

PAVING THE PATHWAYS DATHWAYS TO IMPACT MONITORING AND EVALUATING IMPACT IN HORIZON EUROPE

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1. INTRODUCTION

- Horizon Europe is an impact focused programme
- Aim to maximize impact of the Framework Programme incl. through programme design clusters, missions, EIC, rationalised approach to European Partnerships, synergies and ffficient implementation
- Need to be able to **demonstrate** and **communicate** the impact
- Key Impact Pathways are a novel framework to think about the impact of the Framework Programme. They are a starting point to develop the monitoring for Horizon Europe
- Need to reconcile policy needs with methodological challenges







EVALUATION Interim and Ex-post evaluation Mixed-methods

DESIGN

Impact Assessment

Macroeconomic modeling

IMPLEMENTATION

Monitoring Key Performance Indicators



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3. TRACKING IMPACT – 'PATHS' PRINCIPLES

- Proximity Knowing who the individual researchers and companies are, for example through unique identifiers such as VAT numbers, researchers IDs, funder ID
- Attribution Microdata collection supporting the identification of control groups for counterfactual analysis
- Traceability Minimised burden on beneficiaries through automatic data harvesting from existing databases; use of additional primary (including qualitative) data sources such as project evaluators and reviewers
- Holism Telling the story of the progress of the Programme as a whole according to the objectives, at any moment in time
- Stability Building on the current systems, piloting evolutions in Horizon 2020



4. TRACKING IMPACT IN HORIZON EUROPE

THREE TYPES OF IMPACT BASED ON OBJECTIVES

Scientific impact



Promote scientific excellence, support the creation and diffusion of high-quality new fundamental and applied knowledge, skills, training and mobility of researchers, attract talent at all levels, and contribute to full engagement of Union's talent pool in actions supported under the Programme.

Societal impact



Generate knowledge, strengthen the impact of R&I in developing, supporting and implementing Union policies, and support the uptake of innovative solutions in industry, notably in SMEs, and society to address global challenges, inter alia the SDGs



Economic impact

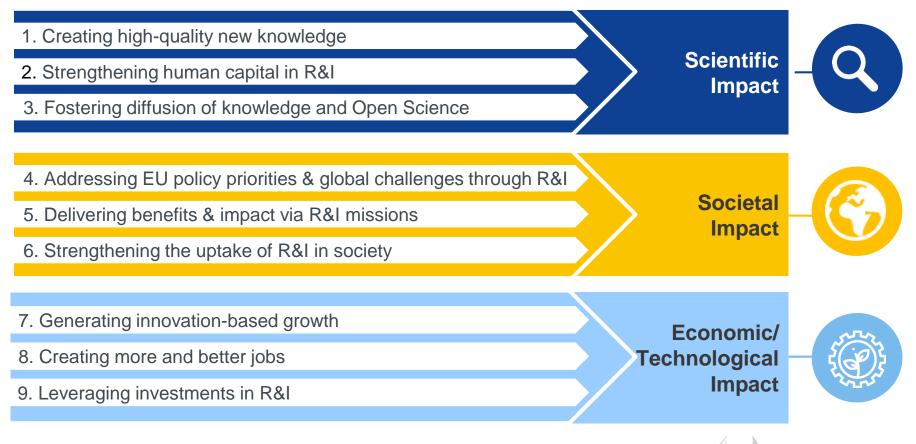
Foster all forms of innovation, facilitate technological development, demonstration and knowledge transfer, and strengthen deployment of innovative solutions



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5. TRACKING IMPACT IN HORIZON EUROPE

NINE KEY IMPACT PATHWAYS TO TRACK PROGRESS





Pathway 1. Creating high quality new knowledge

STORY LINE: The FP creates and diffuses high quality new knowledge, as shown by the high-quality publications that become influential in their field and worldwide.

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Typically	Typically	Typically
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+
Number of FP peer reviewed scientific publications	Field-Weighted Citation Index of FP peer reviewed publications	Number and share of peer reviewed publications from FP projects that are core contribution to scientific fields

Data needs: Identification of publications co-funded by the FP through the insertion of a specific funding source ID when publishing, allowing follow-up tracking of the perceived quality and influence through publication databases and topic mapping.



STORY LINE: The FP helps addressing EU policy priorities (including meeting the SDGs) through research and innovation, as shown by the portfolios of projects generating outputs contributing to tackling global challenges.

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Typically	Typically	Typically
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+
Number and share of outputs aimed at addressing specific EU policy priorities (including SDGs)	Number and share of innovations and scientific results addressing specific EU policy priorities (including SDGs)	Aggregated estimated effects from use of FP-funded scientific results and innovations on tackling specific EU policy priorities including contribution to the policy and law-making cycle (including SDGs)

Data needs: Projects classified according to specific EU policy priorities pursued (including SDGs) and follow-up tracking of their outputs, results & impacts. Portfolio analysis on effects from scientific results & innovations in specific EU policy priority/SDGs areas, text mining.



