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DRAFT REPORT

on the proposal for a Council decision on establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028-2034, laying down the rules for participation and dissemination under that Programme, and repealing Decision (EU) 2021/764

(COM(2025)0544 – C10-0218/2025 – 2025/0544(CNS))

Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

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Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
- *** Consent procedure
- ***I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- ***II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- ***III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

on the proposal for a Council decision on establishing the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028-2034, laying down the rules for participation and dissemination under that Programme, and repealing Decision (EU) 2021/764

(COM(2025)0544 – C10-0218/2025 – 2025/0544(CNS))

(Special legislative procedure – consultation)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2025)0544),
 - having regard to Article 182(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C10-0218/2025),
 - having regard to the budgetary assessment by the Committee on Budgets,
 - having regard to Rules 84 and 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (A[10-0000/2026]),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, in accordance with Article 293(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to substantially amend the Commission proposal;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

Amendment 1

Proposal for a decision

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Regulation XXX[reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] sets out the general and specific objectives of Horizon Europe, the structure and the broad lines of activities to be carried out, *while* this Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe (the ‘Specific Programme’) should ***define the operational*** objectives and ***the activities which are specific to parts of*** Horizon Europe. The provisions on implementation set out in Regulation XXX apply fully to the Specific Programme.

Amendment

(2) Regulation XXX[reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] sets out the general and specific objectives of Horizon Europe, the structure and the broad lines of activities to be carried out. ***By contrast, in accordance with Article 182(3) TFEU, this Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe (the ‘Specific Programme’) should remain strictly limited to its implementing function and therefore should not modify, supplement or reinterpret the essential elements, objectives and governance arrangements established in Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation].*** The provisions on implementation set out in Regulation XXX ***[reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation]*** apply fully to the Specific Programme.

Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a decision

Recital 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The Commission should adopt immediately applicable implementing acts where, in duly justified cases relating to the adoption of the work programmes, imperative grounds of urgency so require.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) The Specific Programme should be implemented in compliance with the principle of the rule of law and the rights and principles set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and be in line with the international obligations of the Union and the Member States arising from the international instruments to which they are party, including Human rights instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities.

Amendment

(8) The Specific Programme should be implemented in compliance with the principle of the rule of law and the rights and principles set out in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and be in line with the international obligations of the Union and the Member States arising from the international instruments to which they are party, including Human rights instruments such as the ***Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities. It should also give due regard to other relevant instruments, such as the European Charter for Researchers.***

Or. en

Amendment 4

Proposal for a decision
Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) The Report of Commission Expert Group on the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe of 6 December 2024 (the 'Heitor report') underlines the need for more self-governance in Horizon Europe through the establishment of dedicated high-level councils, in particular a European technology and industrial competitiveness council and a European societal challenges council. Such a reinforced governance structure should be accompanied by less prescriptive calls for proposals, in order to promote scientific excellence, flexibility, and greater impact across the Programme.

Amendment 5

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8b) The report on the future of the internal market commissioned by the European Council of April 2024, entitled ‘Much more than a market’ (the ‘Letta report’) proposes the establishment of a “Fifth Freedom” to encompass research, innovation and education as a new dimension of the internal market as the four original freedoms that guarantee the free movement of goods, capital, services, and people are fundamentally based on 20th century theoretical principles.

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8c) Excellence should remain the guiding principle of the Specific Programme. Research and innovation activities supported under the Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] should be selected on the basis of excellence, and they should enable ambitious, high-quality projects across all fields of science, technology, social sciences and humanities, and should support breakthrough ideas with the potential to generate transformative advances. Particular attention should be given to attracting and retaining

outstanding talents at all stages of their careers, including early-stage researchers, fostering open and competitive access to funding, preventing brain drain and promoting brain gain across the Union and associated countries.

Or. en

Amendment 7

Proposal for a decision Recital 8 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8d) The Specific Programme should establish clear operational objectives, in order to maximise the scientific, technological and societal impact of Union funding. It should also preserve and strengthen investigator-driven frontier research, including through support for bottom-up research actions not predetermined by thematic priorities, to fully tap into the potential of high-risk, high-gain projects. Transformative innovation often arises from unexpected scientific breakthroughs and cannot always be anticipated, predefined, or strategically planned. Ensuring continued support for excellence-based, investigator-initiated research is therefore essential to sustaining the Union's global competitiveness and long-term innovation capacity.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a decision Article 2 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Specific Programme shall contribute to the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation](.

Amendment

1. The Specific Programme shall contribute to the general and specific objectives set out in Article 3 of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation].

Or. en

Amendment 9

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point -a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-a) strengthen excellent basic and frontier research across the Union in all disciplines and reinforce and spread excellence, including through measures fostering wider participation and closing the divide in research and innovation performance in the Union;

Or. en

Amendment 10

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) support ***the*** mobility and training and career development of researchers;

(b) support ***structured*** mobility and training and career development of researchers ***at all stages of their careers, with a particular focus on early-career researchers;***

Or. en

Amendment 11

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) attract **and** retain excellent researchers **in Europe**;

Amendment

(c) **strengthen Europe's capacity to** attract, retain **and interact with** excellent researchers **from within and outside the Union**;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) foster collaboration and multidisciplinary, including **with** Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to generate new knowledge;

Amendment

(d) foster **cross-sectoral** collaboration and multidisciplinary, including **the systematic and comprehensive participation of** Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to generate new knowledge, **address societal challenges, enhance the societal relevance and uptake of innovation, and provide information for evidence-based policymaking**;

Or. en

Amendment 13

Proposal for a decision
Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) enhance knowledge valorisation;

Amendment

(e) enhance knowledge valorisation **by facilitating the effective transfer of research results into economic, social, cultural, and policy impact, while safeguarding open science principles and the public value of research**;

Amendment 14

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) connect **and** develop research and technology infrastructures across the European Research Area (ERA) **to provide** transnational **access**;

Amendment

(f) connect, develop **and strengthen** research and technology infrastructures across the European Research Area (ERA), **ensuring open access to them and fostering** transnational **synergies across domains and sectors**;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) preserve and strengthen investigator-driven frontier research, in order to tap into the full potential of high-risk, high-gain projects;

Or. en

Amendment 16

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(g) support the creation and scale-up of deep tech and innovative start-ups;

(g) support **the development of disruptive innovation and scientific breakthrough to stimulate** the creation and scale-up of deep tech and innovative start-

ups;

Or. en

Amendment 17

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(h) foster technology uptake and demonstration of disruptive innovation;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 18

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(i) increasing the participation of research organisation from ***the widening countries and transition countries referred to in*** Article 19 of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] ;

(i) promote scientific excellence across the Union while contributing to the reduction of disparities in research and innovation performance, including by supporting measures aimed at enhancing the participation and integration of research organisation from Member States and associated countries identified pursuant to Article 19 of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation], ***with a view to enhancing cohesion and reinforcing the ERA as a whole;***

Or. en

Amendment 19

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

(j) foster open science and ensure **visibility to the** public and open access to **results where** possible.

