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# FUNDING OF SCIENCE AND HEP

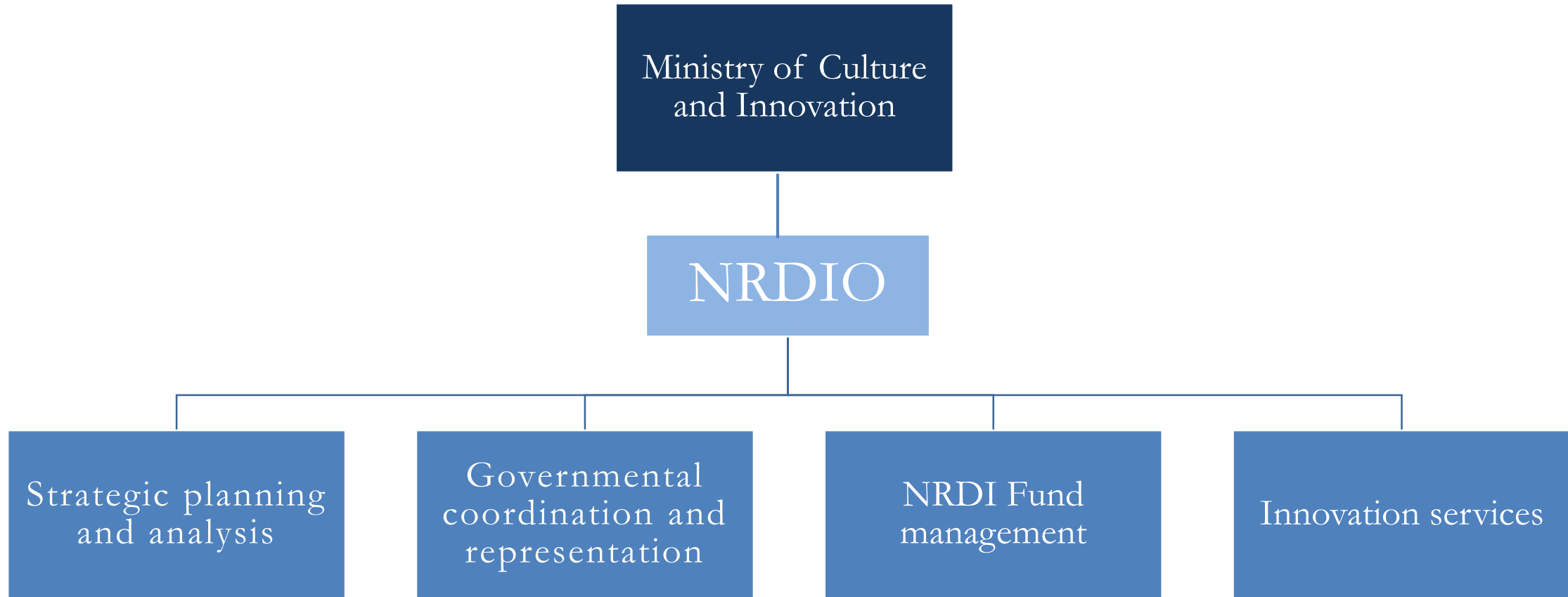
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# NATIONAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION OFFICE



# PROGRAMMES AND INSTITUTIONS

## Challenge based RDI

Global megatrends,  
social, economic,  
technological  
challenges

National  
Laboratories

## Institutional approach

Sustainable  
institutional system  
beyond project  
based calls

Science Parks

## Cooperation- oriented framework

Universities as  
centres of  
innovation  
ecosystem

Territorial  
Innovation  
Platforms

# PROGRAMMES AND INSTITUTIONS

## Knowledge utilization

RDI capacities and stakeholder demand

University Innovation Ecosystem

## Focusing of resources and projects

Concentration of resources

Thematic Excellence Programme

## HR capacities of research

Flexible carrier path and applied R&D topics

Cooperative Doctoral Programme

# MAIN FINANCIAL PILLARS

## NRDI Fund

- Central budget
- Yearly Program Strategy
- Funding Agency: NRDI Office
- Review panel: National Science Policy Council

