



EU Funding for Global Health Research and Development (GH R&D)

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EU Horizon 2020 for 2014-2020

In current prices nearly €80 billion; in constant prices €70.2 billion:

- **Health, demographic change and well-being:** up to 9.7 per cent of the Horizon 2020 budget with € 7.472 billion
 - **DG Research and Innovation Work programme 2014/2015:** TB vaccine call (2014): € 25 million; **HIV vaccine call (2015) € 20 million**
 - **European Research Council:** € 13 095 million for frontier research, cross disciplinary proposals and pioneering ideas
- **Second phase of the European and Developing Countries and Clinical Trials Partnership programme (EDCTP 2):** up to €1.36 billion (€ 683 million from the EU; € 683 million from participating states) for poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in particular in Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Innovative Medicines Initiative:** € 3.3 billion for 2014-2023, including up to €1.6 billion for EU, primarily the R&D gaps in Europe but vaccines & HIV are included in the strategic plan. First calls for proposals expected on July 9th.



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Call for Proposals on HIV vaccine 2015 within H2020

- Type of action: Research and innovation actions
- Budget: between €15 and 20 million euro
- **Scope:** strengthening the capacity for discovery and early development of new vaccine candidates for HIV/AIDS:
 1. Establishment of a platform for the discovery and selection of vaccine candidates for HIV/AIDS, and their pre-clinical and early clinical testing.
 2. Addressing bottlenecks: better ways for early distinction, pooling expertise in the areas of *in vitro* and *in silico* testing, predictive animal models, predictive correlates of protection, phase 0 trials
 3. The successful proposal shall continue its vaccine development in the context of EDCTP; and address barriers regarding the uptake and implementation of a new vaccine in low, middle and high income countries in different regions of the world.
- **Expected impact:**
 - Increasing the number of candidates while reducing costs
 - Close links with the EDCTP



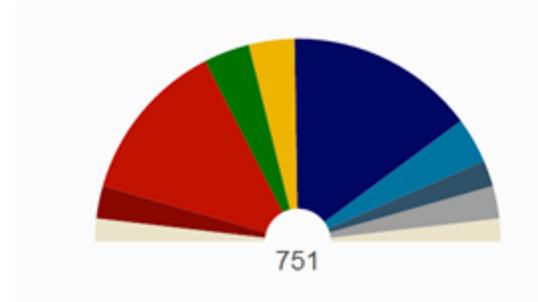
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European Elections



- The EPP (European People's Party) remains the biggest party
- Extreme-right and Eurosceptic parties, more than 100 seats (France, UK, Germany, Denmark, Greece, and Austria)
- Global Health R&D should remain non controversial; pro-EU blocks will still have the majority; overall R&D considered by main groups as key for competitiveness and growth
- **Champions returning to the EP:**
 - **Vicky Ford (ECR, UK)**
 - **Michele Rivasi (Green, FR)**
 - **Jean Lambert (Green, UK)**
 - **Patrizia Toia (S&D, Italy)**



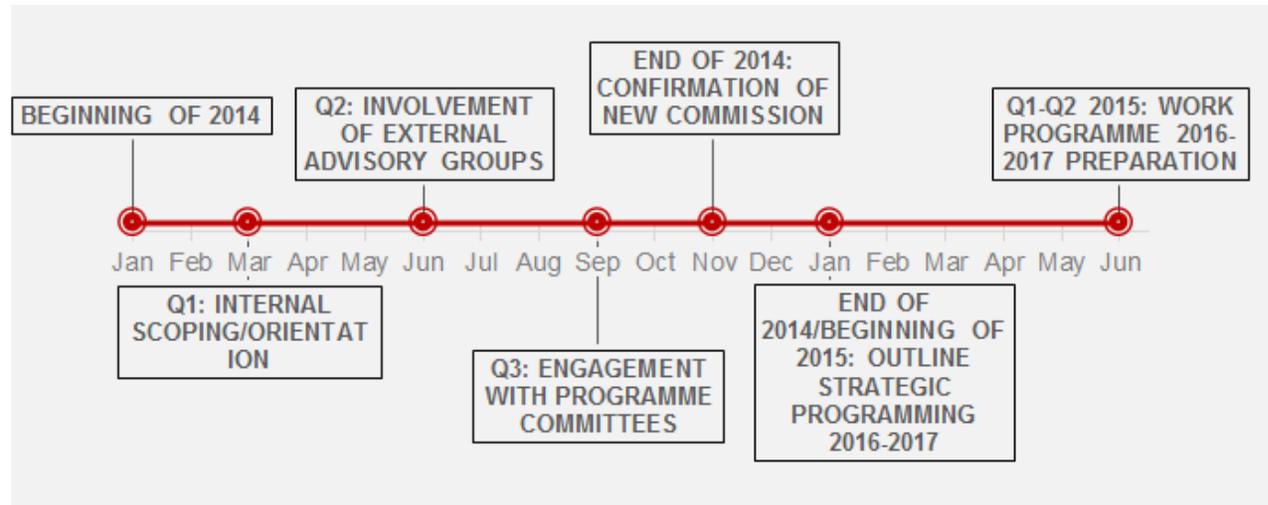
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Key Advocacy Opportunities in 2014