Amendment

(j) foster open science **practices** and ensure, **where possible**, public, **transparent, non-discriminatory** and open access to **peer-reviewed scientific publications, research data and other research outputs following the principle 'as open as possible, as closed as necessary'**;

Or. en

Amendment 20

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point j a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ja) promote equality, diversity and inclusion across all parts and components of the Specific Programme, ensuring non-discrimination, in compliance with Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 21

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point j b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(jb) mainstream gender across all parts and components of the Specific Programme, including through gender equality plans, integration of the gender dimension in the research and innovation content, gender-balanced evaluation panels, and the promotion of gender equality in research careers and decision-

making processes;

Or. en

Amendment 22

Proposal for a decision

Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point j c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(jc) foster international cooperation in research and innovation based on mutual benefit, openness and the protection of academic freedom and the Union's research security.

Or. en

Amendment 23

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) **actions and** associated budget;

(a) **an indication of the** associated budget **allocated to each action and mission and an indicative implementation timetable;**

Or. en

Amendment 24

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) eligibility and award criteria;

(b) **the applicable** eligibility and award criteria **among those set out in the Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon**

Amendment 25

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a single *co-financing* rate per action;

Amendment

(c) a single *funding* rate per action;

Amendment 26

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) *rules applicable to actions concerning more than one specific objective;*

Amendment

deleted

Amendment 27

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) actions to which specific rules apply, in particular on *ownership of results*, valorisation and dissemination, transfer and licensing *as well as access rights to results*.

Amendment

(e) actions to which specific rules apply, in particular on *research security*, valorisation and dissemination, transfer and licensing;

Amendment 28

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e a) an evaluation procedure.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) the European Research Council (ERC), for which the draft work programme shall be established by the ERC Scientific Council under Article 7(9)(a)(ii), in accordance with Article 18(3). The Commission shall depart from the draft work programme established by the ERC Scientific Council only in accordance with Article 7(4), second subparagraph; in that case, the Commission shall adopt the work programme by means of an implementing act in accordance with Article 18(4); the Commission shall **duly motivate that**;

(a) the European Research Council (ERC) **and Sectoral Plan**, for which the draft work programme shall be established by the ERC Scientific Council under Article 7(9)(a)(ii), in accordance with Article 18(3) **and be based solely on the award criteria of excellence**. The Commission shall depart from the draft work programme established by the ERC Scientific Council only in accordance with Article 7(4), second subparagraph; in that case, the Commission shall adopt the work programme by means of an implementing act in accordance with Article 18(4); the Commission shall **inform the ERC Scientific Council, the European Parliament and the Council of its duly motivated departure from the draft work programme established by the ERC Scientific Council**;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), innovation ecosystems, reforming and enhancing the European R&I system, research infrastructures, researchers at risk scheme, widening participation and spreading excellence, in accordance with Article 18(4);

Or. en

Amendment 31

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point a b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ab) collaborative research referred to under Part 2 ‘Competitiveness’ and ‘Society’, in accordance with Article 18(4);

Or. en

Amendment 32

Proposal for a decision
Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) the European Innovation Council (EIC), for which the work programme shall be prepared following the **advice** of the EIC Board under Article 12(1)(b), in accordance with Article 18(4);

(b) the European Innovation Council (EIC), for which the work programme shall be prepared following the **recommendation** of the EIC Board under Article 12(1)(b), in accordance with Article 18(4);

Or. en

Amendment 33

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), global societal challenges, EU Missions, New European Bauhaus Facility, innovation ecosystems, reforming and enhancing the European R&I system, research and technology infrastructures, widening participation and spreading excellence, in accordance with Article 18(4);

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 34

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. On duly justified imperative grounds of urgency, the Commission shall adopt immediately applicable implementing acts in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 19(6). Those acts shall remain in force for as long as needed to fully execute the actions set out in them.

Or. en

Amendment 35

Proposal for a decision

Article 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. The research and innovation activities referred to under the policy windows described in Chapters IV to VII of Regulation XXX [reference to the European Competitiveness Fund Regulation] shall be included in a specific dedicated part of the work programmes implementing the corresponding specific objectives referred to in Article 3(2), points (a) to (d) of Regulation XXX [reference to the European Competitiveness Fund Regulation]. Those work programmes shall be adopted in accordance with Articles 15 and 84 of Regulation XXX [reference to the European Competitiveness Fund Regulation].

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 36

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. European Partnerships shall follow a clear lifecycle approach, including their selection, implementation and monitoring, and transitioning out of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] **on the basis of the following:**

Amendment

1. European Partnerships shall follow a clear lifecycle approach, including their selection, implementation and monitoring, and transitioning out of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation].

Or. en

Amendment 37

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) European Partnerships shall be selected following a competitive, open,

Amendment

(a) European Partnerships shall be selected following a competitive, open,

non-discriminatory, and transparent procedure, on the basis of areas proposed by the Commission. In addition the requirements set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EU) Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation], candidate partnerships shall comply with the following selection criteria:

non-discriminatory, and transparent procedure, on the basis of areas proposed by the Commission, **and established only in the most strategically relevant cases where Union action alone or other forms of support under the Specific Programme cannot achieve the desired objectives in addressing research and innovation challenges**. In addition the requirements set out in Article 11 of Regulation (EU) Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation], candidate partnerships shall comply with the following selection criteria:

Or. en

Justification

To become paragraph 1a and subsequent subpoints to be renumbered accordingly.

Amendment 38

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

i. portfolio relevance: overall consistency **and** coherence of the partnership portfolio shall be ensured, provided that candidates meet all selection criteria and demonstrate relevance as part of a strategic portfolio of actions;

Amendment

i. portfolio relevance: overall consistency, coherence **and complementarity** of the partnership portfolio shall be ensured, provided that candidates meet all selection criteria and demonstrate relevance as part of a strategic portfolio of actions;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

iiia. governance structures: partnerships shall include independent scientific advisory mechanisms ensuring that strategic orientation and priority setting are informed by recognised experts, including representatives from SSH, where relevant;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

v. mission-orientation: partnerships shall formulate clear, measurable, time-bound objectives within *the* duration of *Horizon Europe* that will inform monitoring, assessment, and evaluation exercises;

Amendment

v. mission-orientation: partnerships shall formulate clear, measurable, time-bound objectives *that reflect industrial competitiveness and societal impact goals* within *their* duration that will inform monitoring, assessment, and evaluation exercises;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point v a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

va. excellence-based implementation: partnerships shall ensure that calls for proposals are evaluated through independent, excellence-based peer-review procedures;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point vi

Text proposed by the Commission

vi. **business** plan: partners shall develop **a business** plan ex-ante, including a set of key performance indicators to track progress and a forward-looking transition strategy, including actions for phasing out from Horizon Europe funding;

Amendment

vi. **implementation** plan: partners shall develop **an implementation** plan ex-ante, including a set of key performance indicators to track progress, **dissemination and valorisation activities** and a forward-looking transition strategy, including actions for phasing out from Horizon Europe funding;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point vii

Text proposed by the Commission

vii. openness and transparency: partnerships shall demonstrate openness **and** transparency regarding the identification of priorities and objectives – including expected results and impacts – and the engagement of partners and stakeholders across the entire value chain and from diverse sectors, backgrounds, and disciplines, including relevant international ones without affecting European competitiveness;

Amendment

vii. openness and transparency: partnerships shall demonstrate openness, transparency **and non-discrimination** regarding the identification of priorities and objectives – including expected results and impacts – and the engagement of partners and stakeholders across the entire value chain and from diverse sectors, backgrounds, and disciplines, including, **where relevant, the systematic integration of SSH across their Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas (SRIAs) and including** relevant international ones without affecting European competitiveness;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ix – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

i. **internal** transparent governance arrangements and **internal** rules, including codes of conduct, that ensure their functioning in an open and transparent manner;

