

EurEau input to EU public consultation on Horizon Europe Co-design 2021-2024

Q4. Please provide here your comments on where Horizon Europe should play its greatest role in terms of global challenges, Sustainable Development Goals, and EU policy priorities.

Horizon Europe should focus on natural resources preservation like water resources. It should focus on reducing human impact on Climate and help to mitigate and adapt our society to climate change. It should help European industry to move towards circularity and sustainability by fostering innovative solution to preserve water resources from pollution and over abstraction.

6. Please provide here your comments or suggestions on the above = "Competitive Europe" (if any).

Focus should go on the protection of infrastructures to guarantee access to water and sanitation to all citizens. It should also help to improve infrastructure in a limited investment capacity by fostering innovative technical and sustainable solutions.

10. Please provide here your comments or suggestions on the above (if any)

Horizon-Europe should look at the impact of an increase consumption of drugs on the Environment. It should help to develop more environmental friendly drugs that will allow to preserve water resources from contamination and protect biodiversity.

12. Please provide here your comments or suggestions on the above = "Sustainable Europe" (if any)

Horizon Europe should focus on ways to preserve natural resources and to maintain availability for all citizen. It should look at the impact of the circular economy on natural resources and how to control pollution at source through innovative solutions.

Comments on the Orientations Document Please provide here further general input regarding the targeted impacts from Horizon Europe.

EurEau welcome an ambitious programme that give good support to natural resources management and preservation, especially water. To reach those ambitious outcomes,



it is crucial that the funding associated to the topics are fairly distributed between the topics.

We support particularly Cluster 5 and cluster6 together with the Missions on:

- ~ healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters
- ~ climate-neutral and smart cities
- ~ soil health and food.

We support partnerships on:

10. Smart Networks and Services (water should be included though)
31. A climate neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy
32. Safe and Sustainable Food System for People, Planet & Climate
33. Circular bio-based Europe: Sustainable, inclusive and circular bio-based solutions
34. Water4All: Water security for the planet

However, we regret that no partnership on health is focused on impact of drugs on the environment as the strategic approach on Pharmaceuticals in the Environment of the European Commission (https://www.ec.europa.eu/environment/water/water-dangersub/pdf/strategic_approach_pharmaceuticals_env.PDF) promote a chain approach with "green design" of "products that pose a lower environmental risk or facilitate the recycling of waste water, and promote the use of greener manufacturing methods".

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