



WATERBORNE

Newsletter July 2019

Since the last newsletter was published at the beginning of May 2019, the developments regarding research and innovation for the waterborne sector have taken an incredible speed:

- The first contours of Horizon Europe are getting shape;
- A first debate took place regarding the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda Connected and Automated Mobility, as published by the European Commission in April 2019;
- The Waterborne TP organised, in close cooperation with DG Climate Action of the European Commission, a workshop regarding the Innovation Fund;
- The Waterborne TP is preparing a number of events for Autumn, amongst which the Waterborne Conference on 29 November.
- We will contribute amongst others to the Research and Innovation Days and the Fifth Annual Stakeholders' Conference of FEPORT.

During summer, a number of activities will take place to either further shape the content of Horizon Europe, or prepare exchanges of information with the new Members of European Parliament, the European Commission, and the broader group of Waterborne stakeholders. Challenging times are ahead, offering multiple opportunities to ensure that we are able to implement the Strategic Research Agenda of the Waterborne TP.

Since holiday season is starting, we wish you all a good summer holiday.

Horizon Europe - State-of-Play

The compromise reached in April regarding Horizon Europe is positive for the waterborne sector, since:

- The Cluster "**Climate, Energy and Mobility**" has been kept together, as originally proposed by the European Commission. By doing so, the decarbonisation of all modes of transport, including waterborne transport, will be at the heart of Horizon Europe;
- One of the programs' novelties are the missions which aim to reconnect EU research with

citizens by setting inspirational goals. The mission regarding "**Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters**" is of importance for the waterborne sector;

- In the process of defining the landscape of partnerships, one partnership area "**smart and zero-emission waterborne transport**" is currently discussed by the Shadow Programme Committee Horizon Europe, as well as the partnership regarding "**A climate neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy**".

The European Commission and Member States entered the Strategic Programming, which kicked-off with a series of meetings in May and June. The most recent meeting regarding the landscape of partnerships took place on 27 and 28 June, and the outcomes are currently not known yet. The tentative planning for the finalization of Horizon Europe looks as follows:

- **June 2019** - [First draft of the Strategic Plan](#) to be released by the European Commission for a public consultation;
- **September 2019** - Second draft to be made available to the public and stakeholders, which shall be thoroughly discussed during the [European Research and Innovation Days](#);
- **Q4 2019** - a third version of the Strategic Plan will be published on-line in order to gather feedback from umbrella organisations, so to ensure that common interests are addressed.

In parallel, the negotiations regarding the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) of the EU will take place in Autumn 2019.

In the coming months, we all have the possibility to ensure that waterborne related topics are sufficiently addressed in the context of Horizon Europe. For this reason, regular contacts between the members of the Waterborne TP and the responsible Ministries in the Member States is of utmost importance.

Horizon Europe

THE NEXT EU RESEARCH & INNOVATION



Research and Innovation Days 24 - 26 September 2019, Brussels

As announced in the newsletter of May, the European Commission will organize the annual policy event "[Research and Innovation Days](#)" from 24 to 26 September 2019 in Brussels.

The event will consist of, amongst others a policy conference, during which a number of interesting sessions will be organised, like the one on the mission "Clean and healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters" as well as "the future of shipping starts now" and "alternative fuels and energy carriers".

Since about 10.000 participants are expected, it is highly recommended registration for the event is done today in stead of tomorrow.

In addition, the waterborne secretariat is organising a demonstrator, about which information will follow as soon as the final confirmation has been received.

Let the future of waterborne research start now, and [register](#) today!

**EUROPEAN
RESEARCH & INNOVATION
DAYS**



24 → 26
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Public Consultation Horizon Europe

On 28 June 2019, the European Commission launched the [public consultation](#) regarding Horizon Europe, which will collect input from across Europe and beyond. The inputs received will inform the work to prepare a 'Strategic Plan' for Horizon Europe, which will then guide the work programmes and calls for proposals for Horizon Europe's first four years (2021-2024). Overall, the consultation will help identify impacts, spark debate and new ideas. A key event in this co-design process will be the [European Research and Innovation Days](#) in Brussels from 24 to 26 September 2019.

The consultation will close on 8 September 2019. Participation from members of the Waterborne Community is encouraged. The Secretariat will prepare an initial contribution, which will be forwarded to the members of the Waterborne TP in the coming weeks.