Amendment

i. transparent governance arrangements and rules **based on common guidelines**, including codes of conduct **and conflict-of-interest rules** that ensure **accountability and public oversight and** their functioning in an open and transparent manner;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ix – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

ii. continuous openness of the initiative through clear and transparent accession and exit criteria, including through open calls to potential new partner organisations

Amendment

ii. continuous openness of the initiative through clear and transparent accession and exit criteria, including through open calls to potential new partner organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 46

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ix – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

iii. flexibility through timely revisions of key documents such as the **Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas** (SRIAs) and transition strategies, adapted as necessary to ensure relevance and feasibility;

Amendment

iii. flexibility through timely revisions of key documents such as the SRIAs and transition strategies, adapted as necessary to ensure relevance and feasibility;

Or. en

Amendment 47

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ix – point iv

Text proposed by the Commission

iv. continuous monitoring shall include tracking progress towards a set of partnership-specific common indicators including partner contributions, cost efficiency, and openness to new partners. Partnership-specific common indicators shall build on the common indicators as defined under Regulation XXX [reference to Performance Regulation] and set out in the biennial monitoring reports on the performance of European partnerships under Horizon Europe 2021-2027;

Amendment

iv. continuous monitoring shall include tracking progress towards a set of partnership-specific common indicators including partner contributions, cost efficiency, and openness to new partners. Partnership-specific common indicators shall build on the common indicators as defined under Regulation XXX [reference to Performance Regulation] and set out in the biennial monitoring reports on the performance of European partnerships under Horizon Europe 2021-2027. ***Every two years, the Commission shall submit a consolidated report on the performance, added value and portfolio coherence of all European Partnerships to the European Parliament and to the Council;***

Or. en

Amendment 48

Proposal for a decision

Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ix – point v

Text proposed by the Commission

v. European Partnerships shall launch their final calls before 31 December 2034. European Partnerships shall determine and implement the best mode of transition. Taking into account the transition strategies prepared ex-ante, partnerships shall undergo an independent assessment determining whether their objectives have been met, the suitability of the partnership approach, and their continued relevance for the Union's policy priorities. This assessment should include a recommendation for the most effective

Amendment

v. European Partnerships shall launch their final calls before 31 December 2034. European Partnerships shall determine and implement the best mode of transition. Taking into account the transition strategies prepared ex-ante, partnerships shall undergo an independent assessment determining whether their objectives have been met, the suitability of the partnership approach, and their continued relevance for the Union's policy priorities. This assessment should include a recommendation for the most effective

policy intervention mode for any future actions.

policy intervention mode for any future actions. ***It shall be transmitted to the European Parliament and to the Council.***

Or. en

Justification

To become paragraph 1c

Amendment 49

Proposal for a decision Article 5 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) In the absence of renewal, European Partnerships shall implement appropriate measures based on their phasing-out actions identified in their transition strategies.

Amendment

(b) In the absence of renewal, European Partnerships shall implement appropriate measures based on their phasing-out actions identified in their transition strategies.

Or. en

Justification

To become paragraph 1e

Amendment 50

Proposal for a decision Article 5 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The European partnerships may establish expert-led structured sectoral planning platforms bringing together independent scientific and research experts and key ecosystem actors from a specific science sector to agree on and prepare the detailed funding plans, indicative budget allocations, and division of tasks within the partnership building on complementary strengths and

specialisations.

Or. en

Justification

To become paragraph 1b

Amendment 51

Proposal for a decision Article 5 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council of the evaluation process and selection, establishment, modification, renewal or termination of European Partnerships in a timely manner. Any decision on the renewal or extension of a European Partnership shall be preceded by an independent evaluation to which the European Parliament and the Council shall be invited.

Or. en

Justification

To become paragraph 1d

Amendment 52

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The ERC President shall be appointed by the Commission following a transparent recruitment process involving an independent dedicated search committee. The recruitment process and the candidate selected shall have the

4. The ERC President shall be appointed by the Commission following a transparent recruitment process involving an independent dedicated search committee. The recruitment process and the candidate selected shall have the

approval of the ERC Scientific Council. The term of office of the ERC President shall be limited to *two* years, *extendable once for up to two years*.

approval of the ERC Scientific Council. ***Prior to their appointment, the selected candidate shall appear at a public hearing before the European Parliament. The Commission shall take due account of the views expressed by the European Parliament.*** The term of office of the ERC President shall be limited to *four* years, *renewable once*.

Or. en

Amendment 53

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The ERC President shall chair the ERC Scientific Council and ensure the leadership of the ERC Scientific Council and its liaison with the ERC dedicated implementation structure and shall represent the ERC Scientific Council in the world of science.

Amendment

5. The ERC President shall chair the ERC Scientific Council and ensure the leadership of the ERC Scientific Council and its liaison with the ERC dedicated implementation structure and shall represent the ERC Scientific Council in the world of science ***as well as in its interactions with the Union institutions.***

Or. en

Amendment 54

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. The ERC President shall devote the majority of their working time to ERC business. Their place of work shall be in Brussels for the duration of the appointment and they shall be remunerated at a level commensurate with the Commission's senior officials proportionate to the time dedicated. The

ERC dedicated implementation structure shall ensure the ERC President shall have sufficient financial and human resources, in order to enable it to sufficiently carry out its functions. The Commission shall propose the necessary budgetary resources for the ERC when preparing the draft general budget of the Union.

Or. en

Amendment 55

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The ERC shall operate according to its core principles which are scientific excellence, open science, autonomy, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and research integrity, ***while respecting the corporate policies of the European Commission***. It shall ensure continuity with ERC actions conducted under Council Decision (EU) 2021/764.

Amendment

7. The ERC shall operate according to its core principles which are scientific excellence, open science, autonomy, efficiency, effectiveness, transparency, accountability and research integrity. It shall ensure continuity with ERC actions conducted under Council Decision (EU) 2021/764.

Or. en

Amendment 56

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. Through its activities, the ERC shall support, in a bottom-up manner, frontier research carried out across all fields by principal investigators and their teams in competition at European level, including ***early-stage*** career researchers.

Amendment

8. Through its activities, the ERC shall support, in a bottom-up manner, frontier research carried out across all fields by principal investigators and their teams in competition at European level, including ***early*** career researchers.
Financing decisions shall be based solely on the criterion of scientific excellence. In

line with its mission, the ERC shall support ‘high risk/high gain’ research, including projects employing novel research methods. It shall develop agile and transparent procedures tailored to this approach to science funding, while respecting the need for accountability for the use of public funding.

Or. en

Amendment 57

Proposal for a decision Article 6 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

10. The Commission shall ensure that the implementation of ERC actions is in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 7 of this Article as well as with the overall strategy *for* the ERC, referred to in Article 7(4)(a), established by the ERC Scientific Council.

Amendment

10. The Commission shall ensure that the implementation of ERC actions is in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 7 of this Article as well as with the overall strategy, ***procedures and positions of*** the ERC, referred to in Article 7(4), established by the ERC Scientific Council.

