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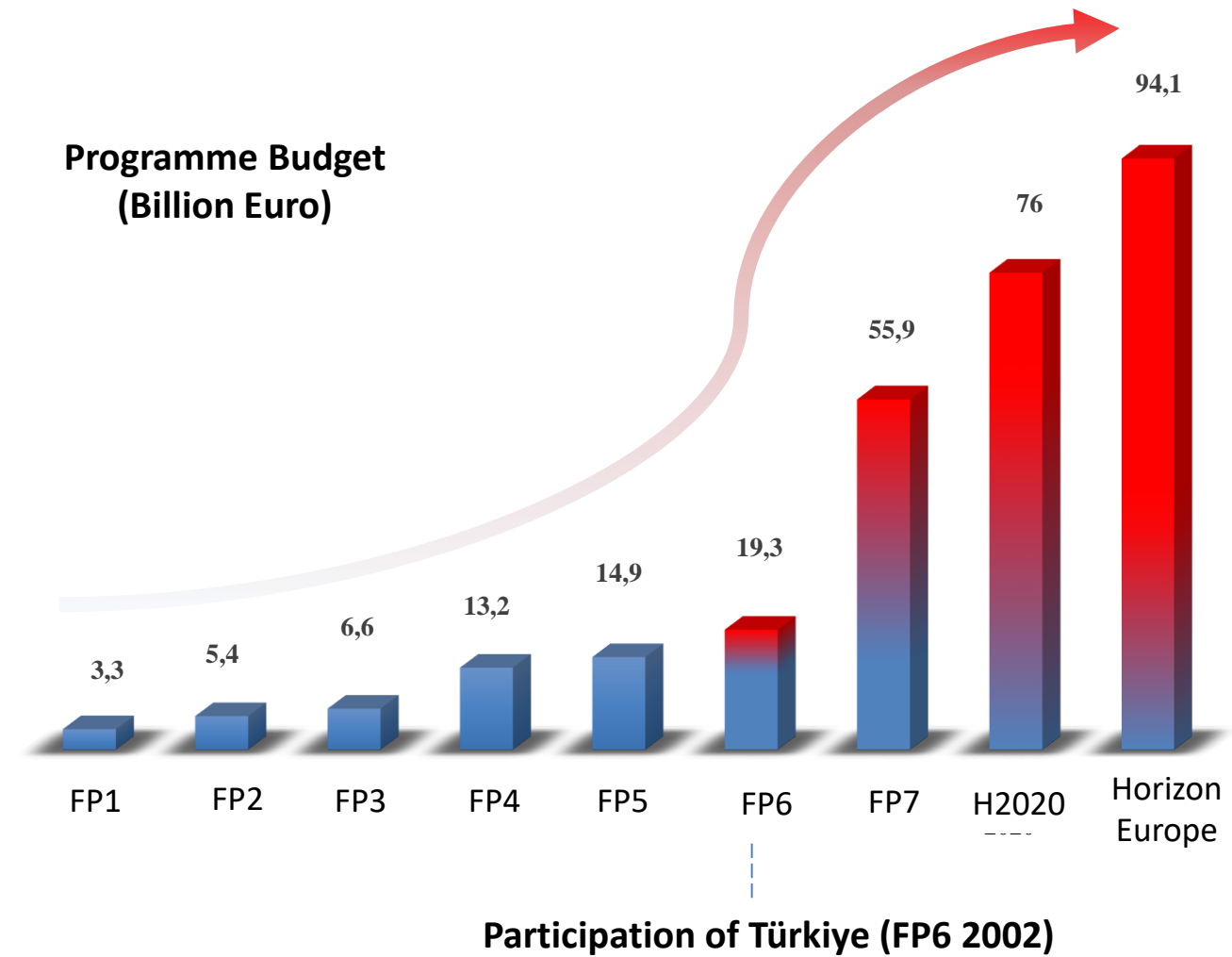
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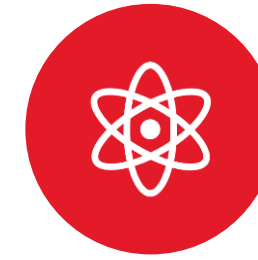
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What are the European Union Framework Programmes?



Million €	FP6	FP7	Horizon 2020 (2014-2020)
National Contribution	185	261	265,5
Received Funding	59	208,9	297
Return of the National Contribution	%32	%80	%112



- The world's largest civilian research and innovation programmes by budget.
- Support scientific research, technological development, and innovation.



- The goal is to foster social and economic development.
- Aim is to strengthen research and technology capacities and encourage university-industry collaboration.



- Seeks to enhance cooperation across various policy areas of the EU.

Horizon Europe Programme

With an estimated budget of €95.5 billion, Horizon Europe is a seven-year (2021–2027) research and innovation programme.