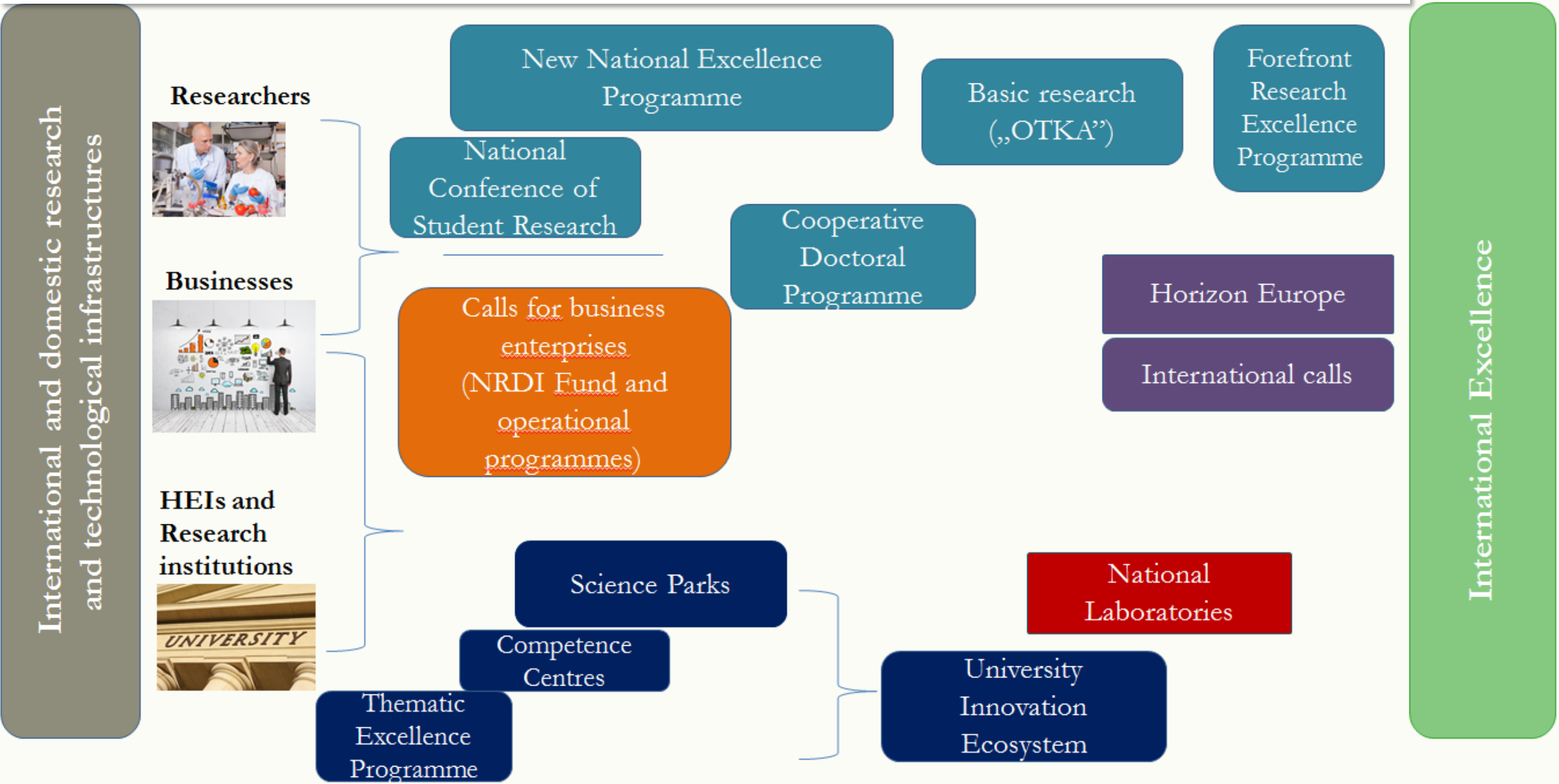
## Operational Programs

- European co-financing
- 2014-2020: EDIOP, CCHOP
- 2021-2027: EDIOP Plus
- Ministry of Culture and Innovation