Or. en

Amendment 58

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The ERC Scientific Council shall be composed of 22 independent scientists, engineers and scholars of the highest repute and with the appropriate expertise, ***including both women and men in different age groups, and*** ensuring a diversity of research areas and a variety of geographical origins. They shall act in their personal capacity, independent of

Amendment

1. The ERC Scientific Council shall be composed of 22 independent scientists, engineers and scholars of the highest repute and with the appropriate expertise, ensuring ***gender and generational balance,*** a diversity of research areas and a variety of geographical origins. They shall act in their personal capacity, independent of extraneous interests. The members of

extraneous interests. The members of the ERC Scientific Council shall be appointed by the Commission, following an independent and transparent procedure for their identification agreed with the ERC Scientific Council, including an open consultation of the scientific community and **a report** to the European Parliament and the Council.

the ERC Scientific Council shall be appointed by the Commission, following an independent and transparent procedure for their identification agreed with the ERC Scientific Council, including an open consultation of the scientific community and to the European Parliament and the Council.

Or. en

Amendment 59

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The term of office for members of the ERC Scientific Council shall be **up** to four years, **extendable once by up to two years**, based on a rotating system which shall ensure the continuity of the work of the ERC Scientific Council.

Amendment

2. The term of office for members of the ERC Scientific Council shall be **limited** to four years, **renewable once**, based on a rotating system which shall ensure the continuity of the work of the ERC Scientific Council.

Or. en

Amendment 60

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The ERC Scientific Council shall elect from amongst its members three Vice-Presidents who shall assist the ERC President in its representation and the organisation of its work. They shall hold the title of ERC Vice-President. **The members of the ERC Scientific Council shall be compensated for the tasks they perform by means of an honorarium and, where appropriate, reimbursement of**

Amendment

3. The ERC Scientific Council shall elect from amongst its members three Vice-Presidents who shall assist the ERC President in its representation and the organisation of its work. They shall hold the title of ERC Vice-President. **Support shall be provided to the three Vice-Presidents to ensure adequate local administrative assistance at their home institutions.**

travel and subsistence expenses.

Or. en

Amendment 61

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. The members of the ERC Scientific Council shall be compensated for the tasks they perform by means of an honorarium and, where appropriate, reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses.

Or. en

Justification

Moved from Article 7(3)

Amendment 62

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) the methods and procedures for peer review and proposal evaluation on the basis of which the proposals to be funded are determined;

(c) the methods and procedures for peer review and proposal evaluation on the basis of which the proposals to be funded are determined, **and, where appropriate, the introduction of elements of anonymised evaluation for individual research grants, in accordance with which research proposals may be evaluated without considering the person and geographical base of the applicant and the research institution they belong to;**

Or. en

Amendment 63

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) its position on any matter which from a scientific perspective may enhance the achievements and impact of the ERC **and** the quality of the research carried out;

Amendment

(d) its position on any matter which from a scientific perspective may enhance the achievements and impact of the ERC, the quality of the research carried out **and the implementation of ERC actions, including reference documents and IT systems**;

Or. en

Amendment 64

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall depart from the positions established by the ERC Scientific Council in accordance with the first subparagraph only if it considers that this Decision has not been respected. In that case, the Commission shall adopt measures to maintain continuity in the implementation of the Specific Programme and the achievements of its objectives, setting out and duly motivating the points of departure from the ERC Scientific Council positions.

Amendment

The Commission shall depart from the positions established by the ERC Scientific Council in accordance with the first subparagraph only if it considers that this Decision has not been respected. In that case, the Commission shall adopt measures to maintain continuity in the implementation of the Specific Programme and the achievements of its objectives, setting out and duly motivating the points of departure from the ERC Scientific Council positions, **informing the European Parliament and the Council**.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. The ERC Scientific Council shall inform the Commission on research trends, data and any matter relevant for policy making and may perform analysis in this respect.

Amendment

5. The ERC Scientific Council shall inform the Commission, ***the European Parliament and the Council*** on research trends, data and any matter relevant for policy making and may perform analysis in this respect.

Or. en

Amendment 66

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The ERC ***Scientific Council and the Commission*** shall ***meet*** at least ***twice*** a year ***to have a broad and timely exchange of views in the context of the development of the ERC's strategy and the Commission's policy making.***

Amendment

6. The ERC ***President*** shall ***engage in a structured dialogue with the European Parliament*** at least ***once*** a year, ***including for the purpose of the presentation of the ERC annual report and strategic priorities.***

Or. en

Amendment 67

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The ERC Scientific Council is the guarantor of the quality of the activity from the scientific perspective and has full authority over decisions on the type of research to be funded.

Amendment

7. The ERC Scientific Council is the guarantor of the quality of the activity from the scientific perspective and has full authority over decisions on the type of research ***and grant schemes*** to be funded.

Or. en

Amendment 68

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. The ERC Scientific Council shall act exclusively in the interest of the ERC, according to the principles set out in Article 6(7). It shall act with integrity and probity and carry out its work efficiently and with the greatest possible transparency.

Amendment

8. The ERC Scientific Council shall act exclusively in the interest of the ERC, according to the principles set out in Article 6(7). It shall act with integrity and probity and carry out its work efficiently and with the greatest possible transparency. ***There shall be no constraints on the ability of its members to communicate with the academic sector, Member States, all Union institutions, and any other relevant persons or entities.***

Or. en

Amendment 69

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 9 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

9. ***In the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme, and*** in order to carry out these tasks, the ERC Scientific Council shall do the following:

Amendment

9. In order to carry out these tasks, the ERC Scientific Council shall do the following:

Or. en

Amendment 70

Proposal for a decision Article 7 – paragraph 9 – point a – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

i. establish the overall scientific strategy for the ERC, in the light of

Amendment

i. establish the overall scientific strategy for the ERC, in the light of

scientific opportunities *and European scientific needs*;

scientific opportunities;

Or. en

Amendment 71

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 9 – point c – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

ii. *where appropriate*, consult with the scientific, engineering and academic community, regional and national research funding agencies and other stakeholders;

Amendment

ii. consult with the scientific, engineering and academic community, regional and national research funding agencies and other stakeholders;

Or. en

Amendment 72

Proposal for a decision

Article 7 – paragraph 9 – point c – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

iii. regularly *report to* the Commission *on* its own activities.

Amendment

iii. regularly *inform* the Commission *of* its own activities.

Or. en

Amendment 73

Proposal for a decision

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) ensure the continuity of the ERC dedicated implementation structure and the delegation of tasks and responsibilities to it, *taking into account the views* of the ERC Scientific Council;

Amendment

(b) ensure the continuity of the ERC dedicated implementation structure and the delegation of tasks and responsibilities to it, *based on the decisions* of the ERC Scientific Council;

Amendment 74

Proposal for a decision

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) appoint the Director and the members of the management of the ERC dedicated implementation structure, ***taking into account the views of*** the ERC Scientific Council;

Amendment

(d) appoint the Director and the members of the management of the ERC dedicated implementation structure, ***following a transparent and non-discriminatory selection procedure agreed with*** the ERC Scientific Council;

Or. en

Amendment 75

Proposal for a decision

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) ensure the timely adoption of the ERC work programme, the positions regarding implementing methodology and the necessary implementing rules including the ERC rules of submission and the ERC model grant agreement, taking into account the views of the ERC Scientific Council ***and the Commission's corporate policies implemented through the Specific Programme;***

Amendment

(e) ensure the timely adoption of the ERC work programme, the positions regarding implementing methodology and the necessary implementing rules including the ERC rules of submission and the ERC model grant agreement, taking into account the views of the ERC Scientific Council;

Or. en

Amendment 76

Proposal for a decision

Article 8 – paragraph 2 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) monitor, ***as responsible for the overall implementation of the Programme***, the ERC dedicated implementation structure and evaluate its performance.

