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### European Academies call for Excellence, Fairness and Openness in the Implementation of Horizon Europe

*ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, submitted a statement to the European Commission calling for a strong and well-resourced framework programme guided by principles of excellence, fairness and openness, and making concrete suggestions on their implementation in the current draft of the Commission's Strategic Plan on Horizon Europe.*

Within the frame of open consultations on the EU's next Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon Europe, ALLEA, through its Working Group Horizon Europe, has produced the statement "Delivering Horizon Europe". Considering the European Commission's [Orientations towards the Strategic Plan implementing the research and innovation framework programme Horizon Europe](#) as well as discussions during the recent Research and Innovation Days, ALLEA reiterates its priorities and provides concrete suggestions for amendments to the programme.

In order to achieve better conditions for research and innovation in the EU in the coming decades, and to position European research successfully in a competitive global environment, ALLEA believes it is of vital importance to consider the following points in the implementation process of Horizon Europe:

- Focus on funding excellence and 'blue sky thinking' through successful instruments like the European Research Council (ERC);
- Continue and intensify support for research mobility through programmes like Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) or ERASMUS;
- Arrange for fair and equal distribution of funds on the different clusters of Pillar 2 "Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness" in Horizon Europe;
- Follow a broad understanding of innovation which goes beyond technological innovation and hence supports interdisciplinarity, and which recognizes the value of humanities and social sciences in a less technocratic and instrumental way;
- Establish an independent, critical and continuous assessment of "Missions" in Horizon Europe;
- Continue "Institutional Partnerships" from Horizon 2020;
- Ensure Horizon Europe is 'open to the world' and allows for broad participation of Associated Countries.

Download the full statement here:

[http://allea.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ALLEA\\_Delivering\\_Horizon\\_Europe.pdf](http://allea.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ALLEA_Delivering_Horizon_Europe.pdf)

## ***Notes for Editors***

### **About ALLEA**

ALLEA is the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, representing more than 50 academies from over 40 countries in Europe. Since its foundation in 1994, ALLEA speaks out on behalf of its members on the European and international stages, promotes science as a global public good, and facilitates scientific collaboration across borders and disciplines. Jointly with its Member Academies, ALLEA works towards improving the conditions for research, providing the best independent and interdisciplinary science advice, and strengthening the role of science in society. In doing so, it channels the intellectual excellence and experience of European academies for the benefit of the research community, decision-makers and the public.

### **About the ALLEA Working Group Horizon Europe**

This ALLEA statement has been prepared by the ALLEA Working Group on Horizon Europe. Through its Working Group ALLEA provides input on behalf of the European academies into developing the EU's framework for research funding and the underlying legislation. The Working Group particularly seeks to ensure that European research funding programmes are developed with the interests of the "Wissenschafts"-community in mind and provide for full representation of all scientific disciplines.

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