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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: HORIZON DAYS #1

The first-ever edition of our Horizon Days was with us last week! In collaboration with TUBITAK the event was aimed at learning more about the Horizon Europe programme and hearing the inspiring experiences of experts. Read more about the event and the upcoming installments at page 1.



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The aftermath of the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, Getting the European Media Freedom Act right, EU's Interregional Innovation Investment scheme taking off. Read about all of those and many more at page 5.



FEATURED EVENTS

Join us on the Horizon Days #2 on WIDERA, ERC, and Health. Hear more about Horizon Europe - ERA Brokerage Event 2023 to get an opportunity for matchmaking with other potential ERA calls 2023 participants and stakeholders. Read more on page 2.

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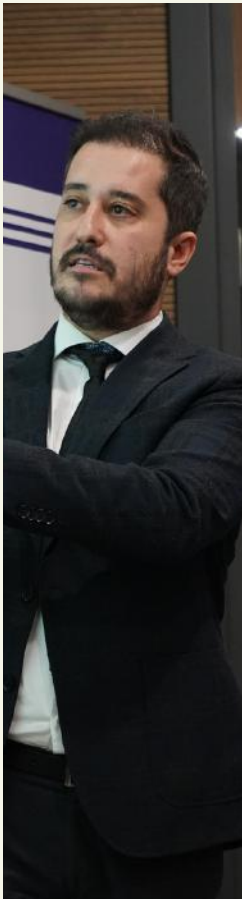
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A promotional poster for "Horizon Europe Days #2". The top part is dark blue with the word "EUROPE" in small white letters. Below it, the words "HORIZON EUROPE" are written in large, white, 3D block letters. There are small illustrations of people and a rocket. Below the main title, it says "BOGAZICI LIFESCI EU HORIZON EUROPE DAYS #2" in white text. The bottom section is white with "23 December" and "10.00 - 16.00" in dark blue text. At the very bottom, there is a dark blue bar with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter, followed by the handle "@bounlifesci".

BOĞAZIÇI LIFESCI EU HORIZON DAYS #1 COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Boğaziçi University Center for Life Sciences and Technologies is thrilled to have hosted the first-ever edition of our EU Horizon Days!



We held our first-ever edition of the Horizon Days seminar series on 9th of December. Çağrı Yıldırım, Head of the EU Framework Programmes Department at TÜBİTAK, hosted sessions on the Horizon Europe framework programme, the application process, and types of calls. The event also featured Hasan Mandal, the president of TÜBİTAK, and Ali Türkelli, Coordinator of the EU affairs and international funding unit.



EU Horizon Days, which will be held once a month in collaboration with Boğaziçi University and TÜBİTAK, will include programs, projects, and work programs that will cover the entire BULifeSci innovation ecosystem, as well as one-on-one Q&A and networking opportunities with experts. Join us for the Horizon Days #2 in health on 23 December.

FEATURED EVENTS



LIFESCI EU HORIZON DAYS #2 **23 December 2022**

Horizon Europe Framework Programme "European Research Council (ERC)", "Health", "Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area" Information Day

The second instalment of our Horizon Europe Days will be held on the 23rd of December. The event will feature information sessions by experts from the National Contact Point, TÜBİTAK.

The sessions will explore in detail the calls under the topics of "Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA)", "European Research Council (ERC)", and "Health". Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for Q&A and discussion, as well as networking with industry professionals and experts in the field. Don't miss out on this chance to learn and connect with others! [Link](#)

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23 DECEMBER
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Horizon Europe - ERA Brokerage Event 2023

19 December 2022

The network of National Contact Points for Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (WIDERA), NCP_WIDERA.NET, invites you to a virtual Brokerage Event for the ERA Call 2023.

The ERA Brokerage Event will take place on 19th December 2022. It will be an opportunity for matchmaking with other potential ERA calls 2023 participants and stakeholders through pre-arranged, bilateral meetings to identify possible collaborations and facilitate the setup of Horizon Europe ERA project consortia. [Link](#)



Thematic Network on Mental Health in All Policies

11 January 2023

The objective of this webinar is to share knowledge and experience related to concrete actions carried out to maximise the opportunities and reduce the risks arising from digital technologies, in relation to mental health, with a focus on vulnerable groups. [Link](#)

EU MARKET OUTLOOK FOR SOLAR POWER 2022-2026

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SolarPower Europe is excited to announce the launch of its EU Market Outlook (EMO) for Solar Power which will unveil 2022 as a year that changed everything for solar, and predict how solar will further evolve against new geo-political realities.

During the launch, we will present a summary of the report and hear from Kadri Simson, EU Commissioner for Energy, about how to further accelerate solar deployment across the EU, to achieve the EU's 2030 climate ambitions. [Link](#)



Addressing unmet clinical needs, practices and patient outcomes: the impact of EU-funded projects

COVIRNA **ENVISION**

These projects have received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101016072 and No 101015930.

COVend  Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA). Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

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A large number of public-funded projects at the EU, national or regional level aim to address unmet clinical needs and improve clinical practices as well as patient outcomes by developing diagnostic/prognostic tools or advanced therapies. Investigators of three of these EU projects (COVIRNA, ENVISION, COVend) organise a joint webinar to discuss their achievements and challenges in common – which are not specific to them but are often shared by projects in the research and medical technology development process.

