

Horizon Europe guarantee: open letters to the UK research and development sector

On 15 March 2022, the government announced an extension to the support provided to Horizon Europe applicants launched in November 2021. This ensures that eligible successful UK applicants for grant awards will continue to be guaranteed funding as negotiations with the European Union continue.

The March 2022 open letter to the UK research and development (R&D) sector from the Minister for Science, Research and Innovation accompanies the announcement of an extension to the guarantee to provide a financial safety net for successful UK applicants to Horizon Europe, while the government continues to push to formalise our association as soon as possible.

The guarantee will now be in place for awards expected to be signed by the end of December 2022 while efforts continue to associate to Horizon Europe, as both the UK and the EU agreed under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) last year. Continued delays have led to uncertainty for researchers, businesses and innovators based in the UK and their consortia partners across Europe.

The funding will continue to be delivered through UK Research and Innovation, and details regarding the scope and terms of the extension to the guarantee will be made available on their website shortly:

In the 30 November 2021 letter, the Minister first set out the UK's commitment to association and his priorities for supporting the sector in all scenarios – including where association proves not possible.