

Action 10.1: Make EU Missions and partnerships key contributors to ERA (Missions)	
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1. Description	<p>As regards missions, the action in the ERA Policy Agenda is formulated as follows: 'Share information, create awareness and build ownership of EU R&I missions at national level, regional and community level'.</p> <p>The arrangements to achieve the above aims, which should help to secure the support of Member States to missions, their involvement in governance and active contributions towards the objectives of the missions, are still under development with several lines of action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working Groups of the Strategic Configuration of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee (SPC), shortly to meet for the first time, will provide an extended space beyond the SPC itself for discussion on the R&I content of the missions and how this connects to and requires support from other EU and national/regional policy areas. Member States/Associated Countries (MS/AC) were asked to nominate delegates to these Working Groups taking into account these policy aims. Participation of actors from MS/AC in the missions actions funded under Horizon Europe is also to be supported through a dedicated network of Horizon Europe National Contact Points, which should provide an additional input to the strategic intelligence on the growing performance of the missions. - A Core Network, funded by the Commission through the missions Horizon Europe Work Programme, is to be created with the purpose to facilitate sharing of information on the process of creating and implementing missions, governance arrangements, and also to support the deployment of the missions. Evaluation of proposals has been completed and a potential contractor has been selected which, subject to contract finalisation, is expected to meet for the first time in mid-2022. <p>Still to be decided and subject to the evolving definition of missions needs in 2022 are: a) if the combination of Working Groups of the SPC and missions NCP, combined with the advice of the Mission Boards, give sufficient space and means for identification of the missions R&I agenda and how this can be realised through Horizon Europe b) how to support the engagement of MS/AC at policy level, for R&I and other policy areas, and through aligning programmes and creating synergies. With regard to the latter, the Core Network is a useful but not sufficient step, and there is a debate on the possible role of national or EU level implementation structures, to support the missions. A key objective will be to establish means for performance monitoring of missions progress, covering funding actions at EU and MS/AC level. Orientations of needs and identification of possibilities could be supported through strategic</p>

	discussions in the ERA Forum.
2. Actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Commission - Member States, Associated Countries - EU Missions
3. Timing and milestones	<p>Q1 2022 First Meeting of the missions Working Groups of the Horizon Europe</p> <p>Q3 2022 First Meeting of the mission Core Network</p>
4. Funding	<p>Support for the missions Core Network will be provided through Horizon Europe.</p> <p>Future possible missions implementation structures would be supported through Horizon Europe and MS/AC funding.</p>
5. Expected impact	The impacts would be the achievement of mission goals, through the most effective and efficient means, via the engagement of resources and programmes at EU, national regional and community levels, and deployment of solutions at these same levels.
6. Monitoring	Creation of a system for performance monitoring of progress towards missions goals is one of the intended steps for engaging and creating ownership at national, regional and community levels. Monitoring of the design and implementation of these actions will be provided by the review of the missions due by end 2023, with expected further advice from the Mission Boards. Under plans still to be developed, citizens are also to be engaged in the performance monitoring.
7. Communication	Dedicated communication strategies for each mission have been developed and are being implemented.
8. Additional information	-