Pathway 7. Creating more & better jobs

STORY LINE: The FP generates more and better jobs, initially in the projects, and then through the exploitation of the results and their diffusion in the economy.

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Typically	Typically	Typically	
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+	
Number of FTE jobs created, and jobs maintained in beneficiary entities for the FP project (by type of job)	Increase of FTE jobs in beneficiary entities following FP project (by type of job)	Number of direct & indirect jobs created or maintained due to diffusion of FP results (by type of job)	

Data needs: Collection of information on individuals involved in FP projects, including their workload (Full Time Equivalent) and job profile allowing follow-up tracking of employment in beneficiary organisations. Longer-term indicator to be estimated based on dedicated study.



6. CONCLUSIONS

Key Impact Pathways novel, ambitious yet pragmatic approach

To better communicate the progress of Horizon Europe towards its objectives

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To better capture the progress made on the go, while supporting simplification and data quality

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A key element for improving the quality of programme evaluations, and their usefulness for policy learning and policy design





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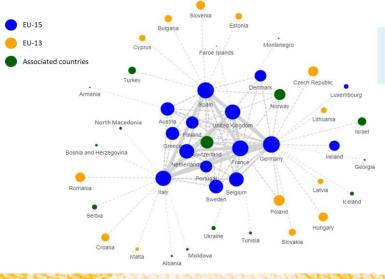
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ANALYSING ON THE GO - MONITORING FLASHES FROM HORIZON 2020 TO HORIZON EUROPE

Monitoring flash reports "From Horizon 2020 to Horizon Europe" are available here:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/publ ications/horizon-2020monitoring-flash_en



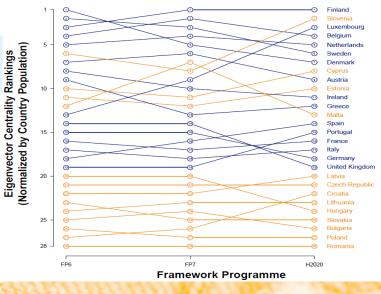
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#1 Country Participation

#2 Dynamic Network Analysis

#3 International Cooperation

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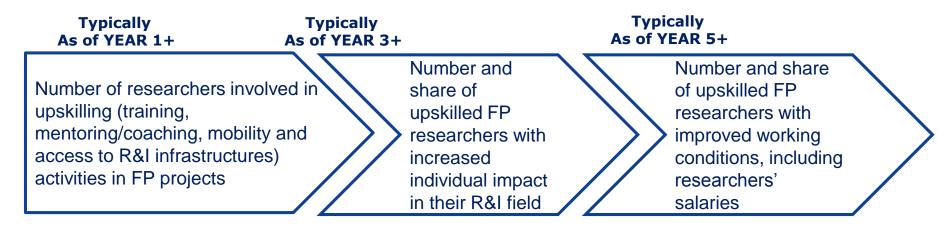




Pathway 2. Strengthening human capital in R&I

STORY LINE: The FP strengthens human capital, as shown by the improvement in skills, reputation and working conditions of participants

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)



Data needs: collection of unique identifiers of individual applicants to the FP, allowing followup tracking of their influence in their field through publication and patent databases, awards and prizes, as well as evolution of working conditions through salary levels and benefits



Pathway 3. Fostering diffusion of knowledge and Open Science

STORY LINE: The FP opens up science, as shown by research outputs shared openly, re-used and at the origin of new transdisciplinary/trans-sectoral collaborations

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Typically	Typically	Typically	_
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+	
Share of FP research outputs (open data/ publication/ software etc) shared through open knowledge infrastructures	Share of open access FP research outputs actively used/cited after FP	Share of FP beneficiaries having developed new transdisciplinary/ trans- sectoral collaborations with users of their open FP R&I outputs	

Data needs: Identification of research outputs (esp. publications & research data) co-funded by the FP through the insertion of a unique identifier for FP funding when publishing or sharing openly (e.g. OA journals/platforms (publications) and open FAIR repositories (data)), allowing follow-up tracking of open access performance in terms of active use/citations and collaborations.





Pathway 4. Addressing EU priorities & global challenges through R&I

STORY LINE: The FP helps addressing EU policy priorities (including meeting the SDGs) through research and innovation, as shown by the portfolios of projects generating outputs contributing to tackling global challenges

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Multidimensional: for each identified EU priority