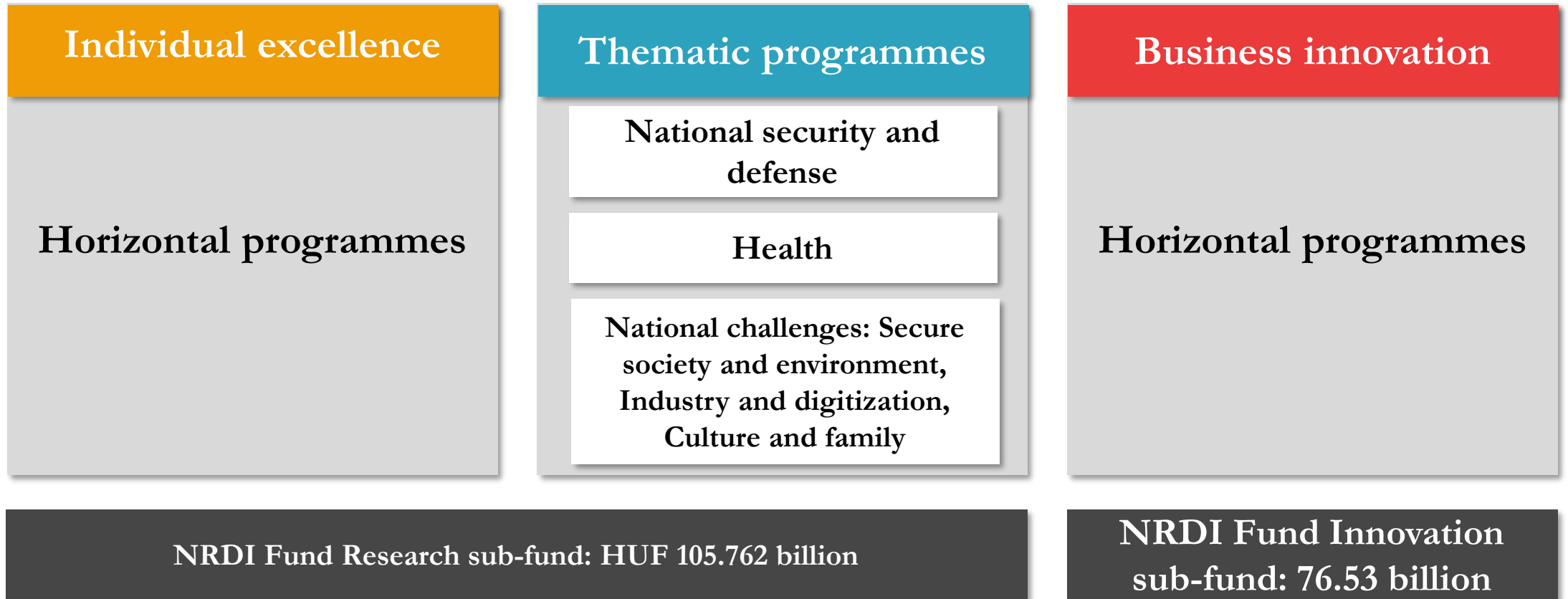
## Horizon Europe

- Central EU Fund
- NRDI Office:
  - National contact points
  - Support to foster Hungarian participation

# SYSTEM OF RDI PROGRAMMES OF NRDIO



# FINANCING SCHEME OF NRDI FUND 2021



Gov. Decree 1077/2021. (II. 27.) on 2021 Programme Strategy of NRDI Fund

# THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (NRIC)

**Chair:** Zsolt Fülöp, Atomki

**Vice-chair:** István Szabó, NRDIO

**Members:** 6 scientific advisors – according to the ESFRI thematic areas

## Tasks:

### **Makes proposals for:**

- joining new international research infrastructures
- the development of domestic research infrastructures

