

EU Risk Assessment Agenda: Funding opportunities across the EU and its Member States

Overview of opportunities covering Food Sciences
topics offered by EFSA's partners and related
organisations

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EFSA's partners and related organisations

The table below provides an overview of the funding opportunities currently offered by EFSA's different partners that can potentially cover Food Sciences, namely risk assessment in food safety topics.

Funding Source	Programme		Scope and Selection Criteria	Application Details	Useful Links
European Commission-Horizon 2020	<p><u>Horizon 2020 - EU Research Framework Programme 2014-2020 (2016-2017)</u></p> <p>Call identifier: H2020-SFS-2016-2017</p> <p>Financial instrument of the Innovation Union, covering R&I funding and grants with emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges, including in Food Safety topics</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Participant Portal provides permanently updated information on the calls for proposals to be published throughout the year, including clear instructions to be used as a guide during the online application; Many calls require a team of at least three partners; the portal (partner search options) helps to identify a potential partner with particular competences, facilities or experience; All proposals are evaluated by a panel of independent specialists in their fields; The evaluation stage has a duration of five months, after which the European Commission draws up a grant agreement with each participant; this confirms what research & innovation activities will be undertaken, the project duration, budget, rates and costs, the European Commission's contribution, and the overall rights and obligations. 	Variable	<p>Participant Portal</p> <p>Area of Food and Healthy Diet</p> <p>Horizon 2020 website</p> <p>Rules for participation in H2020 Reg No 1290/2013</p>
	<p><u>Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions – MSCA</u></p> <p>Work</p>	<p>ITN – Innovative Training Networks</p> <p>MSCA-ITN-2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ITNs are meant primarily for organisations such as universities, research centres or companies, that propose a research training network; Individuals can apply for the specific positions created by these networks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant covers: recruitment and training of each researcher for up to three years; the researcher is hired under an employment contract and benefits 	<p>Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions website</p> <p>MSCA Work</p>

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	<p>Programme 2016-17</p> <p>MSCA are open to all domains of research and innovation addressed under the TFEU, from basic research up to market take-up and innovation services. Research and innovation fields as well as sectors are chosen freely by the applicants in a fully bottom-up manner. They are open to universities, research institutions, research infrastructures, businesses, and other socio-economic actors, including civil society organisations, from all countries.</p>	<p>MSCA-ITN-2017</p> <p>Support competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by European partnerships of universities, research institutions, and non-academic organisations. The research training programmes provide experience outside academia, hence developing innovation and employability skills. It includes industrial doctorates, in which non-academic organisations have an equal role to universities in respect of the researcher's time and supervision, and joint doctoral degrees delivered by several universities. Non-European organisations can participate as additional partners in ITNs, enabling doctoral-level candidates to gain experience outside Europe during their training.</p>	<p>(advertised on Euraxess¹); they shall have less than 4 years research experience (e.g. on-going PhD, early stage researcher);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All research areas can be funded except those covered by the EURATOM Treaty (as referred to in article 4 and Annex I); the proposed research training or doctoral programme should respond to well-identified multi- and interdisciplinary needs in scientific and technological research areas, expose the researcher to different sectors, and offer a comprehensive set of transferable skills (such as entrepreneurship and communication); proposals should reflect existing or planned research cooperation among the partners, involving the researchers through individual, personalised research projects; • European Training Networks (ETN): joint research training, implemented by at least three partners from in and outside academia; the aim is for the researcher to experience different sectors and develop their transferable skills by working on joint research projects; the organisations should be established in at least three different EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ; additional participants from any organisation anywhere in the world can also join a network; • European Industrial Doctorates (EID): joint doctoral training delivered by at least one academic partner entitled to award doctoral degrees, and at least one partner 	<p>from a monthly living allowance, social security cover, a mobility and family allowance; research costs including the organisation of joint activities and conferences. management and overhead costs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the level of the organisation, the maximum duration of an ITN project is four years; • Application periods: MSCA-ITN-2016 – 15 Oct 2015 to 12 Jan 2016; MSCA-ITN-2017 – 15 Sept 2016 to 10 Jan 2017. 	<p>Programme 2016-17</p>

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			<p>from outside academia, primarily enterprise; each participating researcher is enrolled in a doctoral programme and is jointly supervised by supervisors from the academic and non-academic sector, where they spend at least 50% of their time; the aim is for the doctoral candidates to develop skills inside and outside academia that respond to public and private sector needs; the organisations should be established in at least two different EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ; a wider set of partner organisations from anywhere in the world may also complement the training;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Joint Doctorates (EJD): a minimum of three academic organisations form a network with the aim of delivering joint, double or multiple degrees; joint supervision of the research fellow and a joint governance structure are mandatory; the aim is to promote international, intersectoral and multi/interdisciplinary collaboration in doctoral training in Europe; the organisations should be from different EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ; the participation of additional organisations from anywhere in the world, including from the non-academic sector, is encouraged; • Mobility across borders is a must; cross-sectoral mobility is also encouraged; • Selection through an open competition using a series of pre-determined criteria as set out in the MSCA Work Programme 2016-17. 		

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		<p>IF – Individual Fellowships</p> <p>MSCA-IF-2016 MSCA-IF-2017</p> <p>Supports the mobility of researchers within and beyond Europe, as well as helping to attract the best foreign researchers to work in the EU. The grant usually covers two years' salary, a mobility allowance, research costs and overheads for the host institution. Individual researchers submit proposals for funding in liaison with their planned host organisation. Fellows can also spend part of the fellowship elsewhere in Europe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual researchers from anywhere in the world can apply; Researchers with a doctoral degree or at least four years' full-time research experience by the time of the call deadline; Individuals apply with an organisation; All research areas can be funded except those covered by the EURATOM Treaty; European Fellowships (EF): held in the EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ; open to researchers either coming to Europe or moving within Europe; can help to restart research careers after a break such as parental leave; can also help reintegrate researchers coming back to Europe; Global Fellowships (GF): fund secondments outside Europe for researchers based in the EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ; here is a mandatory one-year return period; EFs and GFs can also include a secondment period of up to 3 or 6 months in another organisation in Europe, where this would boost the impact of the fellowship; Mobility across borders is a must; cross-sectoral mobility is also encouraged; Selection through an open competition using a series of pre-determined criteria as set out in the MSCA Work Programme 2016-17. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grant provides an allowance to cover living, travel and family costs; it is directly awarded to the host organisation, usually a university, research centre or a company in Europe; the research costs and overheads of the host organisation(s) are also supported; EFs last from one to two years; GFs from two to three years; Application periods: MSCA-IF-2016 – 12 Apr 2016 to 14 Sept 2016; MSCA-IF-2017 – 11 Apr 2017 to 14 Sept 2017. 	
		<p>RISE - Research and Innovation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RISE are meant for organisations such as universities, research centres or companies that propose a short term exchange to their staff; proposals should 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grant supports the secondment of staff members for one month to one year; they must 	

