

The Influence of Politics on the Research Agenda – or Unanticipated Change Events.

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Switzerland and Europe

Since 1992: participation in
EU RP (third country financed
by state – project by project)

2014: Preparation for the
Association to Horizon
2020....

Since 2000: Bilateral
Agreements between CH
and EU – like Research
Agreement



2007: Association to FP7

2004: Association to FP6

February 9th, 2014: Referendum against mass immigration

50.3% voted
for the
referendum



Switzerland's status
in H2020 was *Third
Country*

Therefore
Switzerland did not
sign the agreement
for the free
movement of
people with Croatia

As a consequence the EU did not
sign the Association Agreement

Consequences

- Nobody was prepared!
- Questions – questions - questions:
 - Is participation possible?
 - Can we apply for ERC Grants?
 - What about MSCA?
 - Is coordination possible?
 - Can I transfer a grant into /out of Switzerland?
 - Who will pay?.....



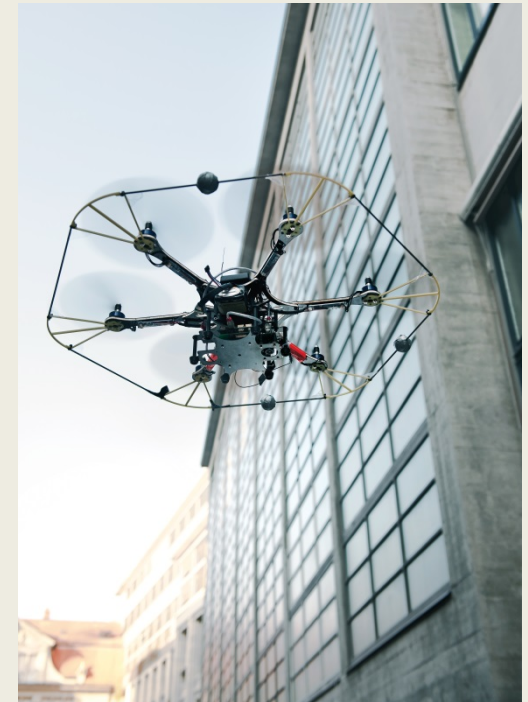
Actions

- Inform timely on different levels: Team, University Board, Researchers, Networks...
- Build / strengthen your networks: University, colleagues in Switzerland, State Secretariat in Berne, Swiss Core Brussels
- and also your international Networks – LERU, EARMA....
- Be proactive – try to find pitfalls and possible problems



Challenges – Lessons learned

- Form a Core Team within your office that will provide all information and train staff continuously
- Inform timely
- Networks
- Get involved – first hand information
- Be prepared for the unforeseen!



Happy ending



The screenshot shows the ETH Zurich website header with the university's name and logo, and the 'eu grants access' logo. The navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'Support & Services', 'Funding Opportunities', 'Research Projects', and 'Network & Partners'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column lists various funding opportunities under the heading 'Horizon 2020'. The middle column features the 'Swiss Participation in Horizon 2020' section, which includes a highlighted paragraph about the 2016 ratification of the protocol for free movement of persons to Croatia, stating that Switzerland is fully associated to Horizon 2020 from January 2017 to December 2020. The right column lists 'EC Documents' and 'SERI Documents' with links to relevant factsheets and funding information. A decorative pattern of red circles is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

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Horizon 2020

Swiss Participation in Horizon 2020

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Future and Emerging Technologies
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Research Infrastructures
- Societal Challenges
- Joint Programmes
- Joint Technology Initiatives
- COST

European Programmes

International Programmes

National Programmes

Individual Grants

Cooperation Grants

SME & Industry

Open Calls

Swiss Participation in Horizon 2020

On December 16th, 2016 the Federal Council of Switzerland ratified the protocol on the extension of the free movement of persons to Croatia. This means that as of 1 January 2017 until 31 December 2020 Switzerland is fully associated to Horizon 2020 and research institutions, organisations and SMEs based in Switzerland are able to submit proposals to all Horizon 2020 calls. Successful proposals will then be directly financed by the EU.

Please note that the decision of the Federal Council does not have any consequences for running Horizon 2020 projects.

If you as a Swiss partner, intend to enter an already running Horizon 2020 project or if you would like to transfer your Horizon 2020 project to an institution outside Switzerland, we would kindly ask you to [contact](#) us.

EC Documents

[Swiss Participation in Horizon 2020](#)

[Associated Countries](#)

SERI Documents

[SERI Factsheet Horizon 2020](#)

[Switzerland's Status in Horizon 2020](#)

[SERI Funding](#)

Finding funding made easy.