Have your say

ON FUTURE OBJECTIVES FOR
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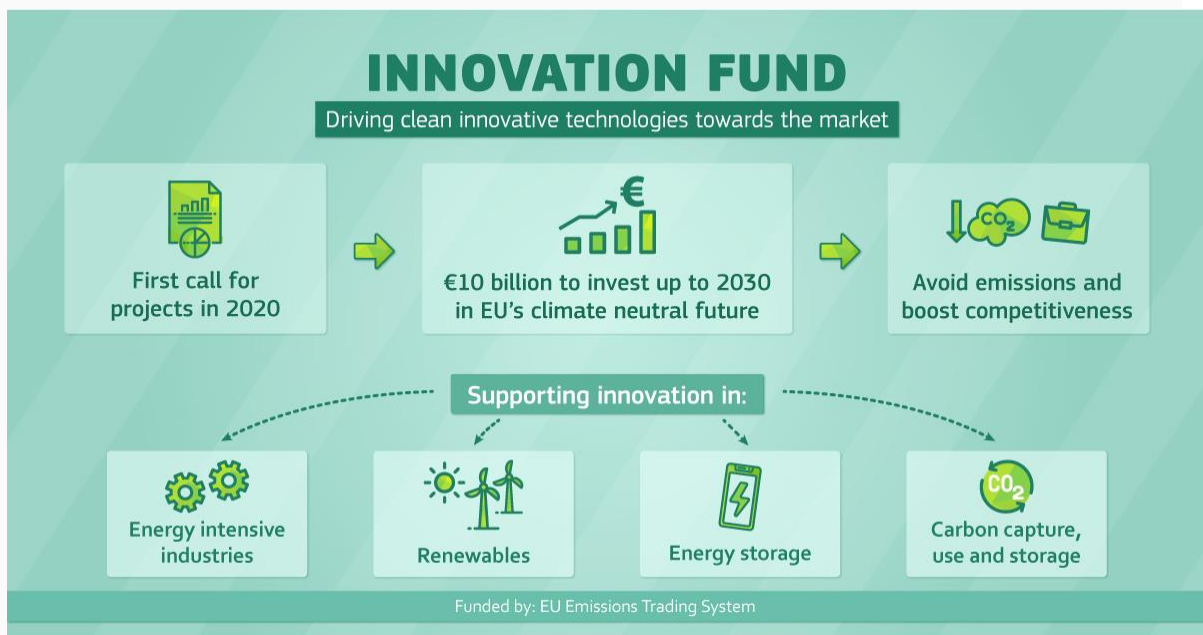
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New structure directorate-general for Research and Innovation

On 1 June 2019, the new structure of DG RTD became effective. The new structure is following the logic of Horizon Europe. Directorate C, "Healthy Planet" and Directorate D, "Clean Planet", are the directorates most relevant for the activities of the Waterborne TP. The [new structure](#) of DG RTD is available online.

Workshop Innovation Fund

On 13 June, the Waterborne TP organised, in close cooperation with DG CLIMA, a workshop regarding the [Innovation Fund](#), and the way the fund could be applicable to the waterborne transport sector. The Innovation Fund is one of the world's largest funding programmes for demonstration of innovative low-carbon technologies. The Innovation Fund will focus on highly innovative technologies and big flagship projects with European added value that can bring on significant emission reductions. It is about sharing the risk with project promoters to help with the demonstration of first-of-a-kind highly innovative projects. Over the next couple of weeks, a follow-up of the meeting will be communicated, to assist the European Commission in shaping the new period for the Innovation Fund which will start in 2020.



Transport Research Arena 2020

From 27 to 30 April 2020, the [Transport Research Arena \(TRA\)](#), will be organised in Helsinki, Finland. The location offers a unique opportunity to shape a Waterborne character of the TRA. There are a number of opportunities to get involved:

- Participate in the shaping of the Waterborne exhibition stand (information available via the secretariat);
- [Demonstration of innovations](#) - deadline for expression of interest 01 October 2019;

- [Organisation of a conference session](#) - deadline to submit proposals 1 October 2019;
- [Become a partner](#) - more information available via the website

The Waterborne TP is organizing various events and technical visits during the week, of which we will be able to communicate a detailed programme in autumn.

The logo for TRA 2020 Helsinki. It features the word 'TRA' in a bold, green, sans-serif font. To the right of 'TRA' is a stylized graphic consisting of three curved lines in blue, green, and orange, forming a shape reminiscent of a water droplet or a stylized 'A'. To the right of this graphic is the year '2020' in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below 'TRA 2020' is the word 'HELSINKI' in a very large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

TRA 2020 HELSINKI

Waterborne Conference - Save-the-Date

On 29 November, the Brussels based waterborne community will organise a waterborne event. The themes of the event are related to Research and Innovation and competitiveness of the European waterborne sector. Additional information will follow during the coming weeks. Please already block the date in your agenda.

Upcoming Events and Summer break secretariat

- 24 to 26 September 2019: [Research and Innovation Days](#);
- 22 and 23 October 2019: IRAG Meetings Waterborne TP;
- 28 November 2019: [FEPORF Fifth Annual Stakeholders' Conference](#);
- 29 November 2019: waterborne conference

The Secretariat of the Waterborne TP will be closed in the week of 1 July, as well as the weeks of 22 and 29 July and 5 August.