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	Staff Exchanges MSCA-RISE-2016 MSCA-RISE-2017 Supports short-term mobility of research and innovation staff at all career levels, from the most junior (post-graduate) to the most senior (management), including also administrative and technical staff. It is open to partnerships of universities, research institutions, and non-academic organisations both within and beyond Europe. In worldwide partnerships, academia-to-academia exchanges are permitted.	include at least three partners , which can be universities, research institutions, or non-academic organisations.; small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are encouraged to participate; partner organisations should be from three different countries; at least two of these should be from the EU or associated countriesⁱⁱ ; partners from elsewhere in the world can also join ; if the exchange happens between the EU or associated countries ⁱⁱ it must be intersectoral; in worldwide partnerships, exchanges within the same sector are possible; partners get together and propose a joint project; proposals should highlight networking opportunities, sharing of knowledge and the skills development of staff members; • Research staff of any nationality and any career level (postgraduates to experienced researchers) can undertake a secondment; staff members working in managerial, technical or administrative roles can also be seconded; • All research areas can be funded except those covered by the EURATOM Treaty (as referred to in article 4 and Annex I); • Selection through an open competition using a series of pre-determined criteria as set out in the MSCA Work Programme 2016-17 .	be engaged in or linked to research and innovation activities for at least six months prior to the secondment; they return to the sending organisation after the secondment, to pass on their knowledge; • Funding for a RISE project can last up to four years; • Application periods: MSCA-RISE-2016 – 8 Dec 2015 to 28 Apr 2016; MSCA-RISE-2017 – 1 Dec 2017 to 5 Apr 2017.	
	COFUND - Co-funding of	• COFUND is meant for organisations that fund or manage doctoral programmes or fellowship programmes for researchers;	• Individuals (both doctoral candidates and experienced research	

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		<p>regional, national and international programmes</p> <p>MSCA-COFUND-2016 MSCA-COFUND-2017</p> <p>Offer additional funding to regional, national and international programmes for research training and career development that finance fellowships involving mobility to or from another country; can support doctoral and fellowship programmes.</p>	<p>each COFUND proposal should have a sole participant, which could be a government ministry, regional authority, funding agency, university, research organisation, research academy or enterprise;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experienced researchers apply directly with the funding organisation while doctoral candidates can find vacancies of co-funded programmes on Euraxess¹; • All research areas can be funded except those covered by the EURATOM Treaty (as referred to in article 4 and Annex I); • Mobility across borders is a must; cross-sectoral mobility is also encouraged; • Selection through an open competition using a series of pre-determined criteria as set out in the MSCA Work Programme 2016-17. 	<p>fellows) are supported in their research training and career development through the co-funding; participating organisations will receive a fixed amount for each supported researcher as a contribution to the living allowance of the researcher and to the management costs of the programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected programmes will receive co-funding for three to five years up to a total amount of € 10 Mio; • Application periods: MSCA-COFUND-2016 – 14 Apr 2016 to 29 Sept 2016; MSCA-COFUND-2017 – 5 Apr 2017 to 28 Sept 2017. 	
	<p><u>Societal Challenges - Sustainable Food Security – Resilient and resource-efficient</u></p>	<p>RIA - Research and Innovation Actions</p> <p>Action primarily consisting of activities aiming to establish new</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects may contain closely connected but limited demonstration or pilot activities aiming to show technical feasibility in a near to operational environment; • At least three legal entities; • Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU funding rate for a RIA is 100%; • Application periods: SFS-2016 - 27 Oct 2015 to 17 Feb 2016 (1st stage) and 13 Sep 2016 (2nd stage); 	<p>Societal Challenges website – Food Security Work</p>

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	<u>value chains</u> H2020-SFS-2016-2017 This call addresses the issues of resilience and efficiency in the food value chain. It will support research and innovation all along the food chain, from primary production, food processing to healthy and safe foods and diets.	knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. For this purpose they may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.	associated countryⁱⁱ ; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All three legal entities must be independent of each other; Award criteria, scores and weighting in accordance with Part H of the General Annexes of the Horizon2020 Work Programme 2016-2017. 	SFS-2017 - 4 Oct 2016 to 14 Feb 2017 (1 st stage) and 13 Set 2017 (2 nd stage).	Programme H2020 2016-2017 – 9. Food Security General Annexes of the Work Programme H2020 – 2016-2017
		IA - Innovation Actions Action primarily consisting of activities directly aiming at producing plans and arrangements or designs for new, altered or improved products, processes or services. For this purpose they may include prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, large-scale product validation and market replication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IA covers 'demonstrations or pilots' aiming to validate the technical and economic viability of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution in an operational (or near to operational) environment, whether industrial or otherwise, involving where appropriate a larger scale prototype or demonstrator; IA also covers 'market replications' aiming to support the first application/deployment in the market of an innovation that has already been demonstrated but not yet applied/deployed in the market due to market failures/barriers to uptake; 'market replications' do not cover multiple applications in the market of an innovation that has already been applied successfully once in the market; Projects may include limited research and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU funding rate for a IA is 70% (except for non-profit legal entities, where a rate of 100% applies); Application periods: SFS-2017 - 4 Oct 2016 to 14 Feb 2017. 	

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			development activities; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each of the three must be established in a different EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated countryⁱⁱ; All three legal entities must be independent of each other; Award criteria, scores and weighting in accordance with Part H of the General Annexes of the Horizon2020 Work Programme 2016-2017. 		
		CSA - Coordination and Support Actions Actions consisting primarily of accompanying measures such as standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies, including design studies for new infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries; At least one legal entity established in an EU Member State or Horizon 2020 associated countryⁱⁱ; Award criteria, scores and weighting in accordance with Part H of the General Annexes of the Horizon2020 Work Programme 2016-2017. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU funding rate for a CSA is 100%; Application periods: SFS-2016 - 27 Oct 2015 to 17 Feb 2016; SFS-2017 - 4 Oct 2016 to 14 Feb 2017. 	
		COFUND - European Joint Programme (EJP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EJP COFUND does not promote types of activities or forms of coordination, but relies on modalities and processes agreed by the coordinated national programmes and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded activities range from research to coordination and networking activities, 	

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	<p>Programme designed to support coordinated national research and innovation programmes aiming at attracting and pooling a critical mass of national resources on objectives and challenges of H2020 and at achieving significant economies of scales by adding related H2020 resources to a joint effort.</p>	<p>related actors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum number of participants: five independent legal entities from different Member States or associated countriesⁱⁱ owning or managing national research and innovation programmes (programme owners: typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing programmes carried out at national or regional level; programme 'managers': such as research councils or funding agencies or other entities that implement national or regional research and innovation programmes under the supervision of the programme owners); • All five legal entities must be independent of each other; • The participation of programme managers has to be mandated by the national/regional authorities in charge; • In addition to the minimum conditions, other legal entities may participate if justified by the nature of the action, in particular entities created to coordinate or integrate transnational research efforts, grouping funding from both national and private sources; • Sole participants may be eligible if the above-mentioned specific eligibility conditions are satisfied; • Award criteria, scores and weighting in accordance with Part H of the General Annexes of the Horizon2020 Work Programme 2016- 	<p>including training activities, demonstration and dissemination activities, support to third parties etc;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds can also be used to enhance and expand the activities of existing coordinated programmes or create new ones, provided they aim at attaining the objectives of a European transnational joint-programme established by the EJP-COFUND consortium; • Funding takes the form of a grant consisting of a reimbursement of the eligible costs related to the action, in accordance with the conditions set out in the grant agreement and relevant Commission decisions, including reimbursement of actually incurred costs, lump sums, unit costs or flat rates; financial support provided to third parties as part of the joint programme implementation, for 	