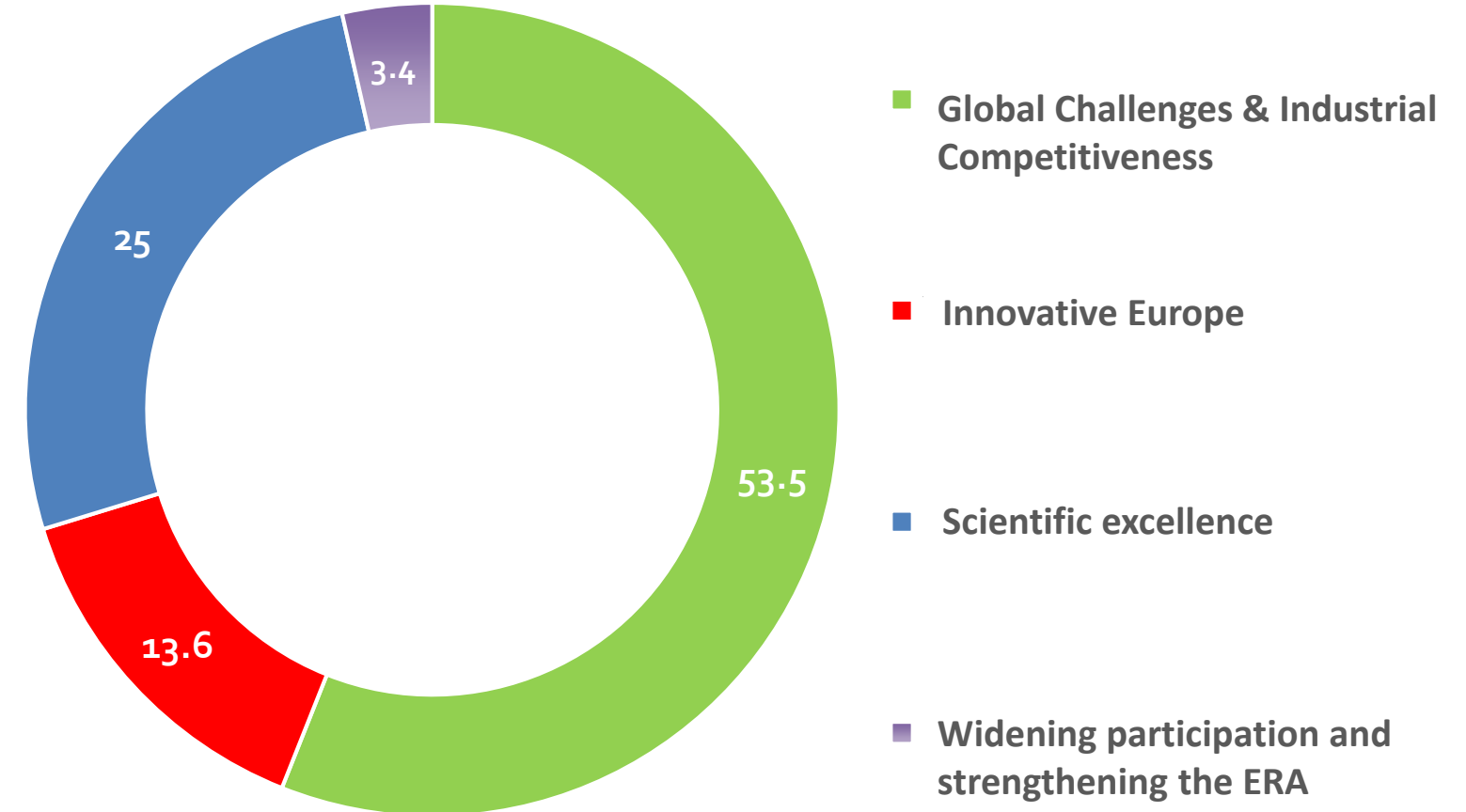
To strengthen Europe scientifically and technologically.



To enhance Europe's innovation capacity, competitiveness, and employment.



To address societal challenges and ensure the sustainability of socio-economic models and values.



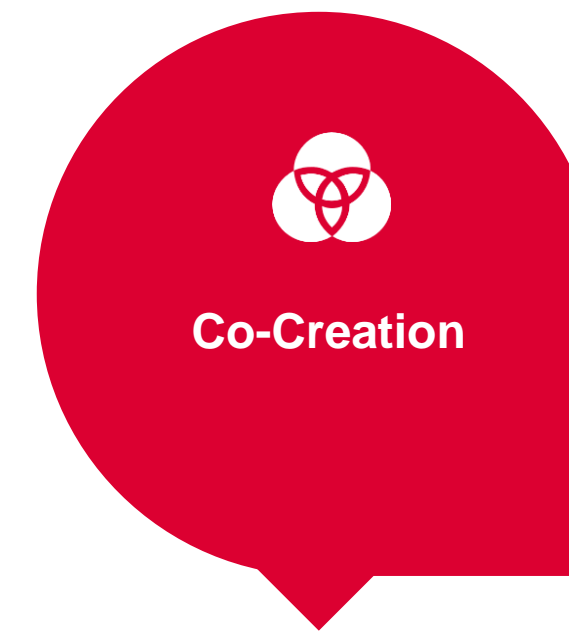
Approaches centered around challenges that require solutions pursued jointly.



