

EUA Brexit Factsheet

UK – European Research Collaboration and Student Mobility

The UK plays an important role in European research and European and global student mobility. In view of Brexit, the European University Association has underlined the importance of keeping close ties between the UK and the rest of Europe in order to safeguard and develop the valuable collaboration that exists today.

This factsheet highlights the place of the UK as a main contributor to both the European Research

and Higher Education Areas, and its value for Europe as a whole.

EUA's "After the 'Brexit' Referendum: Possible Outcomes for Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+", shows how the participation of UK universities in these programmes would still be possible even after Brexit. The present factsheet shows why this would be beneficial.



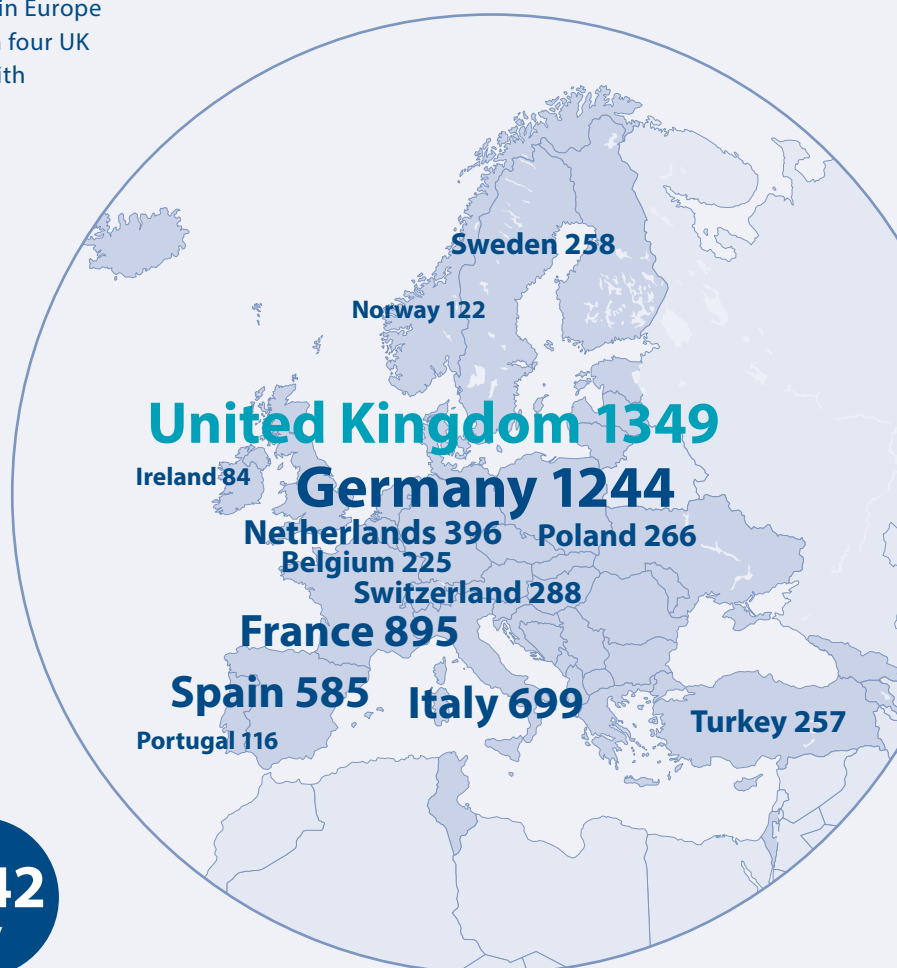
The UK in European Research

The UK is the most productive country in Europe in terms of scientific output, and one in four UK publications is done in collaboration with a European partner.

Over **330,000** publications were produced from collaborations between UK and European researchers between 2003 and 2012 – more than all the publications of Norway, Portugal, and Ireland put together.



