

EERA AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATION ESTABLISHING HORIZON EUROPE, THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, FOR THE PERIOD 2028-2034

The European Energy Research Alliance (EERA), gathering 250 member organisations from more than 30 countries, welcomes the European Commission’s proposal for Framework Programme 10 (FP10). To strengthen the proposal even further, EERA is hereby proposing amendments to the legal text in line with several of its flagship recommendations, including placing clean energy at the centre of FP10 and clarifying Framework Programme 10’s interface with the ECF while leveraging the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) to do so under Competitiveness and Society’s Chapter IV ‘Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation’ activities. In addition, EERA also recommends strengthening the innovation pipeline and collaborative research’s role, notably through flagship-style calls, while maintaining TRL-balance, scientific excellence and while fostering interdisciplinarity and the inclusion of social sciences and humanities.

Article	Amendment proposal
(3) The Programme should be tightly connected with Regulation (EU)[XXX]* of the European Parliament and of the Council [European Competitiveness Fund] by placing research and innovation at the heart of the Union’s economy and investment strategy.	(3) The Programme should be tightly connected with Regulation (EU) [XXX]* of the European Parliament and of the Council [European Competitiveness Fund] in a manner that fosters excellent and curiosity-driven research as well as safeguards researchers’ autonomy , by placing research and innovation at the heart of the Union’s economy and investment strategy.
(5) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for a more flexible multiannual financial framework and its Union spending programmes. To that effect, and in line with the objectives of the Programme, the funding should duly consider the evolving policy needs and Union’s priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, European Parliament resolutions and in Council conclusions, while ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation.	(5) In a rapidly changing economic, social and geopolitical environment, recent experience has shown the need for a more flexible multiannual financial framework and its Union spending programmes. To that effect, and in line with the objectives of the Programme, the funding should duly consider the evolving policy needs and Union’s priorities as identified in relevant documents published by the Commission, European Parliament resolutions and in Council conclusions, while ensuring sufficient predictability for the budget implementation and for researchers, and while recognising the importance of excellence, predictability, continuity and curiosity-driven research.
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<p>competitiveness. Activities should reflect the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement.</p>	<p>Activities should reflect the importance of tackling climate change in line with the Union's commitments to implement the Paris Agreement. In this regard, investing in clean energy research to achieve the clean energy transition and the EU's decarbonisation objectives appears essential.</p>
<p>Art 6. 4. The indicative financial envelope of the Programme for the period 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2034 shall be EUR 175 002 000 000 in current prices. 5. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article for the Specific Programme referred to in Article 1(2)(a), shall be: (...) (b) EUR 75 876 000 000 for Part II 'Competitiveness and Society', of which: i. EUR 68 270 000 000 for 'Competitiveness' of which: EUR 25 331 000 000 for collaborative research and innovation activities under Chapter IV 'Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation' of the European Competitiveness Fund;</p>	<p>4. The indicative financial envelope of the Programme for the period 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2034 shall be EUR 175 002 000 000 220 000 000 000 in current prices. 5. The indicative distribution of the amount referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article for the Specific Programme referred to in Article 1(2)(a), shall be: (...) (b) EUR 75 876 000 000 132 000 000 000 for Part II 'Competitiveness and Society', of which: i. EUR 68 270 000 000 118 760 400 000 for 'Competitiveness' of which: EUR 25 331 000 000 35 200 000 000 for collaborative research and innovation activities under Chapter IV 'Clean Transition and Industrial Decarbonisation' of the European Competitiveness Fund;</p>
<p>Art 15. - Collaborative research 1. Collaborative research shall support the creation of transnational research and innovation cooperation networks, bringing together entities of different disciplines, to support the development and swift diffusion of high-quality results in favour of the Union's industrial competitiveness, space, security, clean transition, preparedness and resilience, and addressing societal challenges, including culture and creativity, and to strengthen the impact of research in developing and supporting Union policies. 2. Activities shall be carried out in a balanced manner between lower and higher Technology Readiness Levels, thereby covering the whole value chain.</p>	<p>1. Collaborative research shall support the creation of transnational research and innovation cooperation networks, bringing together entities of different disciplines, to support the development and swift diffusion of high-quality results in favour of the Union's industrial competitiveness, space, security, clean energy transition, preparedness and resilience, and addressing societal challenges, including culture and creativity, and to strengthen the impact of research in developing and supporting Union policies. 2. Activities shall be carried out in a balanced manner between lower and higher Technology Readiness Levels, thereby covering the whole value chain, with particular attention given to basic and frontier research to ensure balance both within Framework Programme 10 and with the European Competitiveness Fund which will support higher Technology Readiness Levels.</p>