### **Makes recommendations for:**

- the evidence based design of funding schemes supporting research infrastructures
- the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system of RIs and monitoring of our international memberships
- all matters concerning the domestic research infrastructures





# HUNGARY'S MEMBERSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES

Health  
& Food  
(7)



Physical Sciences  
& Engineering  
(8)



Social & Cultural  
Innovation  
(7)



Energy (1)



Environment (1)



E-infrastructures (1)



$\Sigma$  25 RI

Membership fees:  $\Sigma$  12,8 m EUR/2021

# IDENTIFYING THE TOP NATIONAL RIs AND NETWORKS - SURVEY

## Aim:

- identifying the best domestic research infrastructures and infrastructure networks
- providing international visibility of Hungary's research excellence
- making research services visible and available
- awarding the Outstanding Research Infrastructure title to RIs

April 2021 – launching the  
online questionnaire

two-step peer review  
evaluation (with the  
coordination of the  
NRIC)

October 2021 – decision  
December 2021 –  
awarding ceremony



## Evaluation:

- uniqueness, scientific excellence, national strategic significance, size of the network
- international cooperation, relations
- open access and use
- education and training
- industrial innovation cooperation



# TOP RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES IN HUNGARY

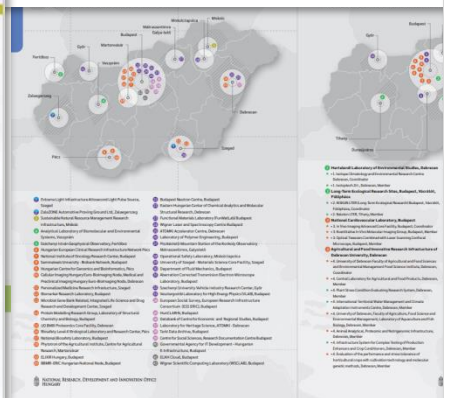
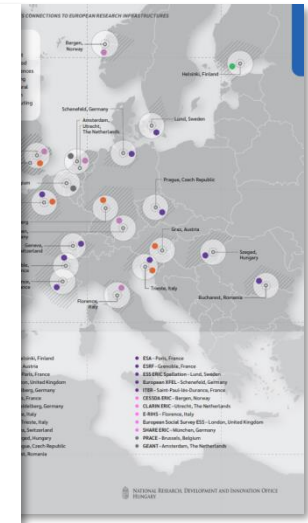


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HUNGARY

## TOP RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES in Hungary 2021

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**LARGE SCALE RI**

**ELI-ALPS EXTREME LIGHT INFRASTRUCTURE AT TOSCA SECOND LIGHT PULSE SOURCE**

**Description of the research infrastructure**

The Extreme Light Infrastructure ELI is the first infrastructure in the world capable of the investigation of the interaction between light and matter with the highest intensity, in the so-called ultra-relativistic regime. ELI is the first ultra-large scale high-power laser source facility to be realized with the most sophisticated scientific and technical capabilities. Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic, with coordinated management and research activities, will be involved in the project through the construction of the three laser facilities with the highest intensity in the ultra-relativistic regime and the associated applications. ELI ALPS is the first ultra-relativistic laser source to be established in Hungary. In 2021, the first laser pulse will be generated at the ELI ALPS facility. The infrastructure will be used for the investigation of the interaction between light and matter with the highest intensity, in the so-called ultra-relativistic regime. The infrastructure will be used for the investigation of the interaction between light and matter with the highest intensity, in the so-called ultra-relativistic regime. The infrastructure will be used for the investigation of the interaction between light and matter with the highest intensity, in the so-called ultra-relativistic regime.