Knowledge & Skills



Challenges Requiring Solutions



Co-Creation

Excellent Science

European Research Council

MSCA Actions

Research Infrastructures

Global Challenges & Industrial Competitiveness

- Health
- Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry & Space
- Climate, Energy & Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Innovative Europe

European Innovation Council

Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Widening Participation & Strengthening ERA

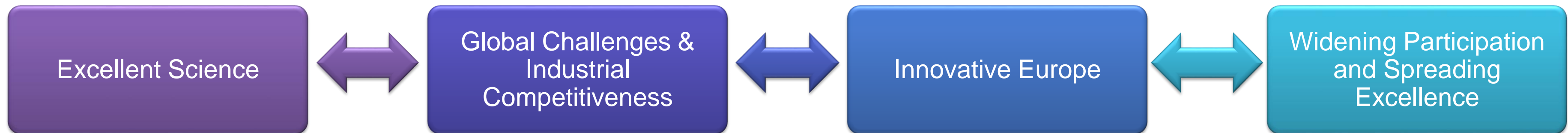
Spreading Excellence

Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I System

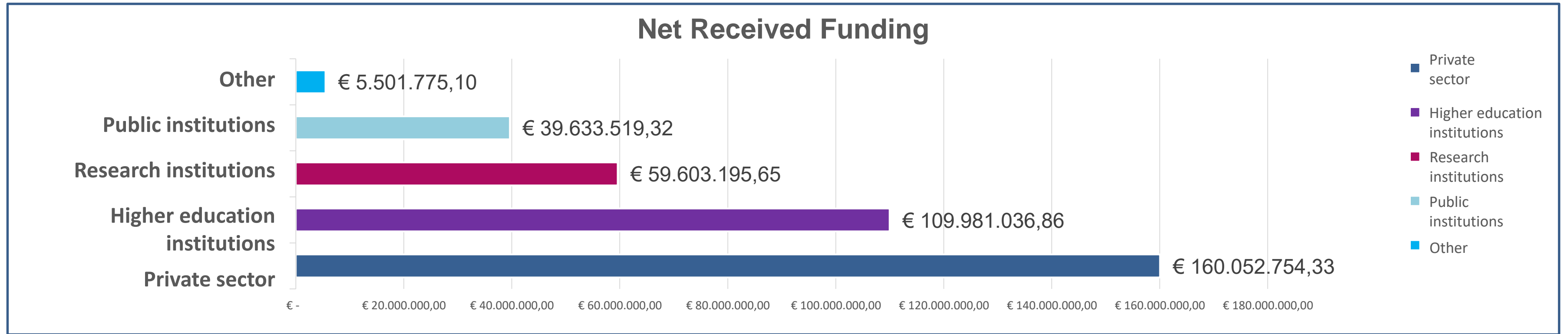


Current Performance of the Horizon Europe Programme

Across our ecosystem, **1,375 project implementers** have collaborated on **829 projects**, advancing the components of Horizon Europe through a shared vision of co-creation and success.



Current Performance of the Horizon Europe by Organisation Type



The Most Successful Turkish Industrial Enterprises	Funding Received (Million Euro)	The Most Successful Turkish Research Institutions	Funding Received (Million Euro)	Most Successful SMEs	Funding Received (Million Euro)
FORD OTOSAN	8.89	KOC UNIVERSITY	20.72	SRDC	3.42
GE MARMARA	8.17	TUBITAK	19.50	BEE MOBILITY SOLUTIONS	2.07
TOFAS	6.99	MIDDLE EAST TECHNICALUNIVERSITY	15.65	ERGUNLER INSAAT	2.01
ARCELIK	6.63	SABANCI UNIVERSITY	8.80	BITNET	1.68
TUPRAS	5.00	SABANCI UNIVERSITY SUNUM	8.49	ADBIOINK	1.53
ENERJISA	3.50	BILKENT UNIVERSITY	7.53	DEMIR ENERJI	1.52
AIR LIQUIDE GAZ	3.49	METU GUNAM	7.13	TEKNOPAR	1.41
SIRO SILK ROAD	3.03	IZMIR YUKSEK TEKNOLOJI ENSTITIUSU	7.03	HIDROPAR	1.37
KALYON	2.82	ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	6.46	BIGTRI	1.33
ZORLU ENERJI	2.41	BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY	5.14	YONGA TEKNOLOJI	1.23



**Excellent
Science**

EXCELLENT SCIENCE:

To strengthen and expand the EU's scientific foundation.

