir Mark Walport

Global collaboration in Europe and across the world is crucial for the continued success of UK research and innovation. Our research base thrives when it engages with the best talent, organisations and facilities wherever they are in the world – enabling access to knowledge, markets, skills and partners.

UK Research and Innovation supports the UK government to ensure valuable links with global partners continue to grow. The UK government has outlined a commitment to develop a new fast-track visa route designed to attract elite researchers, scientists and specialists in Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM): https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-sets-out-vision-to-cement-uk-as-a-science-superpower

During the Article 50 extension

- UK researchers and businesses remain eligible to bid for all Horizon 2020 calls. UK partners should be treated as a member state partner in EU proposals. In collaborative projects they can be included as beneficiaries.
- The European Commission has advised evaluators that bids assessed in this period should not be evaluated ‘any differently than before’: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/expert/h2020_expert-briefing_en.pdf

Commitments from UK government

1. In the event of a no-deal exit from the EU, the UK government has guaranteed to fund all eligible successful competitive UK bids submitted to Horizon 2020 before the end of 2020, for the lifetime of the projects. UKRI will manage delivery of the guarantee. All UK Horizon 2020 and Research Fund for Coal and Steel grant holders need to register here: www.ukri.org/research/international/ukri-eu-exit

2. If the European Commission stops evaluating UK bids that are submitted to the relevant mono-beneficiary European Research Council, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and EIC Accelerator (formerly SME instrument) programmes before EU exit, UKRI will manage the independent assessment of these proposals, with government funding made available to support awarded projects for their duration: www.ukri.org/news/government-announces-major-boost-for-uk-research-and-innovation

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