Amendment

(f) monitor the ERC dedicated implementation structure and evaluate its performance.

Or. en

Amendment 77

Proposal for a decision Article 9 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) shall focus on investigator-driven research founded exclusively on scientific excellence to support researchers' career, skills development, and mobility at all career stages.

Amendment

1. The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) shall focus on investigator-driven research founded exclusively on scientific excellence to support researchers' career, skills development, and mobility at all career stages, ***focusing in particular on a new generation of highly-skilled early-career researchers from all areas, including from the SSH, and providing support for emerging talent from across the Union and beyond.***

Or. en

Amendment 78

Proposal for a decision Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The MSCA shall be open to any scientific domain under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community. If specific needs arise, the MSCA may target certain activities in

Amendment

2. The MSCA shall be open to any scientific domain under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community. If specific needs arise ***and additional funding becomes available,***

specific thematic priorities, types of research and innovation institutions, or geographical locations to respond to the evolving requirements and needs of the Union regarding skills, research training, career development and knowledge sharing, *in pursuit of the Union strategic autonomy*.

the MSCA may target certain activities in specific thematic priorities, types of research and innovation institutions, or geographical locations to respond to the evolving requirements and needs of the Union regarding skills, research training, career development and knowledge sharing.

Or. en

Amendment 79

Proposal for a decision

Article 9 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) offer attractive conditions and opportunities for career progression, helping to address systemic issues of career instability and precarity in the research sector. The MSCA shall actively support the principles set out in the European Charter for Researchers promoting fair recruitment, transparent procedures, and merit-based advancement⁷ ;

⁷ COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 18 December 2023 on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe (C/2023/1640). <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2023/1640/oj/eng>

Amendment

(a) offer attractive **employment** conditions and opportunities for career progression, **including by limiting short-term employment contracts and ensuring fair remuneration corresponding to national salary benchmarks and wage indexation mechanisms**, helping to address systemic issues of career instability and precarity in the research sector. The MSCA shall actively support the principles set out in the European Charter for Researchers promoting fair recruitment, transparent procedures, and merit-based advancement⁷;

⁷ COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 18 December 2023 on a European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe (C/2023/1640). <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2023/1640/oj/eng>

Or. en

Amendment 80

Proposal for a decision
Article 9 – paragraph 3 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) promote work-life balance, diversity, and inclusion, setting high standards for working conditions across the European Research Area.

Amendment

(c) promote work-life balance, ***gender-considerate work environments***, diversity, and inclusion, setting high standards for working conditions across the European Research Area ***that safeguard existing national labour law standards and collective agreements***.

Or. en

Amendment 81

Proposal for a decision
Article 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 9a

Sectoral Plan

1. The ERC Scientific Council may invite a representative number of research institutions from a specific science sector to develop a sectoral plan for a period of six years with a view to a sectoral research focus theme that is proposed by the participating research institutions and approved by the ERC Scientific Council. Each sectoral plan shall have a pre-allocated budget to be determined by the corresponding work programme. The research focus theme shall be as such to advance the specific science sector as a whole.

2. The ERC shall reflect the approved sectoral plan in the draft work programme under Article 4(2)(a).

3. Upon approval of the research focus theme, the participating research institutions shall develop concrete research projects implementing the

research focus theme. Each research project shall be jointly proposed and implemented by at least two of the participating research institutions. The participating research institutions shall also propose to the ERC Scientific Council a spending plan for the budget pre-allocated to the sectoral plan.

4. The sectoral plan, the research focus theme and the research projects shall be assessed, approved and evaluated by a dedicated panel of experts in line with the peer review system referred to in Article 7(9)(b)(i). Upon approval of the sectoral plan, the research focus theme and the research projects, the budget pre-allocated to the sectoral plan shall be disbursed to the participating research institutions. The implementation of the sectoral plan and the research projects shall be evaluated three years after the start of the implementation and at the end of the implementation of the sectoral plan by the dedicated panel of experts.

5. The implementation of the sectoral plans shall:

(a) advance a specific science sector as a whole, based exclusively on the scientific excellence of the research conducted by the participating research institutions;

(b) lead to sector-specific specialisation and collaboration;

(c) promote interdisciplinary and interinstitutional cooperation.

Or. en

Amendment 82

Proposal for a decision

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

The activities of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) shall be complementary to indirect actions supporting longer-term policy objectives. To achieve this, the JRC works with international, national, regional, and local stakeholders, including through scientific collaboration agreements.

The activities of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) shall be complementary to indirect actions supporting longer-term policy objectives ***with clear positive effects for society***. To achieve this, the JRC works with international, national, regional, and local stakeholders, including through scientific collaboration agreements.

Or. en

Amendment 83

Proposal for a decision

Article 10 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 2 – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– be flexible and responsive to evolving policy needs.

Amendment

– be flexible and responsive to evolving policy ***and societal*** needs.

Or. en

Amendment 84

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Collaborative research

Amendment

Collaborative research ***and innovation activities***

Or. en

Amendment 85

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Collaborative research activities referred to

Amendment

Collaborative research ***and innovation***

in Chapter I of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] shall cover, *in particular*, the following research and innovation activities:

activities referred to in Chapter I of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] shall cover the following research and innovation activities:

Or. en

Amendment 86

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) under ‘Competitiveness’, research and innovation activities of the policy windows described in Chapters IV to VII of the European Competitiveness Fund:

Amendment

(a) under ‘Competitiveness’, research and innovation activities of the policy windows described in Chapters IV to VII of the European Competitiveness Fund, *in accordance with the rules set out in Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation]*:

Or. en

Amendment 87

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) activities aimed at accomplishing priorities for global societal challenges:

Amendment

(i) activities aimed at *guiding societal transformation and* accomplishing priorities for global societal challenges:

Or. en

Amendment 88

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b – point i – indent 1

Text proposed by the Commission

– strengthening democratic values and foundations, civic engagement, the rule of law and fundamental rights, by fostering resilient, pluralistic societies, and the integrity of the information and media space and countering polarisation, disinformation, hate speech, discrimination, and xenophobia, in a rapidly evolving world of geopolitical shifts;

Amendment

– strengthening democratic values and foundations, civic engagement, the rule of law and fundamental rights, **good governance and accountability of the exercise of public power**, by fostering resilient, pluralistic societies, and the integrity of the information and media space and countering polarisation, disinformation, hate speech, discrimination, and xenophobia, in a rapidly evolving world of geopolitical shifts;

Or. en

Amendment 89

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b – point ii

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) EU Missions: activities supporting EU Missions referred to in Article 15(5) of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation].