European Research Council(ERC)

- Funds frontier research by leading researchers and teams

**Programme Budget:
€16 Billion**



European Research Council
Established by the European Commission

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA)

- Empowers researchers through mobility and training

**Programme Budget:
€6.6 Billion**

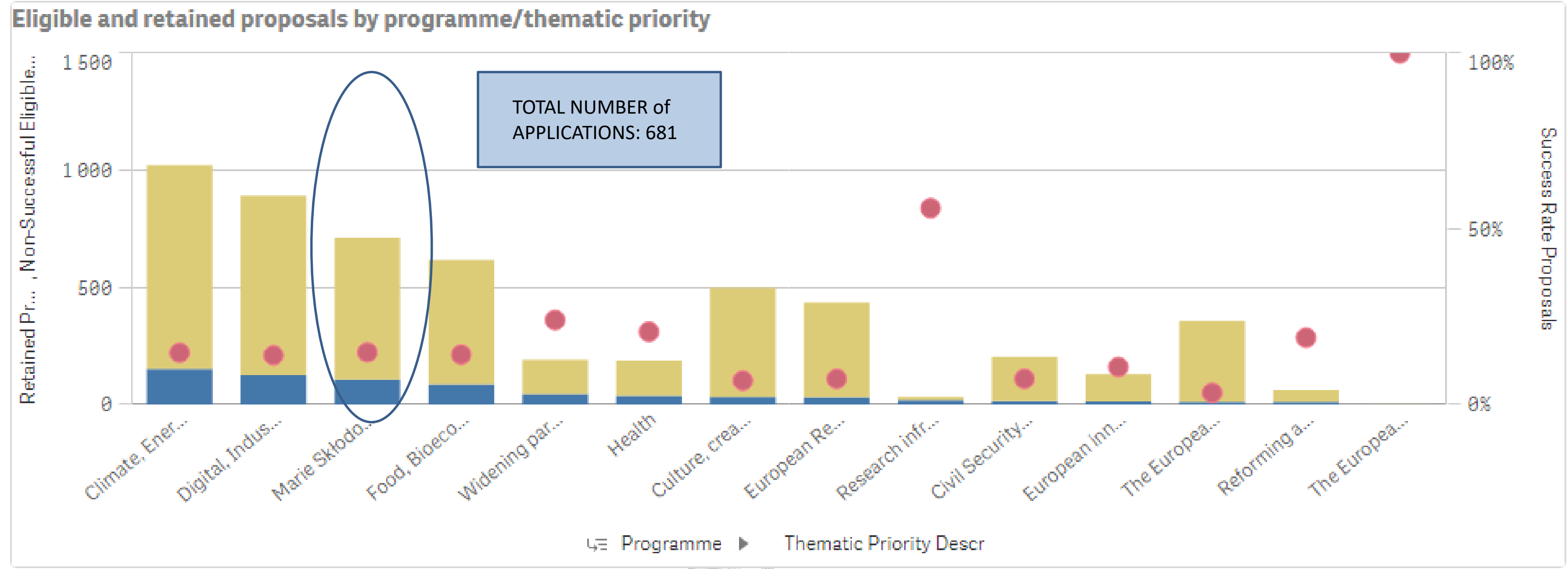


Research Infrastructures

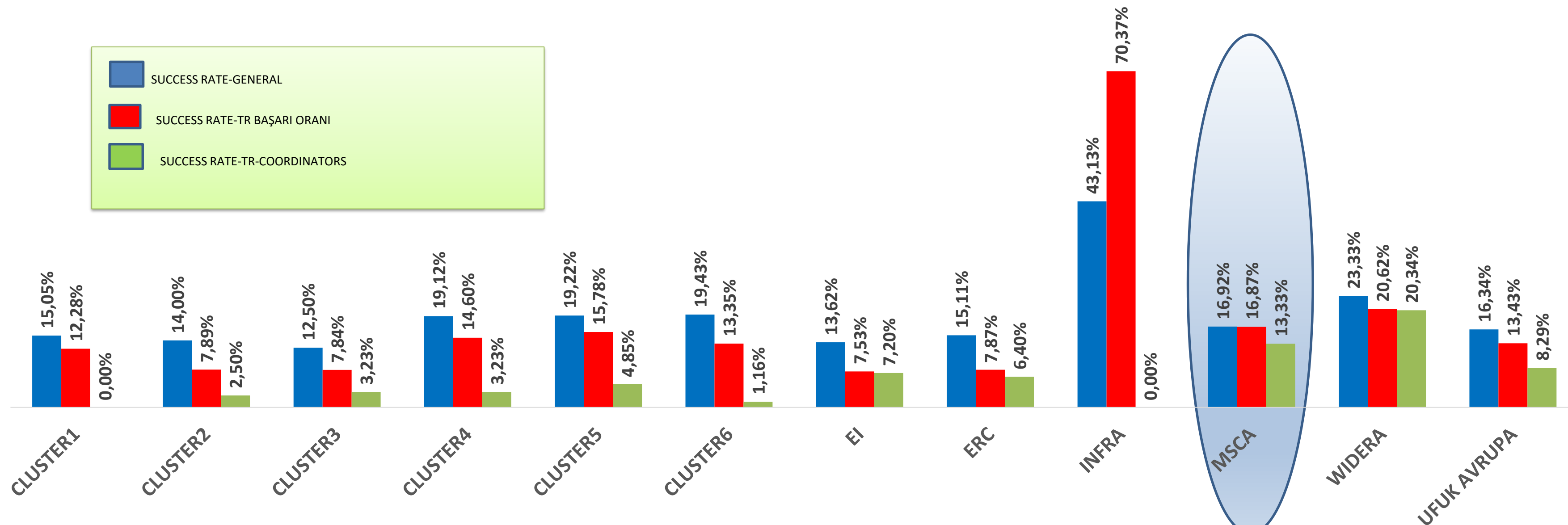
- Equips Europe with world-class sustainable research infrastructures and ensures that these infrastructures are open and accessible to the best researchers.