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Unanticipated Change Events



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Overview

- My Context
 - Kent
 - UK
- The B-word
 - ...
- Discussion

Overview of (from) Kent



University of Kent

Canterbury (1965)



Medway (2005)



Tonbridge (1982)



Brussels (1999)



Paris (2009)



Athens (2011)



Rome (2013)



University of Kent

52nd Anniversary

“The UK’s European university”

20,155 students

3,773 staff (728+145)

€300m turnover

€40m (research income + QR core funding)

Canterbury, Medway, Tonbridge, Brussels

- Paris, Athens, Rome

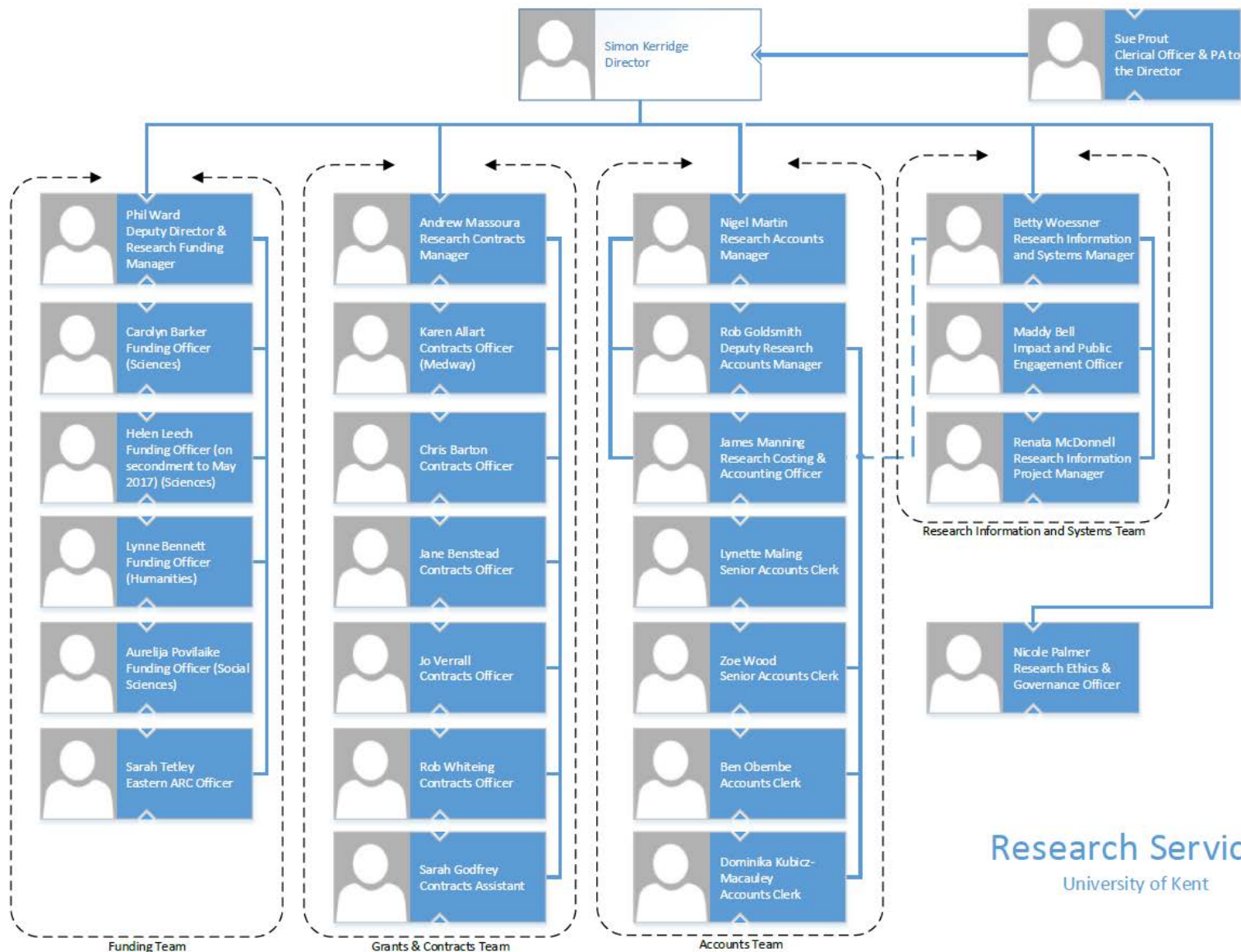
UK 17th for Research Intensity, 16th for Teaching Quality

Queen’s Anniversary prize for Tizard Centre

Top 100 under 50 (THE) in the World, Now 335th (301-350)



