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Associated Countries

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History of changes

Version	Date	Change
1.1	26.02.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Updates on the participation conditions for Faroe Islands and Switzerland
1.2	19.05.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Update on the countries associated with H2020 : Norway and Iceland
1.3	11.06.2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Update on the participation status of Faroe Islands and indication on potential dates of entry into force for several countries

Associated Countries

Association is governed by Article 7 of the Horizon 2020 Regulation. Legal entities from Associated Countries can participate under the same conditions as legal entities from the Member States. Countries can only associate to Horizon 2020 by conclusion of a specific international agreement, which needs to be negotiated with each country that wishes to associate to Horizon 2020.

The following countries are already associated to Horizon 2020:

- **Iceland**
- **Norway**

Most of the other agreements are expected to be finalised soon. Association agreements, once concluded, will apply retroactively from 1 January 2014 (i.e. from the beginning of Horizon 2020).

The following associations are expected to be in place:

- **Albania***
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina***
- **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia***
- **Faroe Islands*****
- **Israel****
- **Moldova***
- **Montenegro***
- **Serbia***
- **Turkey****

Legal entities from these countries are encouraged to participate in proposals submitted under the Horizon 2020 calls for proposals. As long as the respective Association agreements are not in place, and in order not to delay proposal evaluation and negotiation, these countries will be assumed to be associated and legal entities from these countries will count towards the minimum participation requirements in all parts of Horizon 2020, as though they are established in an Associated Country.

Association of **Switzerland** is currently on-hold, please see the separate information note [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/h2020-hi-swiss-part_en.pdf]

Note that, unlike in FP7, **Liechtenstein** does not intend to associate to Horizon 2020.

Should Association agreements still not be in place by the time of the need to sign grant agreements or other forms of financial support under Horizon 2020, then the eligibility of the proposal (and, where relevant, the funding from the Union budget to be provided to the legal entities in question) will be reassessed on the basis that the country in question is not associated to Horizon 2020. This implies that entities from such countries would not get funded automatically, but could get funding on an exceptional basis.

* Association agreement is expected to be signed on 1 July and provisionally applied from that date.

** Association agreement was signed already but should only enter into force by mid-July.

*** Association agreement is expected to be signed in autumn.