**Activities and Services**

ELI ALPS, the Hungarian part of the Extreme Light Infrastructure, is dedicated to support fundamental and applied research in physical, biological, chemical, medical and materials science at extreme light intensities. The ground-breaking laser system, together with the subsequent existing secondary sources generate the highest possible pulse power and the highest possible repetition rate in a specific range from the 100-femtosecond and up to several picoseconds. The facility includes the regular scientific staff, will provide accessible research infrastructure for the international scientific community user groups from all around the world. The equipment of the Extreme Light Infrastructure - Attosecond Light Pulse Source (ELI-ALPS) research facility, as well as its operation and the related applications significantly support the opportunity to generate attosecond light pulses. The laser system will be used for the generation of attosecond light pulses in a broad spectral range, that application for the investigation of the dynamics of ultrafast processes in the femto- and attosecond time scales, as well as the application of attosecond energy laser pulses for research in plasma physics (e.g. laboratory astrophysics), for laser induced periodic structure for the field of nanotechnology and for the investigation of ultrafast electron motion in atoms and molecules. The generation of attosecond electron pulses will be used for the investigation of the ultrafast dynamics of matter and the development of attosecond electron microscopy. The infrastructure will be used for the investigation of the interaction between light and matter with the highest intensity, in the so-called ultra-relativistic regime.

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- 2 Large scale key RIs
- 40 Excellent RI
- 10 Excellent new RI clusters
- 5 Emerging RIs

<https://nkfi.gov.hu/english/top-ri-hungary2021>



# SUPPORTING RI-BASED S&T COOPERATION – HU TNA scheme

## 2021-4.1.2-NEMZ\_KI – call for proposal

### **,A' Sub-program (outgoing)**

Supporting the use of research and measurement opportunities provided by international research infrastructures.

### **,B' Sub-program (incoming)**

Supporting the use of the significant domestic research infrastructures by international researchers

**Announcement:** September 2021

**Funding/project:** 0,5 - 2 m HUF (EUR 1 350-5 500)

**Earmarked budget:** HUF 100 million HUF

**Eligible costs** of the researchers or PhD, MSc students related to:

- outgoing/incoming travel
- stay of abroad/in Hungary
- project-related travel within the given country
- disseminating the results of the project
- participation in international conferences
- cost of materials, tools and instrumentation

**Closed on 31 Aug 2022**

# THEMATIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (TEP) 2021

**Budget:** 75 billion HUF

**Duration:** 12 months (until 2025)

**Primary aim:**

To support RDI activities of university-based knowledge centres and research sites.

**Sub-programmes:**

- Health (e.g.: COVID-19 and post-COVID related research activities)
- National research activities: Culture and family, Safe society and environment, Industry and digitalisation
- National defence research area (e.g.: cyber security, Artificial Intelligence, robotics)



# THEMATIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (TEP) 2021

## Additional goals

- Ensuring the participation of PhD students and young researchers in research programmes
- Strengthening the embeddedness in the international research community
- Promoting cooperation between others actors of the innovation ecosystem
- Compliance with Open Access principles
- Promoting more active Hungarian participation in the Horizon Europe programme





# RELATED TEP 2021 PROJECTS

## Institute for Nuclear Research

Accelerator-based nuclear technological R&D

Project goals:

- Production and examination of new isotopes
- Production of new surface layers by particle irradiation
- Development of new detectors based on Nanotechnology.

## Eötvös Loránd University

Project goals: Phenomenology of Particle Physics, Experimental Particle Physics at the Large Hadron Collider, Participation in experiments carried out at different particle accelerators.