Amendment

(ii) EU Missions: **research and innovation** activities supporting EU Missions referred to in Article 15(5) of Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation], **with all activities for the deployment and scaling up of innovative research solutions falling under instruments of the European Competitiveness Fund and other Union programmes.**

Or. en

Amendment 90

Proposal for a decision

Article 11 – paragraph 1 – point b – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) activities in the context of the New

Amendment

(iii) activities in the context of the New

European Bauhaus (NEB) Facility, established with the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027⁸, **shall deliver on the objectives of the New European Bauhaus, in particular supporting activities to foster the development and scaling up of innovative research solutions for the transformation of neighbourhoods into sustainable, inclusive and beautiful places.**

⁸ Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)1741 of 20 March 2024 on adopting the 2025-2027 strategic research and innovation plan under the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

European Bauhaus (NEB) Facility, established with the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027⁸, **strictly limited to research and innovation components, with all activities for the deployment and scaling up of innovative research solutions for the transformation of neighbourhoods into sustainable, inclusive and beautiful places falling under instruments of the European Competitiveness Fund and other Union programmes.**

⁸ Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)1741 of 20 March 2024 on adopting the 2025-2027 strategic research and innovation plan under the Specific Programme implementing Horizon Europe – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

Or. en

Amendment 91

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The European Innovation Council Board (EIC Board) shall **advise the Commission on:**

Amendment

1. The European Innovation Council Board (EIC Board) shall **establish:**

Or. en

Amendment 92

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) **the** work programme for the implementation of the EIC actions,

Amendment

(b) **a recommendation to the Commission for the draft** work

including criteria for assessment of proposals and the appropriate balance between the different types of funding support;

programme for the implementation of the EIC actions, including criteria for assessment of proposals and the appropriate balance between the different types of funding support;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) the draft investment guidelines for the EIC Fund;

Or. en

Amendment 94

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(c) the identification of emerging technology trends from EIC's portfolios, and strategic portfolios of projects;

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 95

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(d) the profile of EIC Programme Managers;

(d) the profile *and appointment* of EIC Programme Managers;

Amendment 96

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(e) coordination with the Advisory Board on the European Competitiveness Fund Guarantees, Financial Instruments and Blending Operations established under the European Competitiveness Fund. ***deleted***

Or. en

Amendment 97

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. The EIC Board may upon request from the Commission address recommendations to the Commission on: ***deleted***

(a) any matter which, from an innovation perspective, may enhance and foster innovation eco-systems across the Union, the achievements and impact of the objectives of the EIC, and the capacity of innovative firms to roll out their solutions;

(b) identifying in cooperation with relevant Commission services, national and regional authorities and other relevant entities, possible regulatory barriers faced by entrepreneurs, in particular those awarded support under the EIC;

(c) programming in other parts of the Specific Programme.

Amendment 98

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The EIC Board shall act in the interest of achieving the objectives of the EIC. It shall act with integrity and probity and carry out its work efficiently and transparently.

Amendment

3. The EIC Board shall act in the interest of achieving the objectives of the EIC. It shall act with integrity and probity and carry out its work efficiently and transparently. ***There shall be no constraints on the ability of its members to communicate with the world of deep tech innovation, Member States, all Union institutions, and any other relevant persons or entities.***

Amendment 99

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The EIC Board shall be composed of 15 to 20 independent high-level individuals drawn from various parts of Europe's innovation ecosystem, including entrepreneurs, corporate leaders, investors, innovation experts and ***innovative*** researchers and ***technology transfer*** experts. The EIC Board shall contribute to outreach actions and its members shall strive to enhance the prestige of the EIC brand.

Amendment

4. The EIC Board shall be composed of 15 to 20 independent high-level individuals drawn from various parts of Europe's ***research and*** innovation ecosystem, including entrepreneurs, corporate leaders, investors, innovation experts and researchers and ***knowledge valorisation*** experts. The EIC Board shall contribute to outreach actions and its members shall strive to enhance the prestige of the EIC brand.

Amendment 100

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Their term of office shall be limited to *two* years, renewable *twice*.

Amendment

6. Their term of office shall be limited to *four* years, renewable *once*.

Or. en

Amendment 101

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. The EIC Board shall have a President who shall be a high-profile *public* figure linked to the world of innovation, with a solid understanding of developing innovations from research to market and scale-up.

Amendment

7. The EIC Board shall have a President who shall be a high-profile figure linked to the world of innovation, with a solid understanding of *the knowledge continuum*, developing innovations from *frontier* research to market and scale-up.

Or. en

Amendment 102

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 8

Text proposed by the Commission

8. The EIC Board President shall have the status of an independent special adviser and shall be appointed by the Commission following a transparent recruitment process. The term of office of the EIC Board President shall be limited to a maximum of *two* years, extendable once for up to *2* years.

Amendment

8. The EIC Board President shall have the status of an independent special adviser and shall be appointed by the Commission following a transparent recruitment process *and after consulting the European Parliament. The Parliament shall be informed and consulted before the appointment of the President and the members of the EIC Board.* The term of office of the EIC Board President shall be

limited to a maximum of **four** years,
extendable once for up to **4** years.

Or. en

Amendment 103

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 9 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9a. The EIC Board shall appoint EIC Programme Managers, following a transparent and open process, taking into account the need for balance in expertise across the thematic priorities set out in the EIC work programmes, gender, age and geographical distribution. Their term of office shall be limited to a maximum of three years, renewable once.

Or. en

Amendment 104

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 9 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

9b. The EIC Programme Managers shall draft and implement the calls for the EIC work programme.

Or. en

Amendment 105

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

10. The Commission shall establish a EIC Board code of conduct addressing, in particular, the avoidance of conflicts of interest and breach of confidentiality. The members of the EIC Board shall agree to abide by the code of conduct upon assuming office.

Amendment

10. The Commission shall, ***taking into consideration the views of the EIC Board***, establish a EIC Board code of conduct addressing, in particular, the avoidance of conflicts of interest and breach of confidentiality. The members of the EIC Board shall agree to abide by the code of conduct upon assuming office, ***and shall be dismissed in case a conflict of interest or other violation arises***.

Or. en

Amendment 106

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10a. The EIC Board shall elect from amongst its members three Vice-Chairs who shall assist the EIC Chair in its representation and the organisation of its work. They shall hold the title of EIC Vice-Chair.

Or. en

Amendment 107

Proposal for a decision

Article 12 – paragraph 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

10b. The members of the EIC Board shall be compensated for the tasks they perform by means of an honorarium and, where appropriate, reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses.

Or. en

Amendment 108

Proposal for a decision Article 12 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

11. The Commission shall provide administrative support to the EIC Board and the EIC Board President.

deleted

Or. en

Amendment 109

Proposal for a decision Article 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 12a

EIC dedicated implementation structure

1.

The EIC dedicated implementation structure shall be responsible for the administrative implementation and execution of the EIC actions. It shall, in particular, implement the evaluation procedures, including jury interviews, and selection process in accordance with the strategy established by the EIC Board and shall ensure the financial and innovation management of the grants. The EIC Fund established in the Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation] shall be responsible for the implementation of the investment support of the EIC.

The EIC dedicated implementation structure shall support the EIC Board in the conduct of all of its tasks as set out in Article 12 including the development of the overall strategy for the EIC, its monitoring of the operations and its

review and assessment of the EIC's achievements as well as its outreach and communications activities. The EIC dedicated implementation structure shall also provide access to the necessary documents and data in its possession and keep the EIC Board informed of its activities.