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			2017.		<p>example through calls for proposals or under otherwise defined conditions (cascade grants), is also eligible for reimbursement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU funding rate for a COFUND-EJP is 70% of the total eligible costs of the action, unless otherwise specified in the call conditions;• Application periods: SFS-2017 - 4 Oct 2016 to 14 Feb 2017.	
	<p><u>ERC – European Research Council – Frontier Research Grants</u></p> <p>Panel LS9_5 Food Sciences</p>	<p>Starting Grants</p> <p>Support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Principal Investigators (PI) must have over 2 and up to 7 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree, prior to 1 January 2016);• Scientific track record showing great promise (with at least one important publication without the participation of their PhD supervisor).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PI from anywhere in the world can apply;• Grants are awarded to the host institution that engages and hosts the PI: host institutions must be established in an EU Member State or Associated Countryⁱⁱ• The host institution may also be an International European Interest Organisation (such as CERN, EMBL, etc.), the European Commission's	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to a maximum of €1 500 000 (<i>pro rata</i> according to project duration);• Up to 5 years;• Deadline for application: 17 November 2015, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time); yearly call.	<p>ERC Starting Grants</p>

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		Consolidator Grants Support researchers at the stage at which they are consolidating their own independent research team or programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Investigators (PI) must have over 7 and up to 12 years of experience since completion of PhD (or equivalent degree, prior to 1 January 2016); Scientific track record showing great promise (with several important publications without the participation of their PhD supervisor) 	Joint Research Centre (JRC) or any other entity created under EU Law; any type of legal entity, public or private, including universities, research organisations and undertakings can host PIs and their teams. The ERC welcomes applications from PIs hosted by private for-profit research centres, including industrial laboratories ; The PI does not need to be employed by the host institution at the time when the proposal is submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to a maximum of €2 000 000 (<i>pro rata</i> according to project duration); Up to 5 years; Deadline for application: 2 February 2016, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time); yearly call. 	ERC Consolidator Grants
		Advanced Grants Targets researchers who have already established themselves as independent research leaders in their own right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researchers: any nationality, any age; applicants must be scientifically independent and have a recent research track-record and profile which identifies them as leaders in their respective field(s) of research; Sole evaluation criterion: scientific excellence of researcher and research proposal; Host Institution: research must be conducted in a public or private research organisation (known as a Host Institution/HI) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to a maximum of €2 500 000 (<i>pro rata</i> according to project duration); Up to 5 years; Calls published on a yearly basis; next call 2016. 	ERC Advanced Grants

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			located in one of the EU Member States or Associated Countries ⁱⁱ .		
	<p><u>EIT's 2016 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) Proposals</u></p> <p>The EIT is an integral part of the Horizon 2020. A KIC carries out a whole range of world-class activities bringing together actors from different sides of the Knowledge Triangle (business, education and research) through the development of products, services and processes and also by nurturing innovative, entrepreneurial people. A KIC connects excellence-driven innovation hubs, the Co-location Centres, with a view to becoming</p>	<p>Food4Future – Sustainable Supply Chain from Resources to Consumers</p> <p>The holistic approach of a KIC will be applied to this area comprising resource input in the very beginning of the chain (fertilisers, etc.), food production, processing, packaging and distribution; and it ends with the consumers which might be a specific priority of a KIC (reduction of food waste, healthy nutrition, etc.).</p> <p>The objective is to ensure a more efficient and effective food supply chain system, while improving the sustainability and traceability in all parts of this chain. It will mobilise investment and long-term commitment from the business sector – namely, in the</p>	<p>located in one of the EU Member States or Associated Countriesⁱⁱ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the proposed KIC must contain at least three independent partner organisations established in at least three different Member States; - at least two thirds of the partner organisations forming the proposed KIC must be established in Member States; - the proposed KIC must include at least one higher education institution and one private company; - the proposal must be submitted by a partnership containing a maximum of 50 partners. • Structure and foreseen impact: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long-term strategy: the KIC strategic outlook covers a seven-year period; this long-term perspective enables partners to commit for a long timeframe, and ensures its ability to focus on short, mid and long-term objectives, whilst remaining flexible enough to adapt to new, emerging needs; - Integration of the Knowledge Triangle: it shall design and implement an integrated portfolio of activities, which acts as a catalyst, blending an exploitation approach into the existing research base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Deadline for application</u>: 14 July 2016 • <u>Indicative EIT financial contribution</u>: EIT's contribution to the KIC's budget will not exceed 25% of its overall budget; the remaining 75% should be financed from other non-EIT sources of financing (e.g. mainly partners' own resources and other sources including national/regional funding, EU funds, etc.). • The financing modalities are defined in accordance with the Principles for financing, monitoring and evaluating KIC activities and the EIT Financial Regulation. • <u>Start-up Grant Agreement</u>: in order to ensure financial support for the start-up phase of the KICs; it is a multi-beneficiary grant 	<p>EIT website – 2016 Call for KICs</p> <p>EIT 2016 Call for KICs Proposals</p> <p>EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda (SIA) thematic factsheets</p>

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	leading centres of excellence and competing and collaborating with other innovation hubs across the world. A KIC is established as a legally and financially structured partnership and sets up its own governance system following good governance principles.	deployment of new and innovative technologies, processes and knowledge to increase sustainable food production, processing, packaging and distribution, to reduce waste and promote better nutrition. It will blend a critical mass of excellent research, innovation, education and training stakeholders along the whole chain, covering all its elements (primary sector, food production, food processors, retailers, food service channels and – not least – the consumer). Its major role in this area will be to address the current shortage of skills and human resources.	<p>and making education and training activities more responsive to business needs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance and results: it has to define impact indicators derived from the key performance indicators included in a KIC Scoreboard consistent with the KIC's activities. • It is expected to attract business professionals, educators, students, entrepreneurs, investors, researchers, and academics, from Europe and abroad, who are eager to innovate; it shall contribute to the development of the EIT brand and promote the recognition of talent through the EIT labelled masters and doctorates as well as through training and post-doctoral programmes; this approach shall cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stimulating innovative learning environments within and across Co-location Centres in diverse and multidisciplinary teams; - a highly developed entrepreneurial team culture and spirit; - mobility between business, research organisations and academia and across national boundaries; and - incentive schemes that attract and retain excellent people and talent from across the innovation chain. • Partnership: the KIC must be a diverse, balanced, collaborative and world-class partnership with the adequate operational 	<p>agreement which will be concluded between the consortium submitting the proposal (represented by the Coordinator) and the EIT; it will have the duration until the end of the start-up period (December 2017); the award of the Framework Partnership Agreement is subject to the successful completion of the start-up phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Framework Partnership Agreement and Specific Grant Agreement</u>: the long-term cooperation between the EIT and each KIC will be formalised through a seven-year Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA), which will be concluded between the KIC (represented by the KIC LE) and the EIT; it specifies the common objectives, the nature of activities planned and the general rights and obligations of each party; the FPA may be renewed; the EIT may award grants to a KIC 	

