

## Horizon Europe 2021-2027

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On 7 June, the European Commission launched Horizon Europe, the next European Research and Innovation Funding Programme. With a budget of 97.6 billion, Horizon Europe has the potential to become the biggest ever research and innovation funding. This proposal is part of the EU's proposal for a new EU budget for the period 2021 till 2027, known as the Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

Horizon Europe is designed around three pillars, including the "Global Challenges Pillar". This pillar directly supports research for addressing societal challenges such as clean mobility. It consists of five clusters, including a cluster on "Climate, Energy and Mobility", with a yearly budget of € 2 Billion.

In a first reaction, SEA Europe's Secretary General, Christophe Tytgat, said:

*"SEA Europe welcomes and supports the proposal, as it builds on the success of Horizon 2020 and is designed to contribute to the sustainable development goals (SDGs), tackling societal challenges, including climate change, and to promote (technological) innovation. SEA Europe fully supports the European Parliament on the need for a minimum budget of €120 billion or more (up to 3% of the GDP) for Horizon Europe."*

*Horizon Europe will be an essential instrument for Europe's waterborne sector, which is of economic and strategic importance for Europe (and for the world). It will allow the waterborne sector to make the significant investments that are necessary for the sector to contribute to tackling its own as well as Europe's societal challenges, to help implementing Europe's Blue Economy and Growth agenda and ultimately to maintaining Europe's global leadership position in several waterborne subsegments.*

*Therefore, SEA Europe calls upon the EU Institutions to support an ambitious Horizon Europe (and other programmes) with sufficient financial means for the waterborne sector in Europe to help the sector implementing its ambitious vision and missions for the future of Europe and for remaining ahead of its global competitors in terms of research, development and innovation.*

**Background Note:** SEA Europe represents close to 100% of the European shipbuilding industry in 16 nations, encompassing the production, maintenance, repair and conversion of all types of ships and floating structures, commercial as well as naval, including the full supply chain with the various producers of maritime systems, equipment material, and services.

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