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Brexit, EU Funding (& Discovery Fund) January 2021

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ERO Research Funding Team: EU & International Portfolio

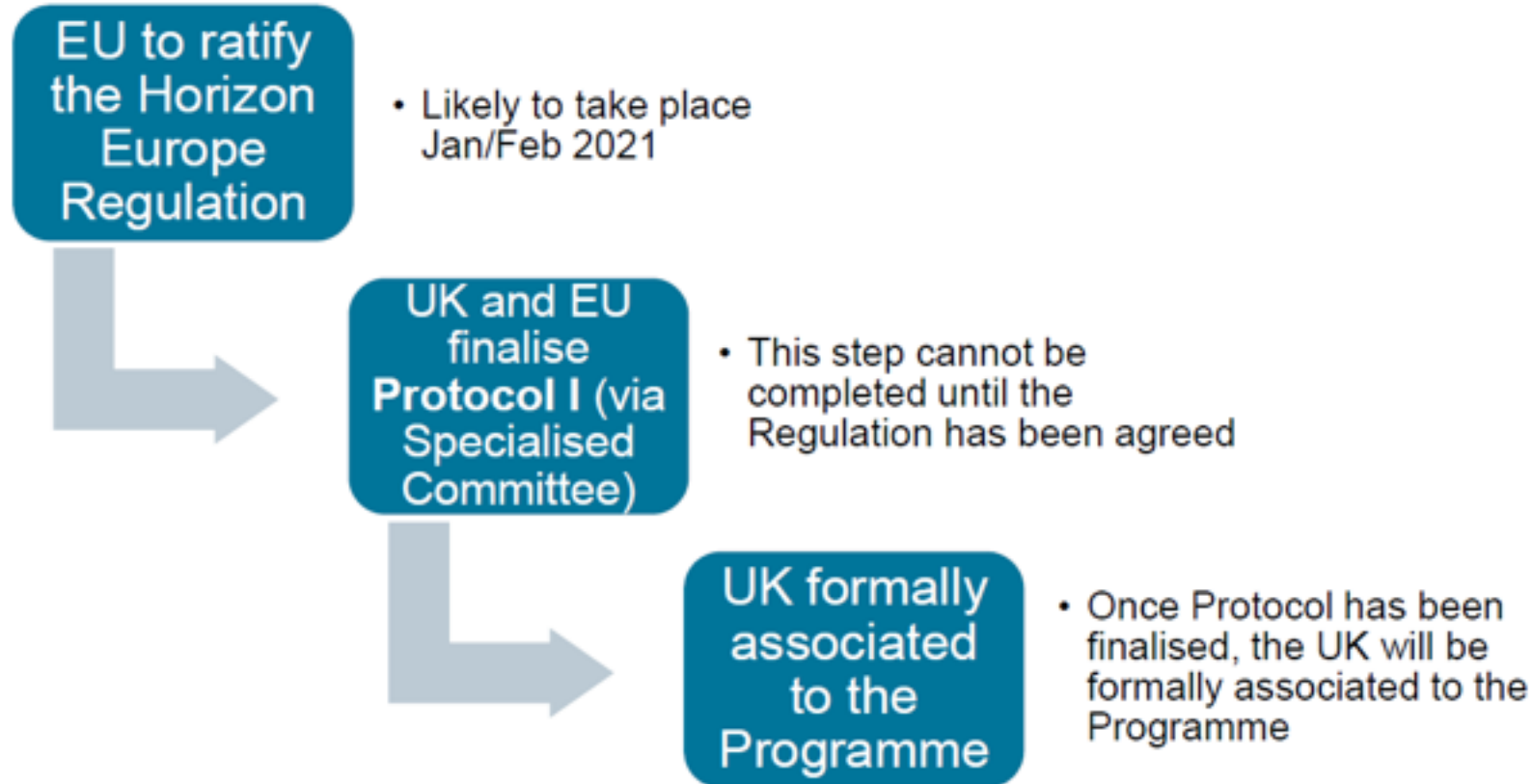
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Brexit - impact on EU Funding

- Horizon 2020 (+ FP7) safe
 - continue as normal - protected by Withdrawal Agreement
 - eligible to apply for Green Deal call - 26 Jan 2021 deadline
- Horizon Europe
 - UK will associate - likely to happen in time for first calls
 - Participation equivalent to Member State
 - Exceptions
 - Small number not open to non-member states e.g. security related calls
 - Parts of the European Innovation Council (EIC) - mainly equity fund aspects (Accelerator)