**Programme Budget:
€2.4 Billion**

Türkiye's Performance Overview by Actions Priority

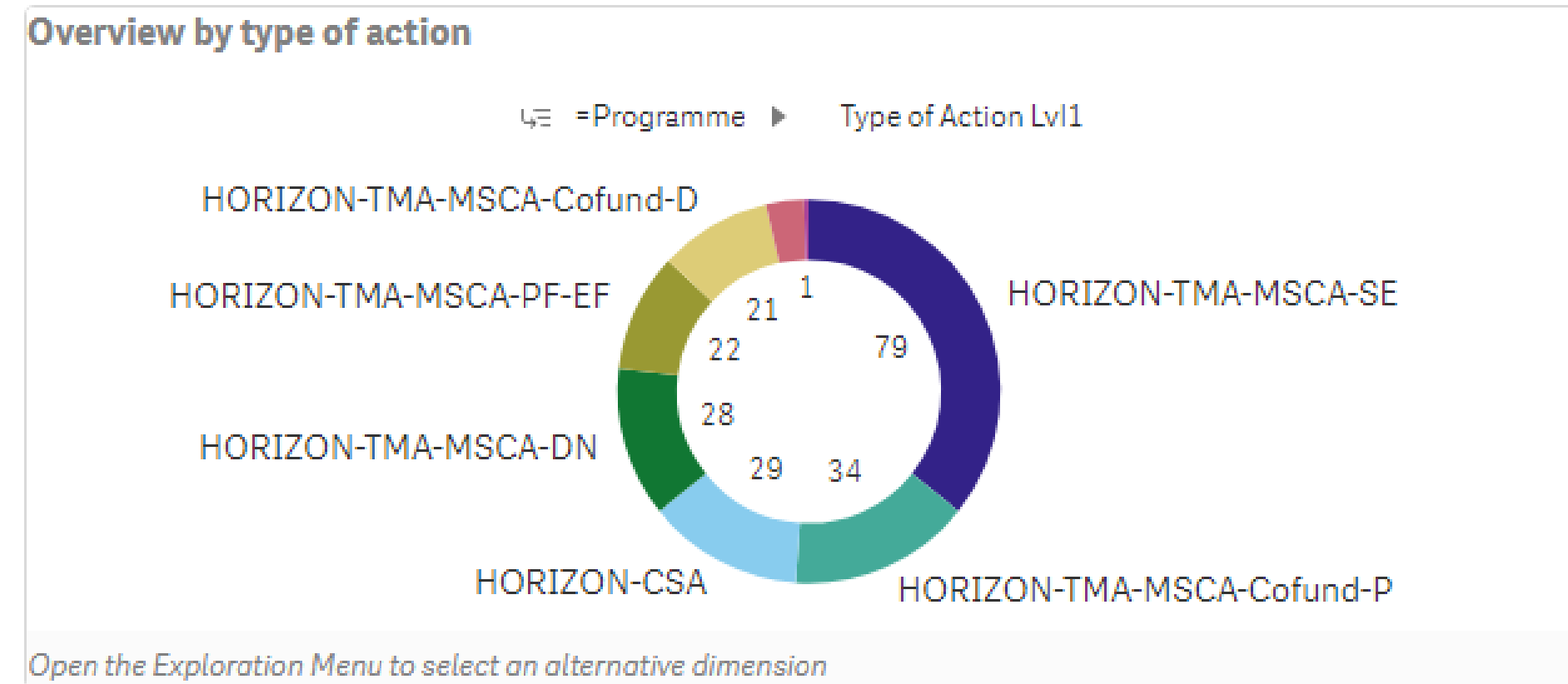
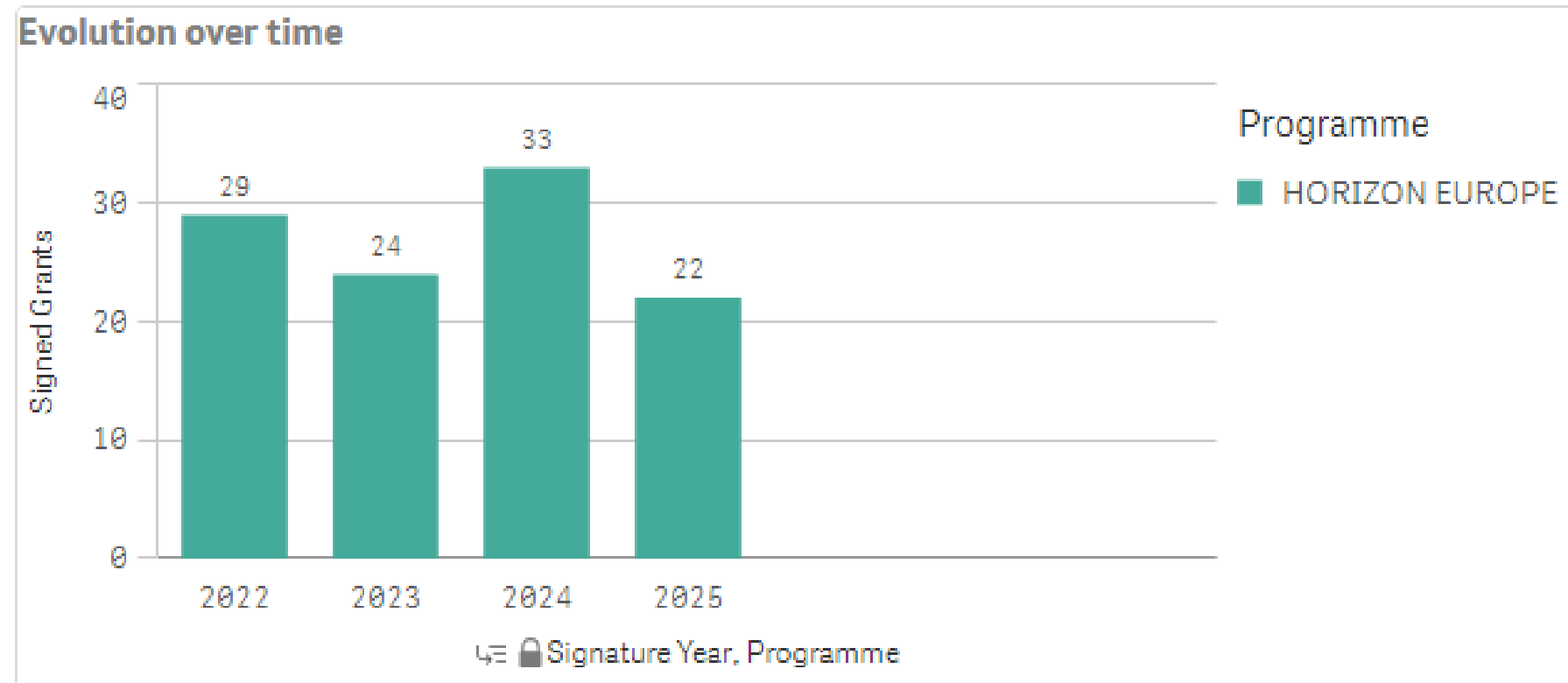