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			<p>and financial capacity to deliver on the KIC's proposed strategy and portfolio of activities; as the volume and scope of activities grow, the KIC is expected to expand the partnership to incorporate new partners, provided they bring further added value; the assessment of the partnership's innovation quality will be based exclusively on the partners forming the consortium at the application stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-location Centres: Co-location Centres are the main instrument for managing KIC activities and knowledge flow by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing a physical space for interaction with the local ecosystem, the main Knowledge Triangle partners based in the area and strong links to the KIC partnership, attracting a wide range of innovators (e.g. students, start-ups, industry, policy-makers, etc.) from within the KIC and beyond; - acting as a hub for many KIC activities, such as for coordinating and managing partner activity, structuring and implementing governance arrangements and facilitating collaboration; - functioning as points for knowledge exchange (within and between Co-location Centres). • Governance & Management: the KIC has substantial autonomy in defining its internal organisation and composition as well as its strategy, objectives, activities and working 	<p>formalised through Specific Grant Agreements (SGA) under the FPA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start-up Grant: the EIT may award a grant of up to EUR 4 million to the two designated partnerships in order to support the efficient setting up of the two KICs (Food4Future being one of them): the grant may cover the eligible costs of, <i>inter alia</i>, the following activities: establishment of legal structures, including the set-up of the KIC Legal Entity; recruitment and appointment of a CEO and other core staff; coordination and signature of the internal agreements formalising the engagement of partner organisations; preparation of the first KIC Business Plan. • For preparing and submitting a proposal consult the Call page of the EIT website and the Participant Portal. 	

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			<p>methods; in its operations, a KIC should follow the principles of flexibility and business logic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the KIC will not be financially independent from the EIT during its first years of operation, it should aim to become sustainable in the medium term, and it should gradually reduce its dependency on EIT funding. 		
	<p><u>Third Health Programme – 2014-2020</u></p> <p>Panel LS9_5 Food Sciences</p> <p>The third EU health programme is the main instrument the European Commission uses to implement the EU health strategy. It has</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be implemented by the Consumer, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (Chafea); The programme has four overarching objectives. It seeks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote health, prevent diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles taking into account the 'health in all policies' principle; Protect Union citizens from serious cross-border health threats; Contribute to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems; Facilitate access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens. Applicants must be legally established organisations, public authorities, public sector bodies, in particular research and health institutions, universities and higher education establishments; Applicants participating in a project proposal have to be different legal entities (i.e. independent from each other) from at least 3 countries participating in the Health Programme; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: 2 June 2016; Grants for actions co-financed with Member State authorities: EUR 13 800 000 will be reserved for grants for actions co-financed with MS authorities; the maximum rate of EU co-financing is 60 %; this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets the criteria for exceptional utility set out in Annex VII. Annex IV contains the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria for these actions. Grants for projects: EUR 13 050 000 will be allocated to projects; the maximum rate of EU co-financing is 60 %; this may be up to 80 % if a proposal meets 	<p>Programme's webpage</p> <p>Call's webpage (Chafea)</p> <p>Call text</p> <p>National Focal Points for the Health Programme</p> <p>Annexes of the Health Programme</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility: only applications from entities established in EU Member States, Norway, Iceland or in a country that has a bilateral agreement with the European Union in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No 282/2014 on the establishment of a third Health Programme for the Union's action in the field of health (2014-2020). 	<p>the criteria for exceptional utility set out in Annex VII. Annex IV contains the eligibility, exclusion, selection and award criteria for these actions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications must be submitted online via the participant portal. 	
	<u>Consumer Programme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Consumer Programme 2014-2020 with a budget of EUR 188.8 million will support EU consumer policy. It aims to help the citizens fully enjoy their consumer rights and actively participate in the Single Market. It will focus on four key areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a single market of safe products for the benefit of citizens and as a component of competitive businesses and traders; - a single market where citizens are well represented by professional consumer organisations who have the capacity to meet today's economic challenges; - a market where citizens are aware and exercise their rights as consumers. - an effective collaboration between national bodies to support the enforcement of consumer rights and advise the consumers. 		Consumer Programme 2014-2020
	<u>COST</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COST funds European networks of researchers across all science fields to coordinate nationally funded research. COST does not fund research itself, but provides support for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous open call to submit proposals. 	COST webpage

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		networking activities.		
	<u>South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South East Europe Programme aims to develop transnational partnerships on matters of strategic importance, in order to improve the territorial, economic and social integration process and to contribute to cohesion, stability and competitiveness of the region. For this purpose, the Programme seeks to realize high quality, result oriented projects of strategic character, relevant for the programme area. Priority Axis 1 : Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship Priority Axis 2: Protection and improvement of the environment Priority Axis 3: Improvement of the accessibility Priority Axis 4: Development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas 	• Variable	Webpage Participation details
	<u>European Structural and Investment funds (ESIF): Danube Programme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Danube Region Strategy addresses a wide range of issues; these are divided among 4 pillars and 11 priority areas (f.e.: water quality, environmental risks, biodiversity, landscape, air and soil quality etc.). Each priority area is managed by 2 Priority Area Coordinators (PACs). Five main funds (ERDF, CF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF) work together to support economic development across all EU countries, in line with the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy. 	• Variable	Webpage About Danube Region Strategy

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	<u>Twinning</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twinning projects bring together public sector expertise from EU Member States and beneficiary countries with the aim of achieving concrete mandatory operational results through peer to peer activities. Beneficiaries belong to two categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Member States' (MS) public administrations and semi-public bodies can participate. Twinning projects are implemented with a view to the mandatory results to be achieved. They are usually articulated in components corresponding to the expected results and foresee a number of activities including workshops, training sessions, expert missions, study visits, internships and counselling. Twinning lies on learning by doing principle and sharing of best practices. 	Webpage
	<u>Blue Growth Demonstrating An Ocean of Opportunities</u> Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Growth is the long term strategy to support sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors as a whole. Seas and oceans are drivers for the European economy and have great potential for innovation and growth. It is the maritime contribution to achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. The 'blue' economy represents roughly 5.4 million jobs and generates a gross added value 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BG-08-2017 - IA Innovation action; Budget - 7,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 February 2017 BG-07-2017 - IA Innovation action: Budget - 12,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 February 2017 BG-02-2016-2017 - IA Innovation action: Budget - 8,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 	https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-bg-2016-2017.html#topics=callId

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		of almost €500 billion a year. However, further growth is possible in a number of areas which are highlighted within the strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 2017 BG-04-2017 - IA Innovation action: Budget - 8,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 February 2017 BG-11-2017 - RIA Research and Innovation action: Budget - 10,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 February 2017 BG-06-2017 - CSA Coordination and support action: Budget - 2,000,000 EUR; deadline: 14 February 2017 	entifier/t/H2020-BG-2016-2017/1/1/1/default-group&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Open/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Closed/1/1/0/default-group&+identifier/desc http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/blue_growth/index_en.htm
	<u>Sustainable Food Security – Resilient and Resource Efficient Value Chains</u> Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This focus area has four sub-areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More resilient and resource efficient value chains; 2. Environment-smart and climate-smart primary production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 28 topics under this call. DeadlineModel: both - single-stage and two-stage Opening date: 04 	https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/d