To ensure an effective liaison with the EIC dedicated implementation structure on strategy and operational matters, the EIC Chair and Vice-Chairs shall hold regular coordination meetings with the Director of the EIC dedicated implementation structure.

2. The EIC dedicated implementation structure shall employ the EIC Programme Managers and support them in the execution of their tasks as set out in Article 12(9b).

3. The Commission shall ensure that the EIC dedicated implementation structure follows efficiently and with the necessary flexibility the objectives and requirements of the EIC alone. To fulfil its responsibilities as set out in Article 12 and in this Article, in the context of its own responsibilities for budget execution, the Commission shall:

(a) ensure the continuity and renewal of the EIC Board and provide support for a standing Identification Committee for the identification of future EIC Board members;

(b) ensure the continuity of the EIC dedicated implementation structure and the delegation of tasks and responsibilities to it, based on the decisions of the EIC Board;

(c) ensure that the EIC dedicated implementation structure carries out the full range of its tasks and responsibilities;

(d) appoint the Director and the members of the management of the EIC dedicated implementation structure, following a

transparent and non-discriminatory selection procedure agreed with the decisions of the EIC Board;

(e) ensure the timely adoption of the EIC work programme, the positions regarding implementing methodology and the necessary implementing rules including the EIC rules of submission and the EIC model grant agreement, taking into account the views of the EIC Board;

(f) monitor the EIC dedicated implementation structure and evaluate its performance.

Or. en

Amendment 110

Proposal for a decision

Article 13 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) synergies with any future Union legal framework facilitating a pan-European corporate status, including a possible “28th regime”, with a view to fostering partnerships between universities, research institutes, technology transfer offices and innovative companies established and registered under such a framework, in particular, SMEs, start-ups and scale-ups, to accelerate the transition from lab to market, to improve access to research infrastructures and expertise, and to support the commercialisation of research results, thereby strengthening innovation-driven ecosystems;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Proposal for a decision
Article 16 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Specific Programme shall support the **construction**, development and integration of research infrastructures of **European** Union interest.

Amendment

1. The Specific Programme shall support the development, **modernisation** and integration of research infrastructures of Union interest **to create real European added value by promoting scientific excellence and frontier research through a well-connected ecosystem of world-leading research facilities and services.**

Or. en

Amendment 112

Proposal for a decision
Article 16 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Specific Programme shall promote synergies and complementarities between research infrastructures and technology infrastructures in order to strengthen the continuum from fundamental research to market-ready innovation.

Or. en

Amendment 113

Proposal for a decision
Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) developing, consolidating and streamlining the Union landscape of research infrastructures, including coordination between the Union and national capacities **and contributing up to**

(a) developing, consolidating and streamlining the Union landscape of research infrastructures, including coordination between the Union and national capacities, **such as by promoting**

20% of the building costs of critical new world-class capacities;

synergies through the European Semester process, including the use of structural funds such as the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF);

Or. en

Amendment 114

Proposal for a decision

Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) fostering joint investment strategies between Union, member states and stakeholders from research community and industry to pool public and private funding;

Or. en

Amendment 115

Proposal for a decision

Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) reinforcing transnational access to research infrastructures across domains and sectors, and adapting to new emerging user communities;

(b) reinforcing transnational access to research infrastructures across domains and sectors, and adapting to new emerging user communities, *ensuring flexible and simplified implementation;*

Or. en

Amendment 116

Proposal for a decision

Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) developing a web of findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable (FAIR) and machine-actionable research data, including through expanding and consolidating the European Open Science Cloud as Europe's research data space;

Amendment

(d) developing a web of findable, accessible, interoperable, reusable (FAIR) and machine-actionable research data, including through expanding and consolidating the European Open Science Cloud as Europe's research data space, ***while ensuring appropriate frameworks for access and trusted collaboration of industry;***

Or. en

Amendment 117

Proposal for a decision

Article 16 – paragraph 2 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) following the existing expertise and work of the European Strategic Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI);

Or. en

Amendment 118

Proposal for a decision

Article 17 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The Specific Programme shall improve technology infrastructure capacities in the Union and facilitate access to the integrated services of such infrastructures for innovative companies, including start-ups and scale-ups.

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*instruments of the European
Competitiveness Fund and other Union
programmes.*

Or. en

Amendment 119

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 2 – indent 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- *[One configuration for each Competitiveness Window], to be guided in collaboration with the Council for European Competitiveness Research as set out in Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation];*

Or. en

Amendment 120

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 2 – indent 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

- Global societal challenges, *EU Missions, New European Bauhaus Facility*;

- Global societal challenges, *to be guided in collaboration with the European Council for Global Societal Challenges Research as set out in Regulation XXX [reference to the Horizon Europe Regulation];*

Or. en

Amendment 121

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 2 – indent 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– ***EU Missions;***

Or. en

Justification

Moved from Article 19(2)(Indent 4)

Amendment 122

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 2 – indent 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

– ***New European Bauhaus Facility;***

Or. en

Justification

Moved from Article 19(2)(Indent 4)

Amendment 123

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. When relevant, joint meetings with [reference to ECF Programme Committee] shall be convened in order to ensure alignment on European priorities.

Or. en

Amendment 124

Proposal for a decision

Article 18 – paragraph 4 a (new)

4a. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. Implementing acts adopted under this paragraph shall stay in force for as long as needed to fully execute the actions set out in them. The following limitations shall apply to the adoption procedure of implementing acts adopted under this paragraph:

(a) One committee meeting shall be organised for the consideration of the adopted implementing act;

(b) By derogation from Article 8(3) of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011, the Commission shall submit the adopted text to the committee, together with an invitation for the committee meeting, within 24 hours after adoption of the act;

(c) The committee meeting shall be scheduled at least five and no later than ten working days after the transmission of the adopted act;

(d) The opinion of the committee shall be obtained by a written procedure closing at least three and no later than five working days after the committee meeting.

Or. en

Amendment 125

Proposal for a decision Article 18 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. In accordance with international agreements concluded by the Union, representatives of third countries or international organisations may be invited as observers in the meetings of the **Specific Programme** committee under the conditions laid down in its rules of

Amendment

6. In accordance with international agreements concluded by the Union, representatives of third countries or international organisations may be invited as observers in the meetings of the committee under the conditions laid down in its rules of procedure, taking into

procedure, taking into account security and public order of the Union or its Member States.

account security and public order of the Union or its Member States.

Or. en

Amendment 126

Proposal for a decision Article 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 18a

Review and evaluation

1. The Commission shall carry out comprehensive and transparent evaluations that shall reflect the duration of the work programmes, and include at least the interim and final evaluations, to assess the Programme's performance, uptake, efficiency, coherence and Union added value of the actions funded, and the effectiveness of its governance arrangements and implementation structures.

2. The Commission shall make the conclusions of the evaluations public and shall present them to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions in a timely manner.

The conclusions of those evaluations shall, where appropriate, be accompanied by a legislative proposal to amend this Decision.

3. In the context of the evaluations, the Commission shall assess the feasibility and potential added value of establishing the ERC as an independent Union agency provided for under a separate legal basis.

