

## Republic of Korea – Country Page

### 1. Available national programmes or funds that could provide support to the Republic of Korea Horizon Europe participants

The EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme ‘Horizon Europe’ (HE) offers many cooperation opportunities for the participation of entities from across the world (“open by default”), and many topics are marked as being specifically relevant for international cooperation or target specific countries and/ or regions and multilateral organisations.

In the case of Korea, a **distinction has to be made between participation and funding**. Korean participants are not automatically eligible for funding from HE for their participation in collaborative projects in HE (Pillar 2 and the actions Pathfinder and Transition under Pillar 3 on the European Innovation Council (EIC)), and thus have to bear the cost of their participation. This could be own funding or funding received from Korean Ministries or agencies, from foundations and other organisations that fund international research and innovation activities with Korean participants. On an exceptional basis, HE could provide funding for Korean entities.

For the calls open to international cooperation, the Korean research entities who successfully joined a Horizon Europe project, can ask matching funds to the Korean government regardless in which cluster or topic of HE they have been successful (so-called bottom-up participation). The Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT) offers co-funding to the successful Korean entities provided they have also been successful in the domestic competition organized by the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF). The domestic calls for proposals open twice a year by the respective funding agencies. The Korea Institute of Advancement for Technology (KIAT) has so far not earmarked budget for co-funding; inquiries could be made on an ad hoc basis.

Successful Korean researchers in individual grant or fellowship actions under the European Research Council (ERC) and the Postdoctoral Fellowships under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) are funded by HE. An organisations based in Korea can also participate in the MSCA Doctoral Networks, the MSCA Staff Exchange (SE) and COFUND, but have to bear the cost of their participation.

For the actions in which entities from Korea have to bring their own funding, they are considered as ‘Associated Partner’ (and thus no obligation to sign the grant agreement).

### 2. Useful links

- NRF for entities in basic and applied research:  
[https://www.nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?menu\\_no=363&page=1&nts\\_no=158359&biz\\_no=52&target=&biz\\_not\\_gubn=notice&search\\_type=NTS\\_TITLE&search\\_keyword1=%ED%95%9C-EU](https://www.nrf.re.kr/biz/notice/view?menu_no=363&page=1&nts_no=158359&biz_no=52&target=&biz_not_gubn=notice&search_type=NTS_TITLE&search_keyword1=%ED%95%9C-EU)
- KIAT for entities in industrial research and technology:  
<https://www.kiat.or.kr/site/contents/yearInfo/index2.jsp?menuID=001001002&projectIdx=322&groupIdx=322>
- Contact information
  - NRF: Mr. Chan-Seob SHIN / Researcher; tel: +82-2-3460-5727 / email : [manchu6d@nrf.re.kr](mailto:manchu6d@nrf.re.kr)
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- Korean National Contact Points: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp;sortQuery=country;countryGroups=3C;countries=20000933;functions=All%20Functions,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18>
- webpage of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Korea:  
[https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/south-korea\\_ko](https://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/south-korea_ko)
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