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	Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3. A competitive food industry - 4. Healthy and safe foods and diets for all. • Two areas focussing on international cooperation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Support to the implementation of the EU-Africa Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture - 2. Implementation of the EU-China Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology Flagship initiative and EU-South East Asian cooperation around aquaculture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2016 • Deadline: 14 February 2017 and for the two-staged 2nd deadline 13 September 2017 	esktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-sfs-2016-2017.html#.c_topics=callIdentifier/t/H2020-SFS-2016-2017/1/1/1/default-group&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Open/0/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Closed/0/1/0/default-group&+identifier/desc

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	<p><u>ERA-NET SusAn</u></p> <p>European Research Area on Sustainable Animal Production Systems. The European Union's Horizon2020 Research & Innovation Programme under grant agreement no 696231 [SusAn]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following legal persons (as defined under Latvian law) are eligible for funding, except natural persons: • R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) that are listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. • Private entities that are registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of their R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia. • National topic priorities: Smart Specialization Strategy of Latvia, specialization area - knowledge-based bio-economics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2016 Call for Pre-proposals closed 29 March. No data on next call, but it is told that the SusAn ERA-NET will organise a variety of other joint activities (e.g., calls, networking events), all with the goal of promoting research on sustainable animal production, crossing boundaries of countries and regions within and outside the EU. • Types of costs that are eligible for funding: Direct Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - personell costs, - other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), materials, - events etc., - subcontracts (up to 20% of the total direct costs) - travel costs. • Indirect costs can reach a maximum of 25% of the total direct costs • Upper funding limit is 70 000 EUR/year per project participant. 	<p>http://www.viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinatnes_inovacijas_progr/era_net_proj/par_era_net/</p> <p>http://www.viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinatnes_inovacijas_progr/era_net_susan/</p> <p>http://www.era-susan.eu/</p>

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	<p><u>ERA-NET AMR-Cofund</u></p> <p>ERA-NET Cofund JPI-EC-AMR (ERA-NET for establishing synergies between the Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Horizon 2020)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Joint Call - Call Topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. To understand the acquisition, persistence/retention, and transmission of resistant organisms and resistance genes, research should investigate: - 1.1. Selection of resistance and its transmission between individuals and between human and non-human sources. The success of clones, organisms, and resistance patterns and the role of different genetic elements. - 1.2. The fitness of the resistant bacteria in clinical, community, veterinary, and environmental settings. - 2. In order to identify and target better prevention measures and management practices to control resistance, research in the following areas are needed: - 2.1. Quantitative multilevel modelling to understand the dissemination of AMR between different environments (here the "environment" is seen in its broadest sense from the host to man - made settings and natural environments) - 2.2. Risk assessment studies to estimate which transmission pathways from the environment (indoor and outdoor) and/or animals to humans are the most important to control in order to minimise the transfer of resistant organisms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Joint Call - To unravel the dynamics of transmission and selection of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) at genetic, bacterial, animal, human, societal, and environmental levels, in order to design and evaluate preventive and intervening measures for controlling resistance." • Funding: The total fund for this call is over 24 million euro (for all participating countries) with a 6 million euro European Commission "topping up" fund. • Deadline: The pre-proposal submission deadline is 17:00 (C.E.T) on the 21st of March, 2016. • Funding will be granted for a maximum of three years. 	<p>http://www.jpiamr.eu/activities/jpiamr-3rd-joint-call-jpi-ec-amr-era-net-cofund-call-on-transmission-dynamics/</p> <p>http://www.jpiamr.eu/activities/4th-joint-call-research-networking-groups/</p> <p>Provisions of the Cabinet of Ministers: http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalstapieskirsanas-kartibadalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-</p>

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				petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinatnes_inovacijas_progr/era_net_proj/a_mr_cofund/
EUREKA + H2020	<u>EUROSTARTS-2</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Latvia the following institutions may apply for state aid of EUROSTARS-2 projects administered by the Ministry of Education and Science and implemented by its executive body State Education Development Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. micro, small, medium-sized and large commercial enterprises (registered in the Commercial Register of the Republic of Latvia) and 2. research institutions (registered in the Register of Research Institutions of the Republic of Latvia). The procedure for public funding of EUROSTARS-2 projects is determined by "Order of Granting Aid for Participation in International Cooperation Programs in the Field of Research and Technologies", No 259, issued by the Cabinet in May 26, 2015. National Funding Rules: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding - funding % of eligible costs is based on EU regulation No 651/2014 and maximum financial support yearly per Latvian participant of a project (SME, large companies, universities, research organisations) is 70.000 EUR. Maximum project duration 36 months. Next application will start on June, 2016 and deadline is: Thursday, September 15, 2016 - 20:00 Brussels time. Project submission can be done via electronic submission system. 	http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinatnes_inovacijas_progr/eurostars_2_programma/progr_eurostars/ http://www.en.lv/eurostars-2 https://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/countries/latvia

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Participation of a Latvian enterprise is mandatory. - 2. If there is no Latvian enterprise involved as a partner in the project, the industrial relevance of the project must be justified by declaration from a corresponding Professional Association confirming the relevance of the project outcomes to the national economy. - 3. According to State aid rules: - 3.1. COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Text with EEA relevance) and - 3.2. Internal EUROSTARS-2 Rule of the State Education Development Agency. 		
EU + EFTA Contribution	<u>European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's calls for tender—which are subject to the Public Procurement Directive 2004/18/EC for supply of goods, services and works—are advertised here, once mandatory publication has taken place in the Official Journal of the European Union (http://ted.europa.eu). 	• Variable	Webpage
Co-financed by the	<u>INTERACT</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTERACT supports territorial cooperation between Regions of the EU. It promotes cooperation as a tool for growth and change through policy development and strategic orientation, within territorial cooperation and 	• Variable	Webpage

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Member States, Norway and Switzerland		<p>beyond.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It also supports cooperation programmes at EU external borders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPA CBC: cooperation programmes between Member States and Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries, co-financed by the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA). ENPI CBC: cooperation programmes along EU external borders which are funded by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). In addition, it supports EU macro-regional strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR) 		
EEA Grants/ Norway Grants		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EEA Grants and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 16 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. The scope of the EEA Grants/Norway Grants includes among others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental protection and management (i.e. biodiversity and reduction of hazardous substances) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable 	EEA Grants/Norway Grants homepage

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate change and renewable energy - Human and social development (i.e. public health initiatives) • Projects concerning food safety might be accepted. • The EEA Grants/Norway Grants homepage provides permanently updated information on calls, projects, guidelines and application procedures. 		
NordForsk		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NordForsk is an organisation under the Nordic Council of Ministers that provides funding for and facilitates Nordic cooperation on research and research infrastructure. • NordForsk was established in 2005 by the Nordic Council of Ministers for the purpose of strengthening Nordic research. NordForsk's key stakeholders comprise the national research councils, universities and other research-funding bodies. • The NordForsk homepage provides permanently updated information on calls, projects, guidelines and application procedures. 	• Variable	NordForsk homepage
The Nordic Council of	<u>Nordic Joint Committee for Agricultural and Food Research: Project Funding</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nordic Joint Committee for Agricultural Research initiates and funds joint Nordic projects of high quality in agriculture. The primary objective of the Nordic Joint Committee for Agricultural and Food Research 	Currently no Project Funding. Only funding for supporting networking activities / workshops / seminars /	NKJ http://nkj.nordforsk.org/en?set_language=en

