The European Commission has announced new developments regarding the Implementation Strategy of its upcoming R&I framework programme Horizon Europe. The rules and simplification measures put in place for Horizon 2020 were widely acknowledged by stakeholders as a big step towards a more attractive programme. Based on this experience, work has been ongoing on Horizon Europe’s Implementation Strategy to set out how the programme will be managed in practice to achieve its ambitious objectives. The Strategy is a living document thus it will receive further updates.

Horizon Europe’s Implementation Strategy provides the framework for carefully designed rules and efficient processes across the entire programme and project life cycle. It allows the programme to deliver its impacts as efficient and user-friendly as possible.

The Strategy focusses on the following objectives:

- Maximising impacts;
- Ensuring greater transparency and further simplification;
- Fostering synergies with other EU spending programmes;
- Easing access through digital transformation and outreach.

The Commission validated, refined and developed the Strategy based on existing stakeholder feedback, internal analysis of needs and studies as well as via a comprehensive consultation and co-design process, including:

- An open web consultation;
- Stakeholder consultations in Member States by way of 20 national/regional events;
- European R&I Days in Brussels on 24-26 September 2019.

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