Türkiye's Performance Overview by Actions Priority



SUB PROGRAMMES	CLUSTER1	CLUSTER2	CLUSTER3	CLUSTER4	CLUSTER5	CLUSTER6	EI	ERC	INFRA	MSCA	WIDERA	TOTAL	%
TOTAL N. Of APP.	4.725	2.528	1.552	6.722	7.321	4.328	19.426	37.821	415	39.738	4.240	128.816	100,00%
TR APP	342	342	204	911	1.020	562	531	445	27	681	257	5.287	4,00%
TR FUNDED	42	27	16	133	161	75	40	35	19	108	53	710	13,43%
TR COORD-APP	42	80	31	93	165	86	347	422	-	330	177	1.773	1,30%
TR COORD-FUNDED		2	1	3	8	1	25	27	-	44	36	142	8,29%

Number of Funded MSCA Projects from Türkiye



Types of Institutions and Top Organizations in MSCA Calls in Türkiye

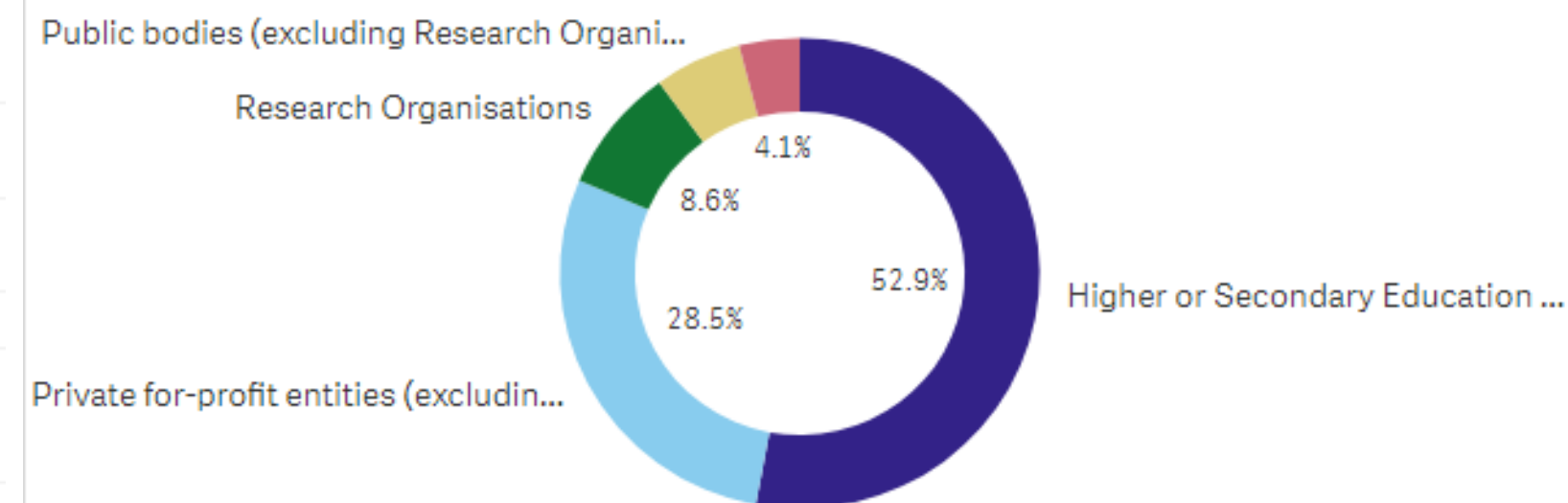
Top 10 Most Successful Turkish Institutions

Top participants

Legal Name	Count...	NUTS 2 Name	Net EU Contribution	Participation
Totals			€ 39.349.585,76	221
TURKIYE BILIMSEL VE TEKNOLOJIK ARASTIRMA KURUMU	TR - Türkiye	Ankara	€ 9.764.975,00	10
IZMIR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	TR - Türkiye	İzmir	€ 4.488.460,20	4
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	TR - Türkiye	Ankara	€ 3.878.643,88	10
YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 2.763.016,00	4
SABANCI UNIVERSITESI NANOTEKNOLOJI ARASTIRMA VE UYGULAMA MERKEZI SUNUM	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 2.292.480,00	2
ISTANBUL TEKNİK UNIVERSITESI	TR - Türkiye	-	€ 1.718.096,28	7
KOC UNIVERSITY	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 1.710.258,36	10
MARMARA UNIVERSITY	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 1.589.692,20	9
SABANCI UNIVERSITESI	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 1.305.314,00	11
KADIR HAS UNIVERSITESI	TR - Türkiye	İstanbul	€ 544.068,00	5

Types of Organizations

Overview by organisation type





Global Challenges & Industrial Competitiveness

Global Challenges & Industrial Competitiveness

To support key technologies and solutions that align with EU policies and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Health



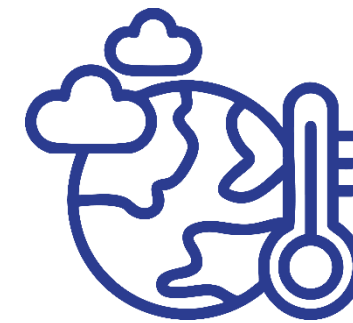
Culture,
Creativity &
Inclusive
Society



Civil Security
for Society



Digital,
Industry &
Space



Climate,
Energy &
Mobility



Food,
Bioeconomy,
Natural
Resources,
Agriculture &
Environment

€53.5 Billion



Innovative Europe



To foster market-creating innovations and innovation-enabling ecosystems.

01. European Innovation Council

Supports breakthrough innovations with the potential to create new markets.

€10.1
Billion

02. European Institute of Innovation and Technology

Brings together key innovation actors, universities, the private sector, and research centers, around a shared goal through 9 different Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs).

€2.9
Billion

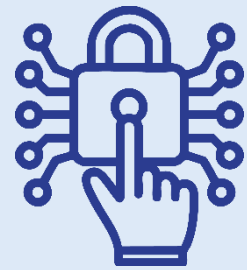
03. European Innovation Ecosystems

Aims to connect regional and national innovation actors to enhance collaboration and synergy.

€520
Million

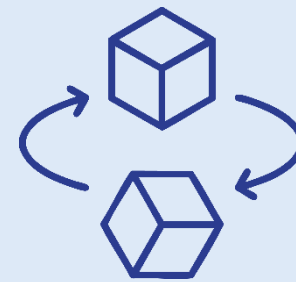
Widening Participation & Strengthening ERA (WIDERA)

The aim is to enhance the performance of “Widening countries”, including Türkiye, by aligning national and other EU funds, and supporting reforms in their R&D systems in accordance with the new ERA (European Research Area) priorities.