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Ministers/ Nordic Joint Committee for Agricultural and Food Research (NKJ)		<p>(NKJ) is to contribute to promote and coordinate a knowledge-based agriculture and food sector in the Nordic countries. To meet this end, NKJ encourages and provides support to joint Nordic cooperation within agriculture and food research, including forestry and fishery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available in the following countries: Denmark, Norway, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Åland Islands, Faroe Islands, Greenland, The Sami Language Area 	<p>conferences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 calls are now open: NKJ call for support to workshops/seminars /conferences http://nordicagriresearch.h.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/B-Call-for-NKJ-2016-conference-seminar-workshop.pdf Deadline for application submission is May 27 2016. NKJ Announces a Call for Networking Activities in 2016-2017 http://nordicagriresearch.h.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/CALL-FOR-NKJ-NETWORKS-2016-1.pdf Deadline for application submission is May 27 2016 	<p>NKJ funding http://nordicagriresearch.org/en/research/ </p>
National Funding Agencies, EC and Russian Federation	<u>Bonus Project</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BONUS, the joint Baltic Sea research and development programme for years 2010-2017, was started by the BONUS member states together with the EU and officially launched in September 2010 by a co-decision of the European Parliament and the European Council as a Treaty on the Functioning of the European 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BONUS is funded jointly from the national research funding institutions in the eight EU member states around the Baltic Sea and the European Union's Seventh 	<p>http://www.bonusprojects.org/bonusprojects</p> <p>http://www.bonusportal.org</p>

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		<p>Union (TFEU) Article 185 activity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of sustainable development and ecosystem based management of the Baltic Sea region, the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan and the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive and other European, regional and national coastal and marine environmental policies and plans, BONUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issues calls on ecosystem research and innovation for scientific community and SMEs - funds projects of high excellence and relevance 1) to produce knowledge, scientific evidence and innovation solutions needed by policymakers and 2) to engage end-users and the society in the knowledge based governance of the fragile Baltic Sea. 	<p>Programme for research, technological development and demonstration by a total of EUR 100 million for the years 2011-2017. Russia participates in BONUS through bilateral agreements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem projects. Implementation 3 years, during 2015-2018: • BALTCOAST A systems approach framework for coastal research and management in the Baltic. Duration: 3 years, 1.4.2015-31.3.2018; • BALTICAPP Wellbeing from the Baltic Sea - applications combining natural science and economics. Duration: 3 years, 1.4.2015-31.3.2018 • BALTSPEACE Towards sustainable governance of Baltic marine space. Duration: 3 years, 1.4.2015-31.3.2018 	<p>g/</p>

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ENI + ERDF + Russia + Latvia	<u>Latvia-Russia Cross-Border Cooperation Programme 2014-2020</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priority I: Socio-economic development Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 1.1 Fostering of socio-economic development and encouraging business and entrepreneurship; Measure 1.2 Transport, logistics and communication solutions; Measure 1.3 Tourism development. Priority II: Common challenges Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 2.1 Joint actions aimed at protection of environment and natural resources; Measure 2.2 Preservation and promotion of cultural and historical heritage and support of local traditional skills; Measure 2.3 Improvement of energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy sources. Priority III: Promotion of people to people cooperation Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure 3.1 Development of local initiative, increasing administrative capacities of local and regional authorities; Measure 3.2 Cooperation in spheres of culture, sport, education, social and health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The period of execution of the Programme shall start at the earliest on the date of the adoption of the Programme by the EC and end on 31 December 2024 at the latest. Contract for large infrastructure projects (LIPs) selected through direct award shall be signed before 30 June 2019. All other contracts shall be signed before 31 December 2021. All project activities financed by the Programme shall end on 31 December 2022 at the latest. 	http://www.estlatrus.eu/eng/cbc_2014_2020/latviarussia_programme1/programme_documents http://estlatrus.eu/uploaded_files/LV-RUS%20Programme/LV-RU_EC_APPROVED_181215.pdf

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Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020	<u>The Estonia-Latvia programme</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme area is situated in the northern part of Europe, on the north-eastern coast of the Baltic Sea - it includes Hiiu, Jõgeva, Lääne, Põlva, Pärnu, Saare, Tartu, Valga, Viljandi and Võru counties in Estonia and Kurzeme, Pierīga, Rīga and Vidzeme regions in Latvia. Only partners coming from these areas may receive funding. Cooperation is supported in seven areas: Entrepreneurship; Tourism development based on cultural and natural heritage; Environmental awareness; Management of joint waters; Joint centre of Valga-Valka; Small harbours; Labour commuters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altogether 35,3 million euros from the European Regional Development Fund are made available through the Estonia-Latvia programme 2014-2020. The funding is targeted for co-operation in following priority areas and specific objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Active and attractive business environment (~ 11,3 million euros) Specific Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Increased entrepreneurial cross-border cooperation in the programme area ~ 2 million euros . 1.2. More jointly developed products and services in the programme area ~ 9,3 million euros. 2. Clean and valued living environment (~ 13,6 million euros) Specific Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. More diversified and sustainable use of natural and cultural heritage ~ 6 million euros. 	http://www.estlat.eu/ http://www.estlat.eu/2014%20-%202020/

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Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2021, European Regional Development Fund	<u>The Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Baltic Programme 2014-2020 is a funding programme financing cross-border cooperation projects in the central Baltic Sea region. The participating countries are Finland (incl. Åland), Estonia, Latvia and Sweden. A project partner can be public authorities (national, regional and local) as well as bodies governed by public or private law. Only large companies are excluded from acting as partners. The minimum number of partners in a project is two and they must be from two programme area countries. The programme supports four priorities: Competitive economy, Sustainable use of common resources, Well-connected region and Skilled and socially inclusive region. Main characteristics of a project to be funded by the Central Baltic Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thematic focus in one of the four programme priorities 2. Clear added value of the cross-border cooperation to solve a common challenge 3. Project partners from at least two countries in the programme area (FI, SV, EE, LV) 4. Project results contribute to the result and output indicators of the programme 5. Project results are sustainable and live on after the project end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duration - 2014-2020 2. Periodicity of the funding opportunity - call for new projects are done once a year. The next call for new applications is planned to be open for the first-step applications from 2 January until 27 February, 2017. 3. Fund/grant value - altogether 115 million euros. The projects can be either regular projects or small projects. A "small project" can have an ERDF budget of maximum 200.000 euros and the project duration is limited to maximum 2 years. Projects that last longer and have a bigger ERDF budget are counted as "regular projects" 	<p>Project website - www.centralbaltic.eu</p> <p>Application Package http://centralbaltic.eu/project-ec-pages/application-package</p> <p>Application manual - http://centralbaltic.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Central%20Baltic%20Programme%20Manual%202014.pdf</p>