They will discuss successful practices on how to respond to clinicians' expectations at the same time as patients' needs. A panel discussion will also tackle the question of securing sustainable funding for research and innovation initiatives and risk mitigation of these investments. [Link](#)

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS



Meta faces record EU privacy fines

POLITICO- By Vincent Manancourt. The Big Tech firm looks set to soon face a huge regulatory bill for all three of its social networks, Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram.

The detail and possible value of the monetary penalty will remain under wraps until then, but the triplet of fines could add up to over €2 billion, financial statements by Meta indicate — setting a new record for the highest fines under the European Union's feared General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) received by a single company in one go. [Link](#)

Women leaders are the key to sustainable climate solutions

EURACTIV- By Ebru Özdemir. Women's leadership has been shown to result in greater responsiveness to citizens' needs, as well as increased cooperation in delivering sustainable peace and improved outcomes of climate-related projects and policies.

Whilst representative leadership is more effective, and women's leadership on climate change has been proven to have a more significant impact, women do not currently play an equal part in the decision-making processes and labour markets, which ultimately prevents their participation in climate planning, policymaking, and implementation. Yet, women's leadership has resulted in greater responsiveness to citizens' needs, increased cooperation in delivering sustainable peace, and improved outcomes of climate-related projects and policies. [Link](#)





The Ecosystem: regional innovation goes international as new EU scheme gets off the ground

ScienceBusiness- By Ian Mundell. An accelerator for digital health companies involving ten regions across Europe is the first project to be funded through the Interregional Innovation Investment programme. Now stakeholders are looking for some fine-tuning in how the scheme operates

After a hesitant start, the EU's Interregional Innovation Investment (I3) scheme is finally gathering speed. The first project to receive support has been announced and the first call for proposals under a capacity-building strand is due to be published in December. While broadly welcoming the scheme, interested groups want to see improvements in the work programme for 2023 - 24, which is expected to be published shortly. [Link](#)



Innovate UK: BBSRC and partners launch six health innovation hubs

ScienceBusiness- BBSRC and partners have launched 6 innovation hubs as part of a new Diet and Health Open Innovation Research Club (OIRC). The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC), with support from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Innovate UK and the Medical Research Council (MRC), have created a new Diet and Health OIRC. [Link](#)



Stakeholders doubtful EU health data space will launch on schedule

EURACTIV- Stakeholders expressed concern that the European Health Data Space (EDHS), aimed at reforming the sharing of health data across hospitals around the EU, will launch as planned in 2025 due to a large number of issues still to be addressed. [Link](#)



COP27: EU left 'disappointed' by lack of ambition in final deal, calling it a 'small step forward'

Euronews- By Jorge Liboreiro. The European Union is not hiding its disappointment with the climate deal struck at COP27, criticising its lack of ambition and warning of an increasingly distant possibility to keep global warming under the 1.5 °C target.

"We have treated some of the symptoms but not cured the patient from its fever," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a short reaction statement. Her deputy, Vice-President Frans Timmermans, who led the negotiations on the EU's behalf, was more scathing and left no doubts as to his frustration.

The final deal "does not bring enough added efforts from major emitters to increase and accelerate their emissions cuts. It does not bring a higher degree of confidence that we will achieve the commitments made under the Paris Agreement and in Glasgow last year," Timmermans said at the summit's closing plenary.

"It does not address the yawning gap between climate science and our climate policies."

[Link](#)

FEATURED CALLS

CLUSTER 1- HEALTH

HORIZON-HLTH-2023-ENVHLTH-02-01: Planetary health: understanding the links between environmental degradation and health impacts

Type of Action: Research and Innovation Actions

Expected contributions per project: 5-6 Million Euros

Deadline: 13 April 2023

[Link](#)

HORIZON-HLTH-2023-TOOL-05-04: Better integration and use of health-related real world and research data, including genomics, for improved clinical outcomes

Type of Action: Research and Innovation Actions

Expected contributions per project: 8-10Million Euros

Deadline: 13 April 2023

[Link](#)

CLUSTER 4- DIGITAL, INDUSTRY & SPACE

HORIZON-CL4-2023-HUMAN-01-65: Support facility for digital standardisation and international cooperation in digital partnerships

Type of Action: Coordination and SupportActions

Expected contributions per project: 1.5 Million Euros

Deadline: 29 March 2023

[Link](#)

WIDERA

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage: Teaming for Excellence

Type of Action: Coordination and SupportActions

Expected contributions per project: 8-15 Million Euros

Deadline: 12 Apr 2023 (First Stage), 07 Mar 2024 (Second Stage)

[Link](#)

View available work programmes for 2023-2024, European Commission website: [Link](#)

For more calls, call shortlisting, and collaborations contact us at lifescieu@boun.edu.tr

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About the EU Affairs & International Funding Unit

Welcome to our first issue! We are very excited to launch this newsletter which will inform and inspire you on a monthly basis about EU Research and Innovations through recent development, featured events and community spotlight highlights. We hope that you will find this information attractive and beneficial.



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We, EU Affairs and International Funding Unit-Lifesci established in March 2022 in Boğaziçi University's Center for Life Sciences and Technologies and it is the first and only division specialized in EU affairs under a Turkish university which is directly represented at the EU level, in Brussels.



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You are the focus of this newsletter. Please, tell us about yourself, and reach out. We very much welcome your feedback and suggestions for future issues.

Kindest Regards,



About the Boğaziçi University Center for Life Sciences and Technologies

Boğaziçi LifeSci was established in 2010 with the motto of “Providing the production of knowledge and technology to understand and improve life”, with the gathering of academics working in the fields of life sciences, health and biotechnology within the body of Boğaziçi University.