# RELATED TEP 2020 PROJECTS

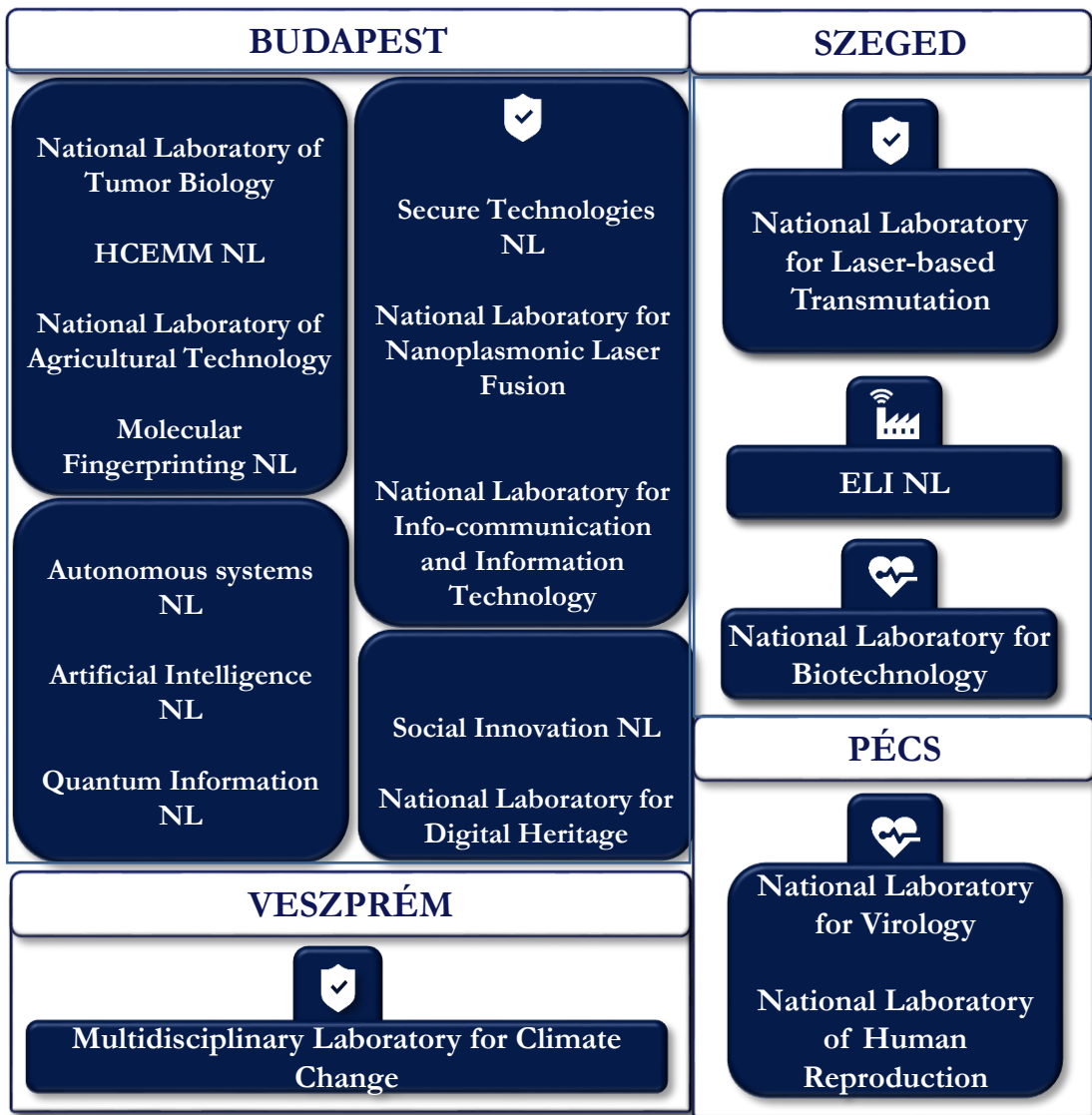
## Eötvös Loránd University

- ✓ Quantum correlations have been measured in the nuclear collisions of RHIC and LHC to determine the properties and spatial distribution of the quark.
- ✓ A new “Centre for Astrophysics and Space Sciences” was established in February 2021.
- ✓ The University has participated in international projects: e.g.: the STAR collaboration at the RHIC accelerator, the CERN NA61/SHINE experiment.
- ✓ The University was the first Hungarian entity to join the CERN LHCb experiments.