- Drafting of the DG Research and Innovation Work programme 2016/2017



- Annual pledging of participating states' contributions to EDCTP2 in October
- Appointment of new College of Commissioner end of the year



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Planned Advocacy Activities



- 1. Strengthen EDCTP2 Participating States' Contributions**
 - Gathering intelligence at EU level
 - National events to promote EDCTP model (Berlin, Paris, London)
 - Explore opportunities in high potential African Participating States
- 2. Optimise annual budget allocations to PRNDs**
 - Horizon 2020 bi-annual work plan
 - EU Annual budget
- 3. Campaign “New GH R&D Champions in the European Parliament”**
 - Engaging with newly-elected MEPs
 - Tool-kit compiling evidence
- 4. Horizontal approach: Build Brussels based coalitions**
- 5. Supporting activity: Communication & social media**



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Specific advocacy examples from recent months



Advocacy Papers: Fact sheet on HIV & AIDS **prevention by investing in young people and supporting** new and improved medical interventions; Post-2015: The role of Global Health Research and Development (R&D) in the new development framework

Answer to consultations on the need to GH R&D: Inquiry from UK APPG on HIV and AIDS on Access to Medicines in Developing Countries and subsequent oral evidence to the APPG; Public consultation from Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the Sustainable Development Goals

Information-sharing: on policy developments: ex. EDCTP 2 legislative process, Commission Work Programme Timelines, Calls for Proposals; bi-monthly newsletter, blog posts, press releases

Event: ‚Patients‘ needs driving innovation in global health‘ (March 10th), opened by MEP Fiona Hall, bringing together European Commission, WHO, academics, industry, patient, CSO, and PDPs on the panel. The event was facilitated by DSW in close partnership with DNDi, Path, EFPIA, EPHA and GHA

Media: Parliament Magazine Op-ed: under the name of EDCTP rapporteur Vicky Ford on the occasion of World Health Day and the renewal of EDCTP (TBC); Media coverage of March 10th event



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Advocacy priorities for next term



- Liaise with European Commission officials regarding Horizon 2020 WP 2016/2017
- Prepare evidence-based arguments for future debate on EU Annual draft budget (July)
- Support partners in organising national events (September TBC); side event to EDCTP Forum (July 3rd)
- Share information & work with partners: CSO's, PDPs, research community, industry (e.g. survey); linking up to other advocacy efforts, especially RMNCH and development policy advocacy, launch of EU newsletter (June).
- Prepare publications for MEP tool-kit and reach out to new potential MEP champions (May-July)
- Coordinate work on supplement to European Voice on Global Health R&D (May-June)



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Joint advocacy



- Evidence to inform decision-makers (scientific breakthroughs, success stories, figures of disease burden, funding gaps/added-value)
- Joint advocacy messaging (post 2015, etc.)
- Updates on global policy developments



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Useful tools

- **'Horizon 2020 In Brief'**: a pocket guide presenting and explaining Horizon 2020:
<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/horizon-2020-brief-eu-framework-programme-research-innovation>
- **IMI 2 Strategic Research Agenda**:
http://www.imi.europa.eu/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/IMI2_SRA_March2014.pdf
- **Calls for proposals Horizon 2020**:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>
- **Work plan**: ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/common/1587763-08._health_wp2014-2015_en.pdf
- **European Research Council**: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/european-research-council>



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