



Dear colleagues,

Framework Programme for Research and Innovation entitled “Horizon Europe”, on the next long-term Union budget for 2021 to 2027 as well as the Commission’s priorities as set out in its Agenda for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change and global policy priorities (the Sustainable Development Goals).

The proposal is framed by the premise that research and innovation (R&I) delivers on citizens’ priorities, boosts the Union’s productivity and competitiveness, and is crucial for sustaining our socio-economic model and values, and enabling solutions that address challenges in a more systemic way.

This Framework Programme is the Union’s flagship programme to support R&I from concept to market uptake.

In areas like health, digital technologies, industrial transformation, inclusive and democratic societies, natural resources, energy, mobility, environment, food, low-carbon economy, space and security, R&I is critical to the successful delivery on Union priorities: in particular jobs and growth, Digital Single Market, Energy Union and climate action. R&I is at the core of productivity and competitiveness of an advanced economy like the Union one.

Being compared to the ongoing Programme, Horizon Europe is expected to generate:

- new and more knowledge and technologies,
- promoting scientific excellence and
- significant scientific impact.

The Programme will continue to facilitate cross-border collaboration between top scientists and innovators, allowing for trans-national and cross-sector coordination between public and private R&I investment.

SPQEO supports these aims and will build the information policy according to them. Impact pathways, and related key impact pathway indicators, will structure the annual monitoring of the programme performance towards its objectives. These pathways reflect three complementary impact categories, reflecting the non-linear nature of R&I investment. Concerning our SPQEO journal, we would like to emphasize the first and the third ones:

1. Scientific impact: related to supporting the creation and diffusion of high-quality new knowledge, skills, technologies and solutions to global challenges.
3. Economic impact: related to fostering all forms of innovation, including breakthrough innovation, and strengthening market deployment of innovative solutions.

We invite all of you for cooperation and collaboration both as readers and authors, as well as reviewers.

Sincerely yours,
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