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European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) and Norwegian national funding	<u>The Interreg Baltic Sea Programme 2014-2020</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interreg Baltic Sea Region provides funding to projects where transnational cooperation is necessary. Therefore, projects should start by defining the transnational challenge and project objectives. It should be clear from the project description, why it is not possible to solve the identified challenges on national level. Project activities should be jointly implemented. The Programme is divided into three thematic priority axes addressing transnational key challenges and opportunities of the Baltic Sea Region: 1 Capacity for innovation (e.g. a particular focus will be put on the projects supporting research and innovation infrastructures contributing to development of areas that are central for the BSR. These areas include e.g. agro-food, healthcare/wellness and maritime sector. At the same time, the innovation and research facilities' operations should be seen as a response to large societal challenges related to climate change, low carbon economy, food security, and ageing population, leading to cross-sectoral collaborations and solutions.), 2 Efficient management of natural resources (e.g. to increase efficiency of water management for reduced nutrient inflows and decreased discharges of hazardous substances {such as substances that are toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative i.e. accumulating pesticides or other organism chemicals in an organism, or having an equivalent level of concern such as 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd call for applications is now open: http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/how-to-apply/2_call_step_1/Announcement_note_2nd_call.pdf The projects are selected for funding in a two-step application procedure. Step 1: concept notes Call open 1 March – June 2016 http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/how-to-apply/2_call_step_1/Concept_note.pdf Step 2: application Call open September 2016 – January 2017 Partners from Denmark, Finland, Germany and Sweden are entitled to receive 75% ERDF co-financing, while partners from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland are entitled to 85% ERDF co-financing. Norwegian partners will receive 	<p>Program website http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/home.html</p> <p>How to apply http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/applying-for-funds/how-to-apply.html</p> <p>Programme Manual http://www.interreg-baltic.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/how-to-apply/1_call_step_1/1-3.Programme_Manual.pdf</p>

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		<p>substances with effects on hormone and immune systems} to the Baltic Sea and the regional waters based on enhanced capacity of public and private actors dealing with water quality issues) and 3 Sustainable transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Interreg Baltic Sea Region area covers eleven countries. It comprises eight EU Member States (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, parts of Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden) and three partner countries (Belarus, Norway, parts of Russia). As a general rule, project partners can only receive co-financing from the programme provided that they located in the regions belonging to the programme area. However, in exceptional cases partners located outside the programme area can join the project partnership. At least three partners from three different countries in the Programme area are needed to form a project partnership. Typically, the number of partners ranges between six and ten 	50% co-financing from Norwegian national funding.	
Latvia + Lithuania + Taiwan	<p><u>The scientific cooperation of Latvia, Lithuania and Taiwan</u></p> <p>Latvijas-Lietuvas-Taivānas zinātniskās sadarbības atbalsta fonds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The competition is open for research projects in all fields of science. Project participants may be universities, universities and research institutions working scientists and academic staff. Scientists from all three Fund's Member States - the Latvian, Lithuanian and Taiwanese, have to participate in the project. The Programme provide primarily scientific co-operation between the three countries. Understanding between the three countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximum project duration - 3 years. 2. The proposals are to be reviewed independently by experts of the three countries. The results are to be discussed in annual meeting by the committee that will 	http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinas_inovacijas_progr/lv_l_t_taivas_fonds/fonda_konkursi/

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		<p>should be promoted and tightened by this programme. The programme goals run as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Initiation and promotion of joint research projects with the participation of the scholars of all three countries. Associated with the joint research projects a mobility programme is being integrated. Young researchers shall in particular gain from this mobility programme. They should be able to work within the framework of the joint research project at the institutes of partner countries. Moreover, the joint research projects should provide the opportunity to establish industrial contacts in the three countries. - 2. Promotion of joint symposiums. They will serve the exchange of the research situation in certain special areas. Joint symposiums should serve the scientists to find future co-operation partners for joint research projects. Participants from industry are welcome to join joint symposiums. The costs, however, are to be covered by themselves. - 3. Support of guest lectures with the aim to give access to mutual understanding of regional science. For example, offering lectures in Riga and Vilnius in culture, economics, politics, social sciences focusing on Taiwan and East Asia. On the other hand, offering lectures in Taiwan in the culture, economics, politics, social 	<p>make a final decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3. Grants for each successful project participant are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3.1. exact sciences - 25 000 USD/year; - 3.2. humanities and social sciences -20 000 USD/year • 4. May 31, 2016 will be the deadline for the acceptance of proposals. In October/November the committee will hold its annual meeting. The project will start on January 1st. 	<p>http://www.smm.lt/web/en/the-scientific-cooperation-of-latvia-lithuania-and-taiwan/about</p>

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		sciences focusing on Baltic countries.		
Latvia + Ukraine	<p><u>Latvia - Ukraine bilateral cooperation program in science and technology 2016-2020</u></p> <p>Latvijas un Ukrainas divpusējās sadarbības programma zinātnes un tehnoloģiju jomā 2016-2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project participants from Latvia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. scientific institution that is established in the research institutions register; 2. In Latvia officially registered micro (micro), Small, Medium or large enterprise Supported topics/themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exact and natural sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. energy and energy efficiency; 1.2. ecology and environmental management; 1.3. life sciences, new technologies in diseases treatment, control and prevention, biotechnology, bioengineering and genetics; 1.4. new materials 1.5. protection technologies. 2. Humanities and social sciences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. demographic change, migration and migrants; 2.2. regional development and social cohesion opportunities and challenges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is planned to support realization of 5 to 6 scientific researches and it is stated that their has to be at least one publication in international peer-reviewed journals during research. In addition there has to be prepared application for the other support program. Funding time and project duration - 2 years. Funding for participants from Latvia - max. 20 000 EUR per year. 	<p>http://viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinas_inovacijas_progr/lv_ukrainas_sadarbibas/lv_ukr_proj_konkursi/</p> <p>http://mon.gov.ua/usi-novivni/povid-omlennya/2016/01/05/do-uvagi-naukovcziv-ta-doslidnikiv/</p>
Slovakia - Visegrad Fund (VF)	<u>Small Grants</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> suitable to provide seed funding and networking opportunities for future bigger scale projects; Any original proposal could be granted support provided it links individuals or institutions from at least 3 V4 (Visegrad group – Czech republic, Hungary, Republic of Poland and Slovak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second oldest grant program serves as a facilitator of shorter-term (up to 6 months), smaller-scale (max. budget 	Visegrad Fund - small-grants

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		republic) countries and develops project activities in the fields of <u>culture, science and research, education, youth exchanges, cross-border cooperation</u> (bi-/trilateral projects possible), and <u>tourism promotion</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> is €6,000) projects; • four annual deadlines on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 • VF's max share is 80 % 	
	<u>Standard Grants</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any original proposal could be granted support provided it links individuals or institutions from at least 3 V4 countries and develops project activities in the fields of <u>culture, science and research, education, youth exchanges, cross-border cooperation</u> (bi-/trilateral projects possible), and <u>tourism promotion</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund's longest running grant program is the backbone of our grant support suitable for longer-term projects (up to 12 months) with mid-size budgets (min. support is €6,001) – Max. support is not limited; ca. €13,000/project on average • Projects get financed in two tranches and the fund's share in total budget cannot exceed 80%. €2.2 million is disbursed each year within two deadlines—on March 15 and September 15. 	http://visegradfund.org/grants/standard-grants/