# NATIONAL LABORATORIES (NL)



Secure society and environment



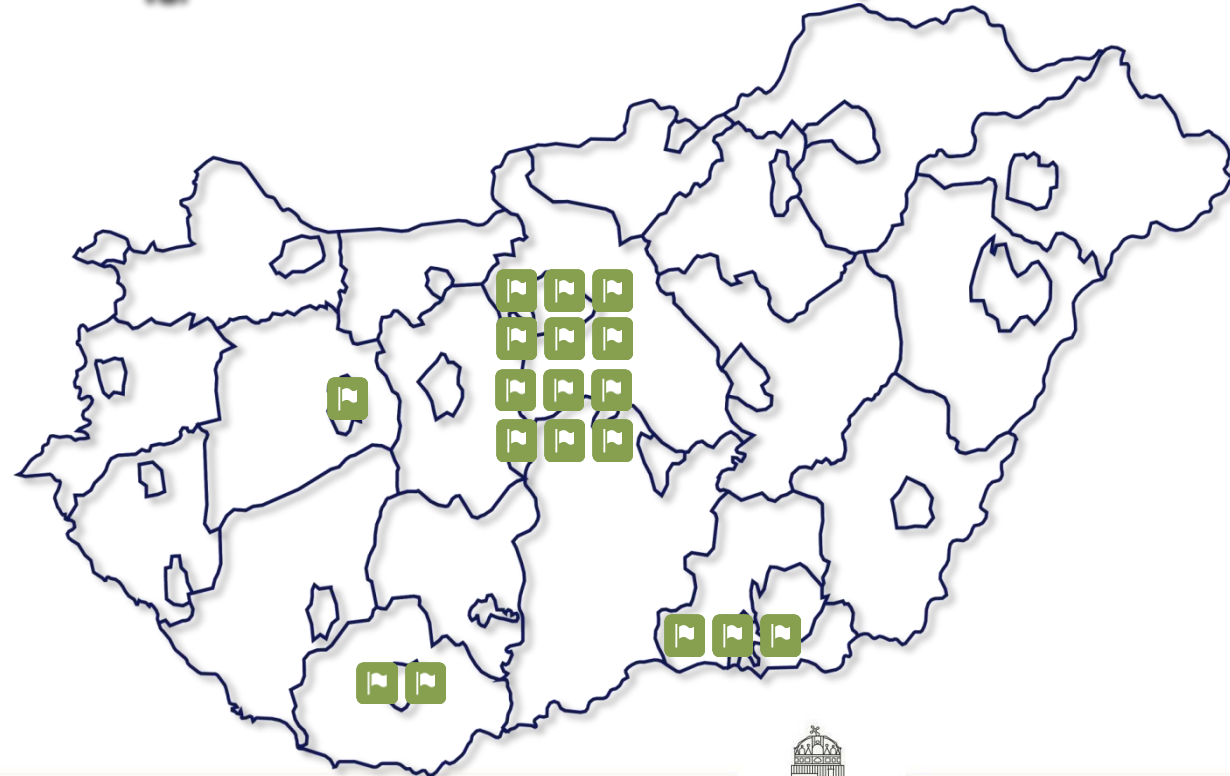
Industry and digitization



Culture and family



Health



# INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE PROGRAMMES (OTKA)

## **Aim:**

- to encourage internationally recognized, basic research excellence, support of projects
- a kutatói pálya elején járó, tehetséges fiatal kutatók önálló tudományos programjai elindításának támogatása
- supporting the launch of independent scientific programmes of talented, young researchers at the beginning of their careers

## **Sub-programmes:**

- Postdoctoral excellence programme
- Young researchers' excellence programme
- **Forefront Research Excellence Programme (Élvonal):**
  - ✓ Its purpose is to provide opportunities for successful researcher participation in the programmes launched by the European Research Council
  - ✓ International excellence is in its centre.



# RELATED PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH EXCELLENCE PROGRAMMES

## Statistics of OTKA:

- ✓ 2021: 20 funded projects in the field of Physics; 4 in Particle Physics
- ✓ 2022: 19 funded projects in the field of Physics; 4 in Particle Physics

## Statistics of Forefront programme:

- ✓ 2018-2021: 7 funded projects in the field of Physics; 1 in Particle Physics
- ✓ 2022: 1 funded projects in the field of Physics; 0 in Particle Physics

## Successful Hungarian institutions:

- Wigner Research Centre for Physics
- Institute for Nuclear Research
- University of Debrecen
- Eötvös Loránd University



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**Thank you for your attention.**

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