Horizon 2020

Synergies with Structural Funds

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JPİs
- National funds
- Use of ESIF in joint calls and other joint actions

ERA-NET Co-fund
- H2020 grant
- Where ESIF can/cannot be combined

Art 185
- EU contribution based on national contributions
- Where ESIF can/cannot be combined
Use of ESIF in JPIs

ESIF can be used

Joint calls and actions

SRA

national ministries/agencies

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Trans-national projects level

Programming level

national beneficiary

Trans-national consortia

national beneficiary
Use of ESIF in JPIs

No limitations
- in compliance with national and ESIF funding rules.

Possible use in relation to
- national/regional contribution to joint calls
- research infrastructure (RIs) in relation to JPIs' SRA

Except if ERA-NET Cofund or Art 185 are used to implement the respective part of the SRA
Use of ESIF in the context of ERA-NET Cofund actions

- Horizon 2020 and European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) rules allow for the funding of the same action by two different Union funding sources provided **there is no double funding of the same cost-item**.
- MS may use structural funds for their contribution to the call, but only those MS contributions to the call budget that use **purely national contributions will qualify for co-funding from H2020**.
- **Any call contribution a MS makes that is co-financed by structural funds does not qualify for additional funding from H2020.**
- MS that have access to structural funds have to decide if they
  - use their national contribution in order to receive the H2020 funding (33% of the total funding = 50% of their national contribution), or
  - choose to participate in the call without H2020 funding and use the leverage they get from ESIF (50 or 75% funding rate, resulting in 100 or 300% ESIF contribution for their national contribution).
- Combination is possible if H2020 is used to fund some projects and ESIF others.
ERA-NET Co-fund

H2020

national ministries/agencies

Co-funded joint call

Coordination costs for joint activities

Other joint calls

Programming level

Trans-national projects level

national beneficiary

Trans-national consortia

national beneficiary

Coordination costs for joint activities

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Use of ESIF in ERA-NET Co-fund

Double funding for the same cost item

Co-funded joint call
Coordination costs for joint activities

Additional budget

Other joint calls

National rules apply
ESIF can be used

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H2020

national ministries/agencies

National beneficiary
Trans-national consortia

national beneficiary

Programming level

Trans-national projects level

Additional budget

National rules apply
ESIF can be used

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Additional budget

National rules apply
ESIF can be used

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Art 185
Use of ESIF in Art 185

Leverage

- H2020
- national ministries/agencies

ESIF can be used

RfP H2020 apply
ESIF can be used for different cost item

Joint programme

Additional budget

Programming level

Trans-national projects level

National beneficiary

Trans-national consortia

National beneficiary

Additional budget
Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

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