Or. en

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In July 2025, the European Commission presented its proposals for the establishment of the tenth Framework Programme for Research and Innovation for the period 2028–2034 and for the Specific Programme implementing that Framework Programme. The objective of the present Council Decision is to establish the Specific Programme implementing the Framework Programme in accordance with Article 182(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU). Pursuant to Article 182(4) TFEU, the Framework Programme adopted under Article 182(3) TFEU shall be implemented through specific programmes which define the detailed rules for its implementation, fix its duration and provide for the means deemed necessary.

The Specific Programme is therefore of an implementing nature. It must remain subordinate to the Framework Programme and should not introduce substantive elements that go beyond or modify the objectives, principles and architecture defined in the basic act adopted under Article 182(3) TFEU. Legal clarity and institutional coherence require that essential policy choices and governance principles be anchored in the Framework Programme itself, rather than being dispersed across implementing instruments.

For this reason, this draft report proposes to align the legal architecture more clearly with the Treaty framework and to ensure that provisions exceeding the implementing function of Article 182(4) TFEU are appropriately reflected at the level of the Framework Programme. The following Articles are therefore proposed to be moved, in whole or in part, to the Framework Programme, subject to agreement at Committee level in the European Parliament: Article 4, Article 5, Article 6, Article 7, Article 8, Article 12 and Article 18.

The rapporteur welcomes the Commission's proposal to maintain Horizon Europe as a strong and visible standalone Framework Programme with a robust financial envelope.

Europe faces interconnected challenges, including Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, geopolitical fragmentation and intensified technological competition, which call for a stronger industrial and competitiveness policy. While the creation of a European Competitiveness Fund (ECF) responds to this need, the proposed governance links with Horizon Europe risk blurring the distinct objectives and principles of the Union's research and innovation policy.

Horizon Europe is grounded in excellence as the primary selection criterion, competitive funding and independent expert evaluation, with a medium- to long-term focus on knowledge creation, frontier research and collaborative research and innovation activities, particularly at lower Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs). By contrast, market deployment and industrial scaling follow different timelines and risk profiles. Conflating these distinct intervention logics risks legal uncertainty and governance complexity, hereby risks reducing strategic effectiveness and threatening the overarching goal of simplifying procedures.

The draft report therefore proposes a clearer separation of governance and work programmes

between Horizon Europe and the ECF. In particular, collaborative research and innovation activities should remain fully governed by Horizon rules and procedures, including Programme Committees anchored exclusively within the Horizon framework.

Investment in research and innovation is indispensable for the Union's long-term competitiveness, societal progress and strategic autonomy. However, Horizon Europe generates its added value precisely by intervening where market incentives are weakest: in lower TRL activities, frontier research, collaborative research and research infrastructures. Knowledge creation is a public good and requires stable, excellence-based funding insulated from short-term industrial or deployment pressures. Preserving this distinct intervention logic is therefore essential not only for scientific progress but also for ensuring that the Union's broader competitiveness strategy rests on a strong and autonomous research base.

It is crucial to note that public funding at Union level alone is not sufficient in meeting the investment targets for research and innovation in the Union. A joint effort in increasing both European and national funding, coordinated better at national level between Member States and complemented by the role of private investment, is needed to close the widening gap behind global competitors research and development (R&D) expenditure. In 2023, R&D expenditure grew by an estimated 8.7% in China and 1.7% in the United States, compared to 1.6% in the Union¹. Over the longer term, China's R&D intensity rose from 0.94% to 2.43% of GDP between 2001 and 2021, while the EU increased from 1.7% to 2.16%², highlighting the structural nature of the gap.

Europe is facing intensifying global competition for talent, making the transition from brain drain to brain gain a central objective of the next Framework Programme. Flagship instruments with a proven track record must therefore retain strong and visible support. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) have played a crucial role in strengthening career prospects for early-stage researchers and provided important support to training young doctoral and postdoctoral training. They must retain a clear budgetary identity to continue providing predictable and attractive conditions for talent to flourish and thrive in Europe.

Equally central to the success of the Union's research landscape is the European Research Council (ERC). The ERC's global reputation is built on scientific excellence, independent peer review and bottom-up competition. Through its unique governance, led by the Scientific Council, the ERC ensures that funding decisions are driven solely by quality and originality, irrespective of sectoral or geographical interests. This model attracts the best global talent, promotes high-risk/high-gain research, and hereby underpins Europe's capacity to remain at the forefront of frontier science.

Independent impact evaluations confirm the ERC's scientific value: around 80% of completed projects have resulted in either a scientific breakthrough (approximately 18%) or a major

¹ OECD, R&D spending growth slows in OECD, surges in China; government support for energy and defence R&D rises sharply (31 March 2025), <https://www.oecd.org/en/data/insights/statistical-releases/2025/03/rd-spending-growth-slows-in-oecd-surges-in-china-government-support-for-energy-and-defence-rd-rises-sharply.html>

² U.S. National Science Foundation, Cross-National Comparisons of R&D Performance, <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsb20246/cross-national-comparisons-of-r-d-performance#global-r-d-and-top-r-d-performing-countries>

scientific advance (around 63%)³. Nearly half already demonstrate impacts beyond academia, with ERC-funded researchers generating more than 2,200 patents and founding or co-founding over 400 companies⁴, illustrating the broader long-term benefits for the economy and society.

Preserving the autonomy of the ERC Scientific Council, its excellence-only evaluation principle, and its bottom-up nature is therefore indispensable to sustaining Europe's position as a global leader in frontier research and ensuring that the next Framework Programme continues to support breakthroughs that enrich both science and society.

The European Innovation Council (EIC) plays a complementary role by supporting high-risk, high-impact innovation and bridging the gap between breakthrough research and market deployment. Its effectiveness depends on operational flexibility and the credibility of its transition pathways from ERC-funded research to EIC Transition and Accelerator instruments. Safeguarding this continuum is crucial to closing the innovation gap while maintaining trust in expert-driven evaluation.

Finally, the rapporteur introduces a novel instrument for sector-specific collaborative research within the "Excellent Science" part through sectoral plans under the auspices of the ERC Scientific Council. The objective of this mechanism is to enable research institutions representative for a specific scientific sector to jointly define a research focus theme that advances the sector as a whole, building on complementary strengths and specialisations. The initiative remains fully anchored in the ERC's excellence-based and peer-review-driven governance. The sectoral plans would be reflected in the ERC Work Programme adopted in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Framework Programme and implemented by the Commission. The pre-allocation of an indicative budget envelope within the Work Programme would provide planning predictability, while the detailed research and expenditure plans would be developed by the participating institutions and subject to approval through a dedicated expert peer-review panel in line with existing ERC evaluation principles. This approach preserves the Commission's prerogatives in programme adoption and strengthens expert-led coordination within sectors, thereby fostering specialisation, excellence and interdisciplinary cooperation.

³ European Research Council, Qualitative Evaluation of completed Projects funded by the European Research Council 2020 (October 2021), <https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/document/file/2021-qualitative-evaluation-projects.pdf> (page 4)

⁴ European Research Council, ERC at a glance, <https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/erc-glance>

ANNEX: DECLARATION OF INPUT

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur declares that he has received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the report, until the adoption thereof in committee from the following interest representatives falling within the scope of the Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register¹, or from the following representatives of public authorities of third countries, including their diplomatic missions and embassies:

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¹ Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 May 2021 between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register (OJ L 207, 11.6.2021, p. 1, ELI: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/agree_interinst/2021/611/oj)