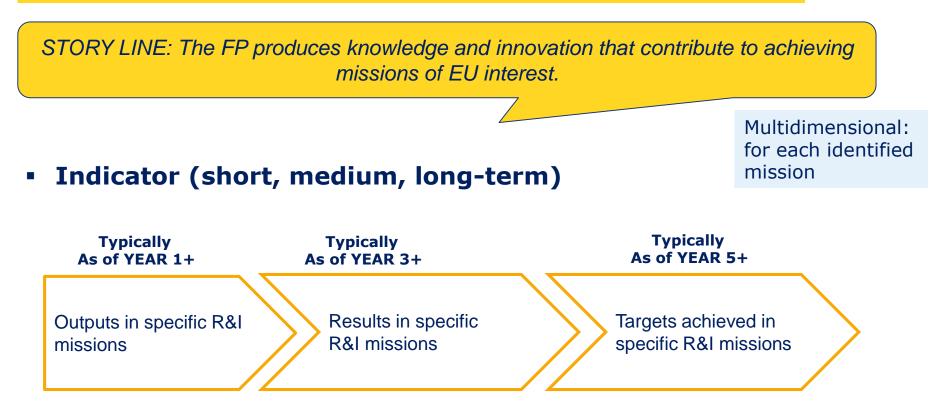
Typically	Typically	Typically
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+
Number and share of outputs aimed at addressing specific EU policy priorities & global challenges (including SDGs)	Number and share of innovations and scientific results addressing specific EU policy priorities & global challenges (including SDGs)	Aggregated estimated effects from use of FP-funded results on tackling specific EU policy priorities & global challenges (including SDGs) including contribution to the policy and law- making cycle (such as norms and standards)

Data needs: Projects classified according to specific EU policy priorities pursued (including SDGs) and follow-up tracking of their outputs, results & impacts. Portfolio analysis on effects from scientific results & innovations in specific EU policy priority/SDGs areas, text mining.



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Pathway 5. Delivering benefits and impacts through R&I missions



Data needs: Projects classified according to the missions pursued and follow-up tracking of their outputs, results and impacts according to the target set. Portfolio analysis on effects from scientific results & innovations in mission areas.



Pathway 6. Strengthening the uptake of innovation in society

STORY LINE: The FP strengthens the uptake of innovation in society, as shown by the

engagement of citizen in the projects and beyond the projects by improved uptake of scientific results and innovative solutions

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

Typically	Typically	Typically
As of YEAR 1+	As of YEAR 3+	As of YEAR 5+
Number and share of FP projects where EU citizens and end-users contribute to the co-creation of R&I content	Number and share of FP beneficiary entities with citizen and end- users engagement mechanisms after FP project	Uptake and outreach of FP co-created scientific results and innovative solutions

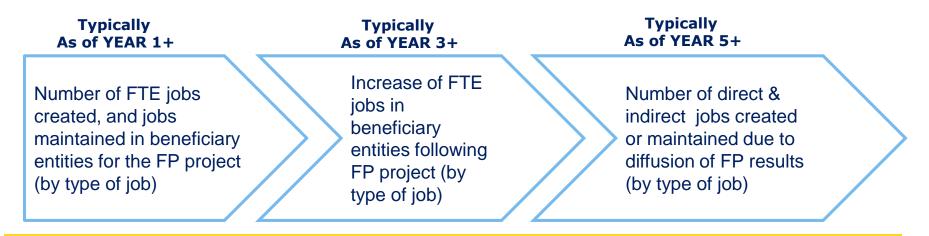
Data needs: Collection of data at proposal stage on the roles of partners (incl. citizen) in the projects, structured survey of beneficiary entities and tracking of uptake and outreach through patents and trademarks and media analysis.



Pathway 7. Creating more & better jobs

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Indicator (short, medium, long-term)

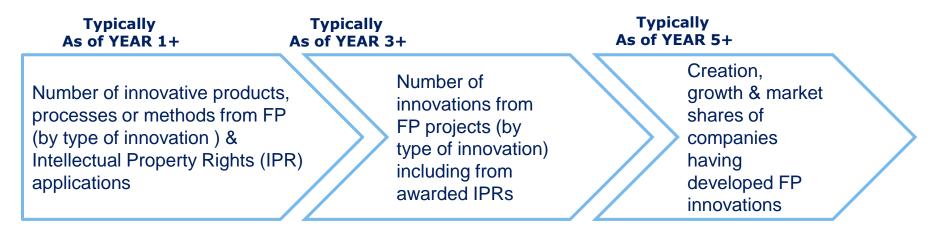


Data needs: Collection of information on individuals involved in FP projects, including their workload (Full Time Equivalent) and job profile allowing follow-up tracking of employment in beneficiary organisations. Longer-term indicator to be estimated based on dedicated study.



STORY LINE: The FP is a source of economic growth, as shown by the patents and innovations that are launched on the market and generate added value for businesses

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)



Data needs: Reporting of beneficiaries on innovative products, processes or methods from FP and their practical use, and insertion of a specific funding source ID when filling IPR applications, allowing follow-up tracking of the patents through patent databases & trademarks.



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Pathway 9. Leveraging investment in R&I

STORY LINE: The FP is leveraging investments for research and innovation in Europe, initially in the projects, and then to exploit or scale-up their results

Indicator (short, medium, long-term)



Data needs: Data on co-funding in FP projects by source of funds including other EU funds, collection of unique identifiers of applicants to the FP (e.g. VAT), allowing follow-up tracking of their capital. Longer-term indicator to be estimated based on dedicated study.



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