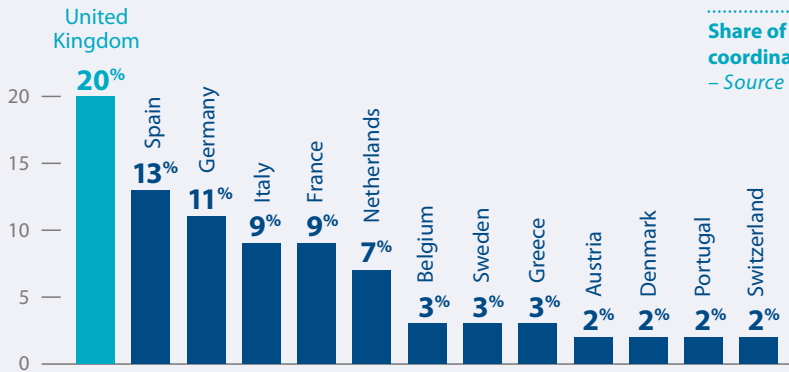
The UK is not only the most active participant in Horizon 2020, UK institutions coordinate about **20%** of all the projects that have been funded so far.



Number of publications per country (in thousands)

– Source OECD Science, Technology and Industry Scoreboard 2015

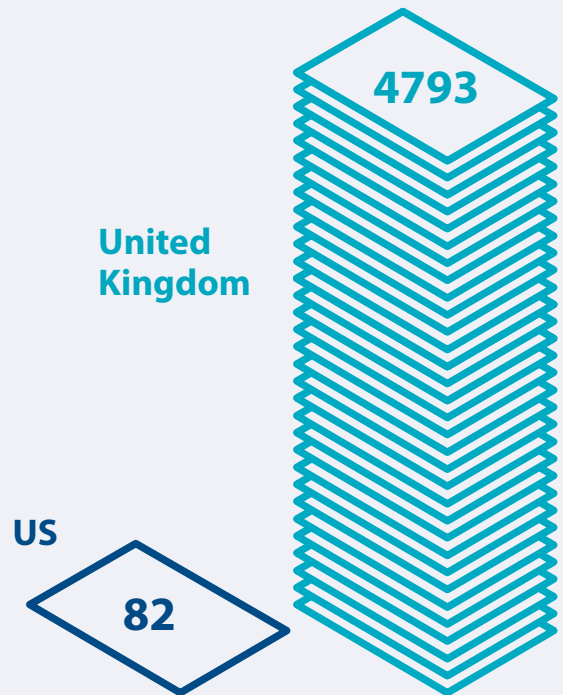
Number of projects in Horizon 2020
– Source CORDIS



Share of Horizon 2020 projects coordinated by UK participants
– Source CORDIS

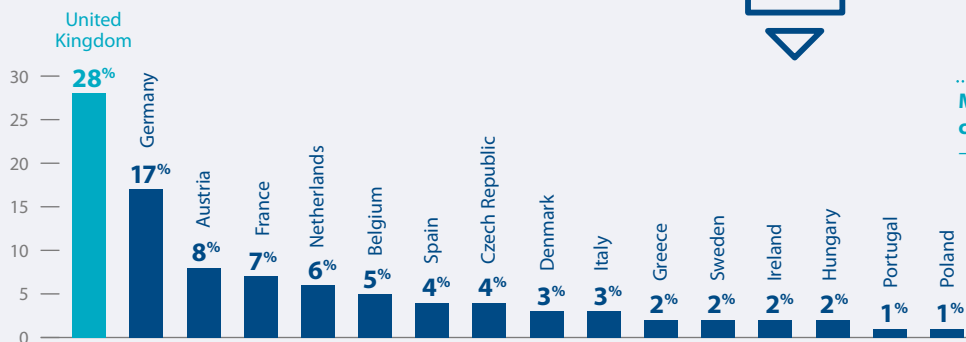
Could UK researchers still be a part of EU-funded collaborations? Any country can participate in Horizon 2020 projects, but they cannot receive funding without some form of association. In practice, very few non-associated countries do this.

UK projects 4793 – US projects (not associated with Horizon 2020) 82
– Source CORDIS



The UK and European Student Mobility

More than **200,000** students from other European countries study in the UK, representing almost **30%** of all European mobile students.



Mobile students by country of destination
– Source Eurostat

With the UK in the EU, mobile students from other European countries enjoy freedom of movement, as well as access to loans and the same lower fees as domestic UK students. With the UK outside the EU, students going there to study could face **administrative obstacles to enter,**

financial obstacles by paying high international fees, and obstacles accessing financing in the UK.

This would have a systematic effect on all of Europe with a very large number of potentially mobile students barred from a major European study destination.

CORDIS data extracted in September 2016

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