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## HORIZON EUROPE LAUNCH AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

12-13 July 2023

Wednesday 12 July, Wellington

Reception hosted by Hon. Dr Ayesha Verrall, Minister for Research, Science and Innovation *by invitation only*

Thursday 13 July, University of Canterbury, Christchurch



POLICY FUTURES  
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**10.30am-12pm**    **What research policy futures for Aotearoa New Zealand and the EU?**

This high-level seminar explores synergies between Horizon Europe, the European Union's largest-ever research and innovation programme, and the New Zealand Government White Paper *Te Ara Paerangi – Future Pathways*, which includes Aotearoa New Zealand's participation in Horizon Europe. What are the strategic opportunities for research cooperation between Aotearoa New Zealand and the EU? Where can Aotearoa New Zealand and the EU – geographically distant but with shared values – join forces and learn from each other to tackle scientific and societal challenges of our time?

***Panellists:***

- Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Dr Prue Williams, General Manager, Science System Investment and Performance, MBIE
- Prof. Frank Bloomfield, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research), University of Auckland

*Moderator: Dr Bronwen Kelly, Universities New Zealand*

The seminar forms part of the new series *Policy Futures: EU – Aotearoa New Zealand*, exploring policy areas of shared interest between the EU and Aotearoa New Zealand.



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**12-1pm                      Networking lunch**

**1-3pm                      Horizon Europe information session: what's in it for New Zealand researchers and how I do apply?**

This information session will provide a practical overview of Horizon Europe, with a focus on Pillar II (collaborative research). The session will delve deeper into forthcoming funding opportunities within the six clusters, explore the possibilities through European Partnerships as well as highlight MBIE's top-up funding and domestic support services for prospective applicants.

***Speakers:***

- Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- Nishant Shandilya, Regional Coordinator, EURAXESS Australia & New Zealand
- Davide Valitutti, Policy Officer, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- John Creech, Principal Advisor, International Science Partnerships, MBIE

[Register here](#) for the seminar and/or information session (free of charge), including networking lunch.

**Horizon Europe:** These events formally launch Aotearoa New Zealand's association with the EU's flagship programme for research and innovation, Horizon Europe, the first nation outside of the EU neighbourhood to do so. Association allows Aotearoa New Zealand applicants to participate in Horizon Europe calls and activities on equal terms with entities from the EU and creates opportunities to jointly develop and shape science and technology policy. Aotearoa New Zealand eligible entities participate under Pillar II for collaborative research via six clusters addressing major global challenges such as climate change, digital, energy and health, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Pillar II has funding of €53.5 billion (approximately NZ\$90 billion) over the 2021 to 2027 period with additional support from the [Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment](#)



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