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Delegations will find attached a note from the Commission on “Public consultation on the past, present and future of the European research & innovation framework programmes - 2014-2027” with a view to the AOB items at the meeting of the Competitiveness Council on 2 December 2022.

Public consultation on the past, present and future of the European research & innovation framework programmes 2014-2027*Information from the Commission*

In the frame of the ex-post evaluation of Horizon 2020, the interim evaluation of Horizon Europe and the development of the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027, the European Commission launches, by the end of November (date tbc), its **largest consultation ever on the Horizon Framework Programmes**, covering the past, present and future of the European research & innovation framework programmes.

National Authorities are invited to take part in the consultation and encouraged to spread the news of the consultation among their stakeholders.

In compliance with Better Regulation¹, the combined 12-week consultation aims at collecting evidence on the most central aspects of both Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe. The feedback will be collected in three sections:

Horizon 2020 final evaluation

The section on the final [evaluation of Horizon 2020](#) explores the achievements, shortcomings and EU-added value of the programme, its coherence with other instruments, its overall relevance as well as the administrative burden associated with the application process and the management of funding.

Horizon Europe interim evaluation

The section on the [interim evaluation of Horizon Europe](#) aims to explore views regarding the design and implementation of the programme, as well as stakeholders' needs, up until now.

¹ Better Regulation Guidelines & Toolbox https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-making-process/planning-and-proposing-law/better-regulation-why-and-how_en

Strategic Plan 2025-2027

The section on the [Horizon Europe Strategic Plan](#) offers respondents the possibility to actively contribute to the identification of future priorities of the second Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027, providing input on new and emerging research and innovation needs and potentials for synergies across EU programmes, among others.

This consultation will help the Commission assess what the programmes have achieved, as well as possible adverse effects. The results will be used to inform the evaluations of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe and the preparations for the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 and will be presented in synopsis reports annexed to evaluation reports and for the Strategic Plan, as part of an analysis supporting the plan, published throughout the course of 2023 and 2024.

All interested parties are strongly encouraged to participate in this coordinated consultation exercise between November 2022 and February 2023 to make their voices heard and to contribute to shaping the European Union programme for research & innovation.