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	<u>Visegrad Scholarship Program</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visegrad scholarships support Masters and post-Masters (PhD/postdoc) studies/research stays at higher-education institutions in the V4 region, as well as in the Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries. • Eligible applicants (Incoming scheme): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine • Eligible applicants (Outgoing/Intra-V4 schemes): Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants from the Incoming scheme countries can apply for up to 4 semesters (MA level) or 2 semester (PhD/postdoc) at higher-education institutions in V4 countries. • Applicants from V4 countries can apply for 1 or 2 semesters at higher-education institutions in V4 countries (Intra-Visegrad scheme), and in Western Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries (Outgoing scheme). • €2,300/semester for the scholar + €1,500/semester for the host • possibility to apply for a separate travel grant, if residing further than 1,500 km from the host • submission of applications end of 	http://visegradfund.org/scholarships/visegrad-scholarship-program/

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	<u>Visegrad - Taiwan Scholarship</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim of the program is to facilitate academic exchanges by providing support to PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers from V4 countries who intend to conduct research in Taiwan. The reciprocal part of the program supporting mobility of Taiwanese researchers to the V4 region is operated by the Taiwanese side. Eligible applicants: <u>citizens of V4 countries</u> with good knowledge of spoken and written <u>English or Chinese</u>; PhD level: applicants with <u>MA or equivalent degree</u> who are enrolled in the first 4 years of <u>full-time PhD program</u> in a V4 country; Postdoc level: applicants with PhD degree who conduct full-time research activities in V4 countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual calls Supported areas: Nanotechnology; Biotechnology Study/research length + support: <u>10 months</u> (2 semesters) with the possibility to re-apply once (max. support is 20 months); <u>€750/month</u> (PhD level) or <u>€1,000/month</u> (postdoc) + <u>€800</u> as one-time travel grant 	http://visegradfund.org/scholarships/visegrad-taiwan-scholarships/
Union for Mediterranean (UfM)	<p><u>PRIMA (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area) Joint Programme</u></p> <p>The programme seeks to develop innovative solutions and promote their adoption for improving the efficiency and sustainability of food productions and water provision, in order to support an inclusive well-being and socio-economic development in the Mediterranean Area, within the framework of a reinforced Euro-Mediterranean co-operation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the PRIMA Initiative will be organised around two objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to enhance knowledge and unlock its innovation potential for food security and water; - To advance existing knowledge and innovations for water and food quality and safety. The following countries participated to the preparation of the PRIMA programme: Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The programme has been written in 2014 while the start of PRIMA is foreseen in 2017 only; due to the rapidly-evolving nature of the challenges in the food- and water-related domains in the Mediterranean area, adjustments might be needed in 	<p>The PRIMA initiative page on the European Commission's R&I website</p> <p>PRIMA Joint Programme proposal</p>

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		<p>Tunisia and Turkey; moreover, Germany, Israel and the European Commission took part in PRIMA meetings as observers; most recently, Luxembourg and the Czech Republic expressed their willingness to join PRIMA and to contribute to the funding of the programme, and Romania joined as an observer as well; the PRIMA initiative remains constantly open to any country willing either to observe or to join the Programme, including those associated to Horizon 2020.³</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of today, it is envisaged to implement the programme through eight operational objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to develop smart and sustainable farming systems to maintain natural resources and to increase production efficiency; to test and stimulate adoption of context-tailored water-saving solutions, in particular in agriculture; to innovate in the Mediterranean food products based on Mediterranean diet heritage and to enhance the links between nutrition and health; to find context-adapted solutions to increase food and water chain efficiency, and reduce losses and wastes; to design and promote the adoption of novel approaches to reduce the impact of pests and pathogens in farming; 	<p>the course of PRIMA implementation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the PRIMA Participating States have expressed contributions through long-term commitments over 10 years and hope to be able to implement PRIMA on the basis of article 185 TFEU from 2017-2026 The PRIMA initiative is open to all EU Member States, countries associated to Horizon 2020 and Mediterranean Partner Countries; any Member State other than those listed in the decision and any other country associated to Horizon 2020 will be able to participate in the PRIMA program, provided it fulfils the condition set out in 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to conceive and implement innovative, quality oriented models in agro-business as potential sources of new jobs and economic growth; - to improve land and water sustainability in arid and semi-arid watersheds; - to elaborate and stimulate adoption of new policies and protocols for the governance of water management systems. • PRIMA Participating States will retain a certain degree of flexibility to adjust the scope and content for the programme, in particular through the annual work plans and regular updates. • As of December 2014, a total of 200 million euro cash contributions has already been committed ex-ante by the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia; equivalent in-kind contributions are foreseen by the Participating States as well, especially salaries of permanent researchers and equipment/infrastructures; these contributions are long-term national commitments (10 years) expressed subject to the use of an Article 185 TFEU. • Activities to be launched may include, according to the objective: collaborative research projects, demonstration projects, prototype development, 	<p>the relevant regulation;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R&I entities from non-contributing countries are eligible for participation, but they are not eligible for PRIMA funding in order to avoid the "free-rider" phenomena; in other words, PRIMA projects can include participants from "non-PRIMA Participating States" provided that these participants bring their own funding to the project. 	

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		infrastructure sharing, SMEs partnership, training and dissemination.		
OECD - The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	<p><u>CRP - Co-operative Research Programme: Biological Resource Management for Sustainable Agricultural Systems</u> Theme 3: The Food Chain</p> <p>Programme aiming to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information and advice that will inform future policy decisions related to the sustainable use of natural resources, in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Fellowships: sponsorship of scientists to conduct research projects in a different Member Country with a view to strengthening the international exchange of ideas and increasing international mobility and co-operation; For research scientists who have completed their postdoctoral training, have a permanent position, and are from OECD Member countries to conduct research in a laboratory in another Member country; All applications must be submitted to the Secretariat through the online procedure; full details, online application and Guidelines can be found on the Programme's website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant amount: variable; the Programme pays transportation and subsistence costs; Fellowships may be from 6 to 26 weeks; Deadline for application: 10 September of the year before the fellowships are to take place. 	<p>About CRP</p> <p>CRP's website</p>
FAO	<u>Special Programmes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> About five percent are funded by assessed contributions through the FAO Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) and the Special Programme for Food Security (SPFS). The remaining 95 percent are funded from voluntary contributions, through the Government Cooperative Programme (25 percent), Unilateral Trust Fund (UTF) (six percent), other forms of Trust Funds (64 percent), that include UN Joint Programmes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variable 	<p>Webpage</p>

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World Bank	<u>World bank projects</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WB provides low-interest loans, zero to low-interest credits, and grants to developing countries. These support a wide array of investments in such areas as education, health, public administration, infrastructure, financial and private sector development, agriculture, and environmental and natural resource management. Some of our projects are cofinanced with governments, other multilateral institutions, commercial banks, export credit agencies, and private sector investors. 	• Variable	Webpage World Bank's Group

ⁱ <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/index>

ⁱⁱ Associated Countries are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Israel, Montenegro, Norway, Moldova, Serbia and Turkey. Other countries may become associated during the course of H2020