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## Associated Countries

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## History of changes

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Change</b>
1.1	26.02.2014	▪ Updates on the participation conditions for Faroe Islands and Switzerland
1.2	19.05.2014	▪ Update on the countries associated with H2020: Norway and Iceland
1.3	11.06.2014	▪ Update on the participation status of Faroe Islands
1.4	15.07.2014	▪ Update on the countries associated with H2020: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova
1.5	12.09.2014	▪ Update on the association of Switzerland to parts of Horizon 2020
1.6	23.10.2014	▪ Update on the countries associated with H2020: Israel
1.7	5.12.2014	▪ New update on association of Switzerland to parts of Horizon 2020

## Associated Countries

Association to Horizon 2020 is governed by Article 7 of the Horizon 2020 Regulation. Legal entities from Associated Countries can participate under the same conditions as legal entities from the Member States. Association to Horizon 2020 takes place through the conclusion of an International Agreement.

By 5 December 2014, Association Agreements have been concluded and/or signed with the following countries:

- **Iceland**
- **Norway**
- **Albania**
- **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**
- **Montenegro**
- **Serbia**
- **Turkey**
- **Israel**
- **Moldova**
- **Switzerland**

All the above Association Agreements apply retroactively **from 1 January 2014** (i.e. from the beginning of Horizon 2020) except for the Agreement with Switzerland, which is retroactively applicable as of **15 September 2014**.

An international agreement associating Switzerland to **parts of Horizon 2020** was signed on 5 December 2014. The parts to which Switzerland is associated are: the "Excellent Science" pillar, containing the European Research Council, Future and Emerging Technologies, Research Infrastructures and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions; the actions under the specific objective "Spreading excellence and widening participation"; and finally the Euratom Programme and the activities carried out by the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion for Energy for 2014-2020. The participation of Switzerland to these parts of Horizon 2020 and to Euratom Programme and to ITER as an Associated Country applies provisionally from 15 September 2014 and is expected to last until 31 December 2016 (this would be then followed by either full association or no association, i.e. third country status). Swiss entities may participate with a status of third country entities in other Horizon 2020 priorities that are not listed above. For more information, please see the information note on [http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/h2020-hi-swiss-part\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/h2020-hi-swiss-part_en.pdf).

The association of the **Faroe Islands** is expected to be signed before the end of 2014. Legal entities from this country are encouraged to participate in proposals submitted under the Horizon 2020 calls for proposals. As long as the respective Association agreement is not in place, and in order not to delay proposal evaluation and negotiation, the Faroe Islands will be assumed to be associated and its legal entities will count towards the minimum participation requirements in all parts of Horizon 2020, as if they are established in an Associated Country.

Note that, unlike in FP7, **Liechtenstein** does not intend to associate to Horizon 2020.

***Should an Association agreement still not have become applicable by the time of the need to sign grant agreements or other forms of financial support under Horizon 2020, the eligibility of the proposal (and, where relevant, the funding from the Union budget to be provided to the legal entities in question) will be reassessed on the basis that the country in question is not associated to Horizon 2020. This implies that entities from such countries would not get funded automatically, but could get funding on an exceptional basis.***

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