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Subject: **Information Session on Horizon Europe Grants (17th October 2023)**

The undersigned directed to refer to fax message (enclosed) no. Pol/EU-09/2023 dated 6th October 2023 from Pared Brussels regarding the subject cited above.

02. The Fax message presents an opportunity for Pakistani HE sector to attend an information session on Horizon Europe Grants. Horizon Europe is a key EU funding facility for research and innovation with a budget of 95.5 billion (2021-2027). The program facilitates collaboration and strengthens the impact of research and innovation in developing, supporting, and implementing EU policies while tackling global challenges. It supports creating and better dispersing of excellent knowledge and technologies. Utilizing Horizon Grants will further enhance research outcomes and quality of Pakistani HEIs, and it is highly recommended that maximum number of HEIs benefit from this session.

03. The information session will take place online on 17th October 2023 from 1400 hours to 1630 hours PST. include a general introduction to the Horizon Europe Grant along with details of participation for Pakistani HEIs. The session will focus on available grants in the following themes:

- a. Agriculture
- b. Circular economy (including sustainable textiles)
- c. Improved Disaster Risk Management and Governance
- d. Mobility of Scientist – opportunities under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

04. The link to register for the session is <https://forms.gle/eWiLqBqVmx5spFw28>.

05. This is being forwarded for your information and for further dissemination to researchers, faculty and students who may benefit from the subject session.

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All Public and Private HEIs

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- i. PS to Chairman, Higher Education Commission
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Fax Message

From : Parep Brussels
To : Foreign Islamabad
Repeated to : Pakistan's Missions in the EU
No. : Pol/EU-09/2023
Dated : October 6, 2023

Additional Secretary (ACDIS/Public Policy) from Second Secretary (III)
Repeated to: Additional Secretary (Europe), Chairman (Higher Education Commission, Islamabad), Chairman (Pakistan Science Foundation), Joint Secretary, (International Liaison Wing, Ministry of Science and Technology), Director (FSO)

Subject: Information Session on Horizon Europe Grants (17 October 2023)

As part of its Science Diplomacy outreach efforts, the Mission in collaboration with the Directorate General of Research and Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission is organizing a virtual information session on the **17th October 2023 from 1400 to 1630 hrs PST/1100 to 1330 hrs CET** related to the access to Horizon Europe Grants.

2. Horizon Europe is the EU's key funding programme for research and innovation with a budget of €95.5 billion (2021 – 2027). Pakistani researchers/institutions are eligible to apply for several Horizon Europe grant schemes. The Information Session being organized will focus on available grant calls in the following themes:

- a) Agriculture
- b) Circular Economy (including Sustainable Textiles)
- c) Improved Disaster Risk Management and Governance
- d) Mobility of Scientists – opportunities under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

3. The Information Session will also include a general introduction to the Horizon Europe grant scheme and modalities of participation of Pakistani institutions. This will be an extremely useful opportunity for our research institutions, higher education institutions as well as our scientific diaspora in the EU.

4. The focus areas during the information session are also highly relevant for Pakistan's research and innovation related requirements. This interaction will

enable institutionalizing Pakistan's knowledge partnerships with the EU and open up new collaborative ventures. A copy of the program is also being enclosed for information which includes the registration link for the event.

5. The following is requested from the addressed stakeholders:

- The Higher Education Commission is requested to share the information about the event with all relevant educational institutions and research organizations in its database, especially with relevance to the thematic areas. HEC's active participation is also sought in the event to facilitate future interaction with the European Commission.
- The Ministry of Science and Technology is requested to share the information about the event with relevant research organizations within its mandate.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requested to share the information about the activity with the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission.
- Missions in the EU are requested to share the information with the scientific diaspora in the EU. Their participation can help create linkages between EU and Pakistani institutions for grant applications.

Warm regards,

M. Adeel

Muhammad Adeel



EU-PAKISTAN
Cooperation on Research & Innovation

Horizon Europe Info Day
Opportunities for collaboration and funding!

Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Timing: 14:00 to 16:30 Pakistan Time | 11:00 -13:30 Brussels Time

Virtual Event

Please Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/eWiLqBqVmx5spFw28>



AGENDA

Event Moderators Tania Friedrichs (EU) and Muhammad Adeel (Pakistan)

14:00-14:30 IST
(11:00 -11:30 CET)

Welcome Remarks

- **H.E. Dr Riina KIONKA**
Ambassador of the European Union to Pakistan
- **H.E. Amna Baloch**
Ambassador of Pakistan to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg

Opening Remarks

- **Ms Nienke BUISMAN**
Head of Unit, Global Approach & International Cooperation – Asia, Africa and the Middle East
Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, Brussels

Part I: Collaborative Research opportunities under Horizon Europe (Pillar 2)

14:30-15.50 (IST)
(11:30-12:50 CET)

Session moderated by **Muhammad Adeel**, Second Secretary, Embassy of Pakistan to EU and Belgium and Luxembourg.

14:30-14:50
(11:30-11:50 CET)

General presentation Horizon Europe and modalities of participation for Pakistani entities (20’): Ms Tania FRIEDERICHs, Senior Policy Officer in Directorate for Global and International Cooperation, Unit on Asia- Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission.

Questions & Answers

14:50-15:10 (IST)
11:50-12:10 (CET)

Selected calls on Agri-Food under Horizon Europe Cluster 6

Valerio Abbadessa, Policy Officer in the Unit on Research and Innovation in the Directorate General for Agriculture, European Commission

Q&A

15:10 -15:30 (IST)
12:10- 12.30 (CET)

Selected calls on Circular Economy - Sustainable Textiles under Horizon Europe Cluster 6

Martin Policar, Policy Officer in Unit on Circular Economy and Biobased systems, Directorate Bioeconomy and Food Systems, Directorate Healthy Planet in Directorate General Research and Innovation, European Commission

Q&A

15:30 -15.50 (IST)
12.30- 12:50 (CET)

Calls on Disaster-Resilient Society: Improved Disaster Risk Management and Governance under Horizon Europe Cluster 3

Philippe Quevauviller, Policy Officer, in the Unit on Innovation and Security Research in DG HOME, European Commission

Q&A

15.50 - 16:20 (IST)
12:50 -13:20 (CET)

Part II: Mobility of Scientists: Opportunities under Horizon Europe MCSA programme (Pillar 1):

session moderated by **Ms Tania FRIEDERICHS**, Senior Policy Officer in Directorate for Global and International Cooperation, Unit on Asia- Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission

Opportunities under Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Thierry Devars, Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture (EAC), Directorate on International cooperation European Commission Brussels

Q&A

16:20-16:30 (IST)
(13:20-13:30 CET)

Closing Remarks

H.E Mohammad Kamran Akhtar

Additional Secretary, Public Policy/ Science Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