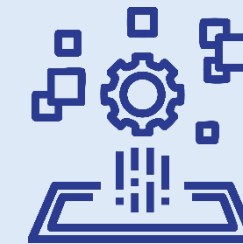
Improving Access to Excellence

- Teaming
- Twinning
- European Excellence Initiative
- Hop-on Facility
- Excellence Hubs
- **EIC pre-accelerator**



Attracting and Mobilizing the Best Talents

- ERA Chairs
- ERA Talents



Developing the European Research and Innovation System

- Open science, citizen science and science communication
- Gender equality
- Ethics and integrity
- Support to international cooperation
- Support for policy makers to ERA development
- Foresight

Gender Equality in Horizon Europe



Eligibility Criterion: Gender Equality Plan (GEP)

- Gender Equality Plan (GEP) is a mandatory requirement for all Horizon Europe calls with **deadlines from 1 January 2022 onwards**.
- Applies to **public institutions, research organizations, and higher education institutions established in EU Member States and Associated Countries**.
- Mandatory Elements of the GEP: **Must be publicly available, Dedicated resources must be allocated, Must include data collection and monitoring, Must provide for training and capacity-building activities**
- GEPs must be in effect by the time the grant agreement is signed and remain active for at least the duration of the project.
- The European Commission plans to **conduct audits for compliance**.



Evaluation Criterion: Integration of the gender dimension in the research and innovation content.



Ranking Criterion:

In the case of a tie in scores, gender balance within the research team may be used as a tiebreaker.



Project Team:

Gender balance should be aimed at all levels of the personnel involved during project implementation, including management and supervisory roles.



Desired Qualifications for Evaluators:

- Academics, researchers, representatives from industrial companies, SMEs, consultancy firms, NGOs Professional experience in the subject area of the project and at least a bachelor's degree
- Advanced experience in research, project management, and innovation
- Excellent written and spoken English skills
- Other aspects taken into consideration: gender balance, geographical diversity, inclusion of new experts, etc.

To Register as an Evaluator:

- Visit the following page and click on "Register as expert" to create your evaluator profile:
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert>
- Select relevant keywords related to the topics you want to evaluate and fill in your profile as comprehensively as possible.

We Encourage the Successes of Our Ecosystem in Horizon 2020 and Beyond



Through TÜBİTAK Support Programs, we encourage ecosystem actors and **promote their success**.



Coordinator Support Program

- Proposal writing services, and proposal pre-evaluation
 - ✓ Applications can be submitted up to 60 days before the deadline of the relevant call..
 - ✓ For two-stage calls and IEP calls, this period is 30 days.
 - ✓ For EIC full proposal calls, the period is 45 days.



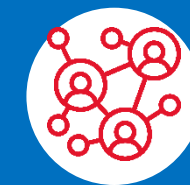
Travel Support Program

- Enabling project coordinator candidates to participate in project marketplaces, info days, consortium meetings, and other suitable events and activities.



International Researcher Travel Support

- Supports visits of foreign researchers with coordinator or ERC principal investigator/panelist experience to institutions located in Türkiye.



Network Membership Support

- Encouraging membership in networks that are effective in being included in project proposals and in determining priorities
 - ✓ Network membership support is open to continuous applications
 - ✓ Public institutions, universities, and SMEs can apply

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ERC Principal Investigator
Development Program



MSCA Project Pre-Evaluation
Support

- Each year, 3 to 4 weeks before the closing date of the MSCA PF and MSCA COFUND calls, a targeted support call is announced.



Horizon Europe Website



USER-FRIENDLY

SUCCESS
STORIES

MODERN DESIGN

NEW PAGES & CONTENT

- ✓ Mobile-Friendly Design
- ✓ Event Calendar
- ✓ News and Bulletins
- ✓ Open Call Announcements
- ✓ Missions and Partnerships

- ✓ Collaboration Map
- ✓ Integrated with IPA Project
- ✓ Thematic Program Pages

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Project Objective:

The main objective of the project is to strengthen Türkiye's capacity in the fields of science, technology, and innovation, and to facilitate Türkiye's integration into the European Research Area (ERA) by increasing the participation of the Türkiye Research Area (TARAL) in the Horizon Europe Programme. This project is the fourth in a series of projects previously carried out in Türkiye in relation to EU Framework Programmes. It started on 16 September 2024 and will end on 15 March 2028.

As the highest-budget Technical Assistance Project supported under the IPA III Programme, the "Technical Assistance for Türkiye in Horizon Europe" project plans to organize more than 200 events over a 42-month period for TARAL stakeholders across Türkiye. Among these are three large-scale international brokerage events.



IPA Project: MSCA Activities / MSCA PF Proposal Writing Training- 3-4 July 2025



The MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) Proposal Writing Training was held in Ankara on 3–4 July 2025, bringing together postdoctoral researchers from across Türkiye. The training provided in-depth knowledge about one of Europe's most prestigious research programmes, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), and enabled participants to align their own research ideas with the goals of the programme.



Project writing training on MSCA Doctoral Networks Call will be on the way for summer 2026.

Contact with the MSCA Team in Türkiye



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