

# Horizon Europe and Internationalization, Tunisia



Helmi Mardassi  
DG, Unit for the Management of Horizon Europe  
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific  
Research, Tunisia



2021–



# Horizon Europe: € 95.5 Billion



- Fuel the EU with Excellent S&T
- Tackle strategic priorities
- Boost innovation uptake
- Address global challenges





# The Green Deal







# A Europe fit for the digital age

# Horizon Europe and the Global Approach to Research and Innovation

COM(2021) 252 Europe's strategy for international cooperation in a changing world

- General openness to international participation
- Targeted international cooperation actions



# HORIZON EUROPE PROGRAMME

## (95.5 billion €; 2021-2027)



**Pillar I (25 billion €)**  
**EXCELLENT  
SCIENCE**

European Research Council

Marie Skłodowska-Curie

Research Infrastructures



**Pillar II (53,3 billion €)**  
**GLOBAL CHALLENGES &  
EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL  
COMPETITIVENESS**

Clusters

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

Joint Research Centre



**Pillar III (13,6 billion €)**  
**INNOVATIVE  
EUROPE**

European Innovation Council

European Innovation Ecosystems

European Institute of Innovation & Technology\*

**WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA**  
**(3,4 billion €)**

Widening participation & spreading excellence

Reforming & Enhancing the European R&I system





# TUNISIA'S ASSOCIATION TO HORIZON EUROPE

Signing Ceremony  
March 29, 2022





# TUNISIA IS PART OF THE NEW EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA (ERA)



A united research and market area

Promote cooperation in research

Discuss common research priorities and harmonize policies

## The new European Research Area



# EU-TN R&I JOINT COMMITTEE



DG RTD, Brussels, November 2022



Novation City, Sousse, October 2023



# EU funding opportunities under Horizon Europe regional initiatives

A focus on Africa and the Mediterranean



22 March 2023  
09:30 AM CET

In collaboration with DG RTD  
European Commission







# **TACKLING THE FOOD- WATER-ENERGY NEXUS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION THROUGH SCIENCE DIPLOMACY**

**Tunisia hosts  
a European Science Diplomacy Roundtable**



**October 20, 2023  
Cité de la Culture, Tunis**



# TUNISIA PARTICIPATES IN THE MULTILATERAL DIALOGUE ON PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

- Scientific and Academic freedom
- Ethics and research integrity
- Gender equality and inclusiveness
- Open Science
- Research excellence



**GLOBAL APPROACH  
to Research and  
Innovation**



# INTERNATIONAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS ENDORSES STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES AND VALUES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN R&I

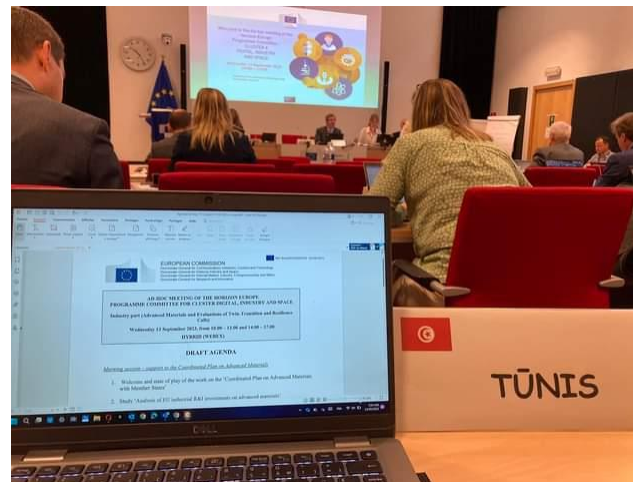


Brussels, February 26, 2024



# TUNISIA ALIGNS ITS R&I PRIORITIES WITH EUROPE

- Programme Committee Configuration « European Innovation Council and European Innovation Ecosystem »
- Programme Committee Configuration « Health »
- Programme Committee Configuration « Digital, Industry and Space »
- Programme Committee Configuration « Food, Bioeconomy, Agriculture and Environment »



# TUNISIA PARTICIPATES IN EU NCP NETWORKS







Tunisian  
researchers in  
motion  
worldwide  
via the  
Euraxess  
Network



# Euraxess\_A worldwide platform based on a trilogy





# TUNISIA SHONE AT THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH NIGHT 2024



# TUNISIA'S INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROFILE

## EU Framework Programs (FP1 to HE)





---

# Thank you!

---

<https://horizon-europe.tn>  
[facebook.com/HorizonEuropeTunisia](https://facebook.com/HorizonEuropeTunisia)