Horizon Europe - timeline



Horizon Europe - association full details

Detailed analysis from UUKi policy experts

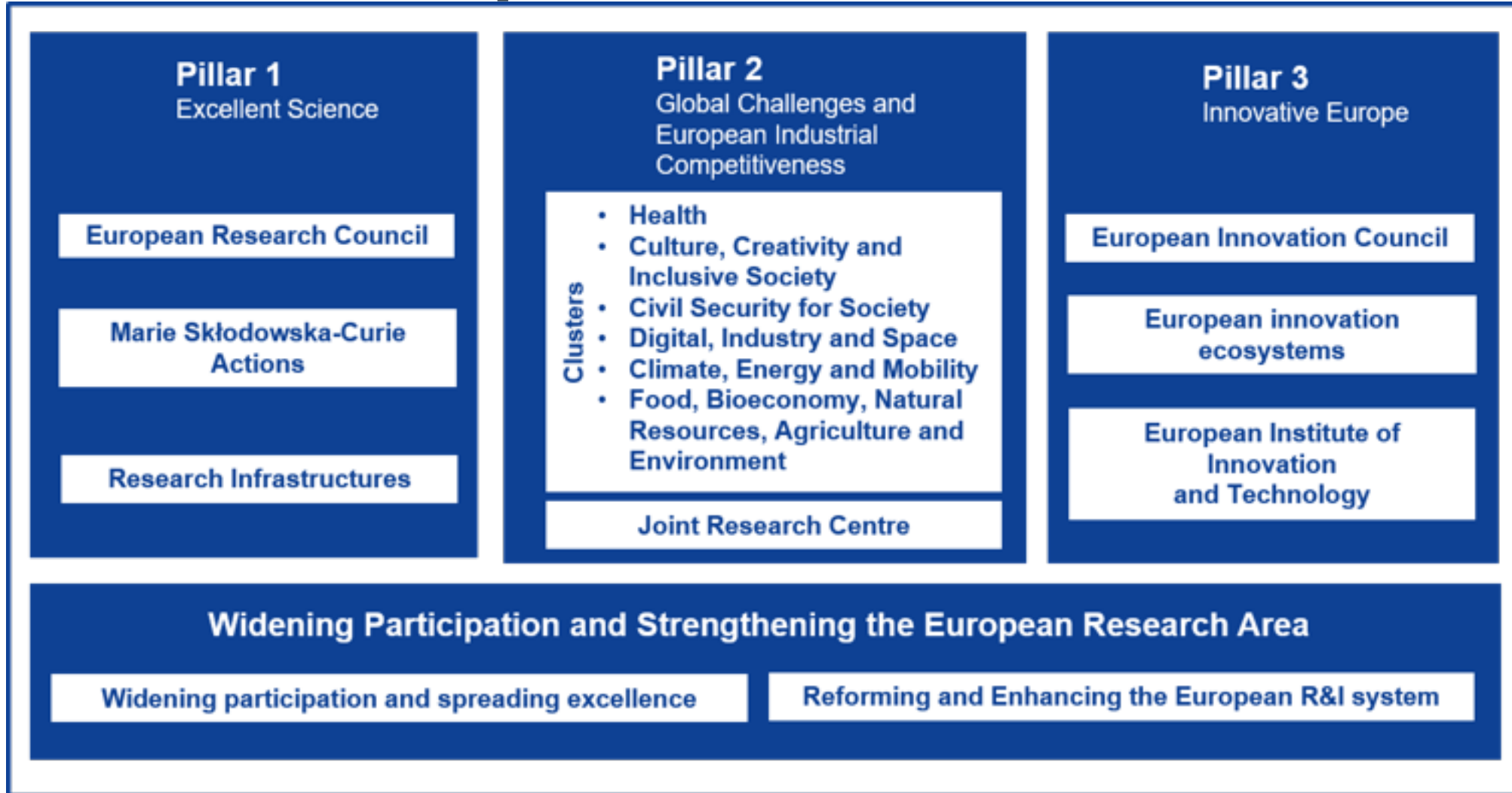
All Brexit issues relevant to Unis

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/brexit/Pages/uk-eu-agreement.aspx>

Horizon Europe association

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/brexit/Documents/uuki-briefing-horizon-europe.pdf>

Horizon Europe: 2021 - 2027



Horizon Europe - UoE focus areas Pillar 1

- ERC individual
 - maintain and increase current successes; convert existing ERC-StG to ERC-CoG etc
- ERC Synergy
 - no UoE success so far; proactive approach to identifying strong applicants
- MSCA-IF
 - more proactive approach to attract excellent researchers to Edinburgh
- MSCA-ITN
 - clearer guidance on PhD fees (mobility rule means all will be ‘international’)
- MSCA both
 - clarity on relevant immigration / visa matters etc

Horizon Europe - Pillar II

- Cluster 1: Health
- Cluster 2: Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Cluster 3: Civil Security for Society
- Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space
- Cluster 5: Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

Horizon Europe - UoE focus areas Pillar II

Pillar II = collaborative projects

- Rebuild internal confidence + build skills
- Rebuild confidence with EU partners - we are available & willing to collaborate
- Increase UoE participation in collaborative projects
 - Brexit dip in participation => many mid career with no prior experience of EU collaboration
- Encourage UoE coordination of collaborative projects

Horizon Europe - leveraging partnerships

Una Europa

- Freie Universität Berlin (Berlin, Germany)
- Università di Bologna (Bologna, Italy)
- Helsingin Yliopisto (Helsinki, Finland)
- Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie (Krakow, Poland)
- KU Leuven (Leuven / Brussels, Belgium)
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)
- Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris, France)

Strategic European Partners

- University of Amsterdam
- University of Copenhagen
- University College Dublin
- University of Helsinki*
- Leiden University
- KU Leuven*

- [Freie Universität Berlin* - potential]

Discovery Fund - postponed / 'on-hold'

- Proposed alternative fund if no association to Horizon Europe
 - 'sizeable, long-term grants to fund discovery-led, ground breaking research'
 - 'ERC-like'
- UK will associate to Horizon Europe
 - Discovery fund now 'on-hold'
 - Maybe implemented at smaller scale in future

Further information & useful links

- aine.ryan@ed.ac.uk
- www.ed.ac.uk/research-office
- <https://blogs.ed.ac.uk/research-office/>
- ERO Twitter: [@GrowingYourIdea](https://twitter.com/GrowingYourIdea)
- ERO page on Horizon Europe: <https://ue.sharepoint.com/sites/ResearchSupportOfficeIntelligence/SitePages/Funders/International/EU/EUFunding.aspx>
- UUKi Brexit briefings: <https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/brexit/Pages/uk-eu-agreement.aspx>
- The University & Europe: <https://www.ed.ac.uk/news/eu>



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