Overview of Research Services



Brexit



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/331366485065493332/>

Brexit



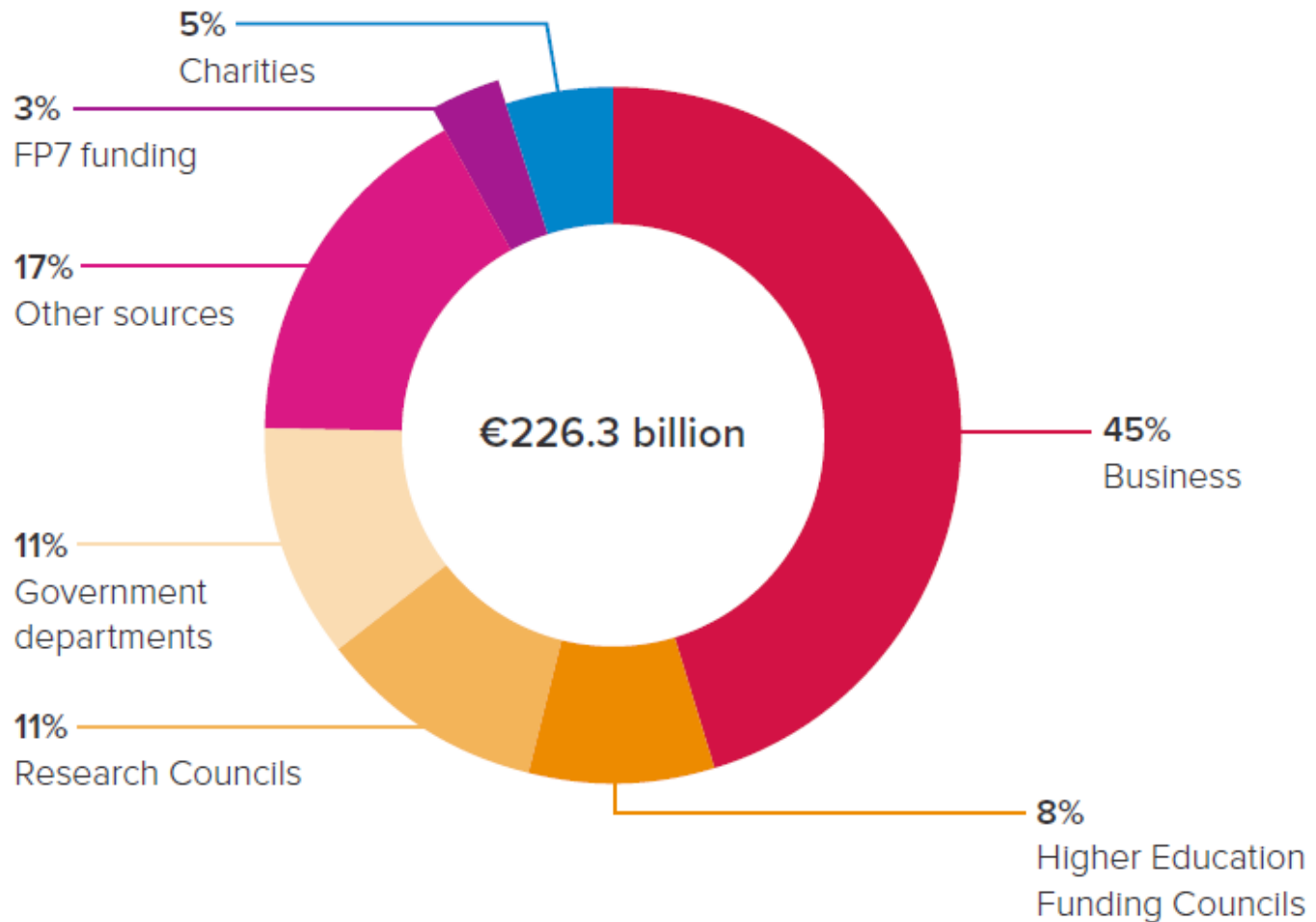
<http://affairstoday.co.uk/why-the-uk-should-stay-in-europe-an-emotional-case/>

Brexit

- How is my daily work affected?
- Interaction with Senate and Executive Group.
- Uncertainties
 - Exchange rate
 - Eligibility
 - Partnership risk
- Information reliability
- Research Services – what do I tell my staff?
- External Support
 - Networks: UK and of course EARMA!
 - UKRO

UK R&D Expenditure

UK expenditure on research and development by source of funding. 2007 – 2013.*



UK University R&D Funding

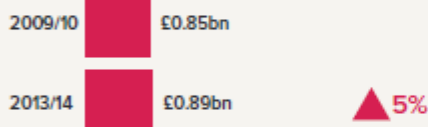
Research income of UK Universities in 2009/10 and 2013/14*

Overall funding



Breakdown

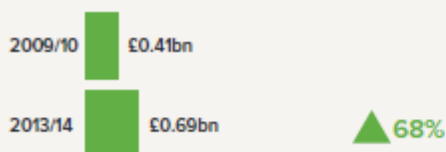
Other public sources (Government departments, NHS and local authorities)



Government science budget (funding from BIS distributed through the Higher Education Funding Councils and the Research Councils)



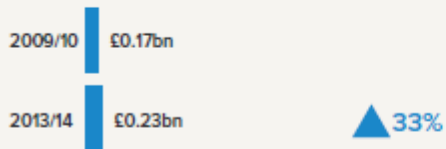
European Union (Includes both Framework Programmes and Cohesion Policy)



Private sector (UK and foreign)



Other sources

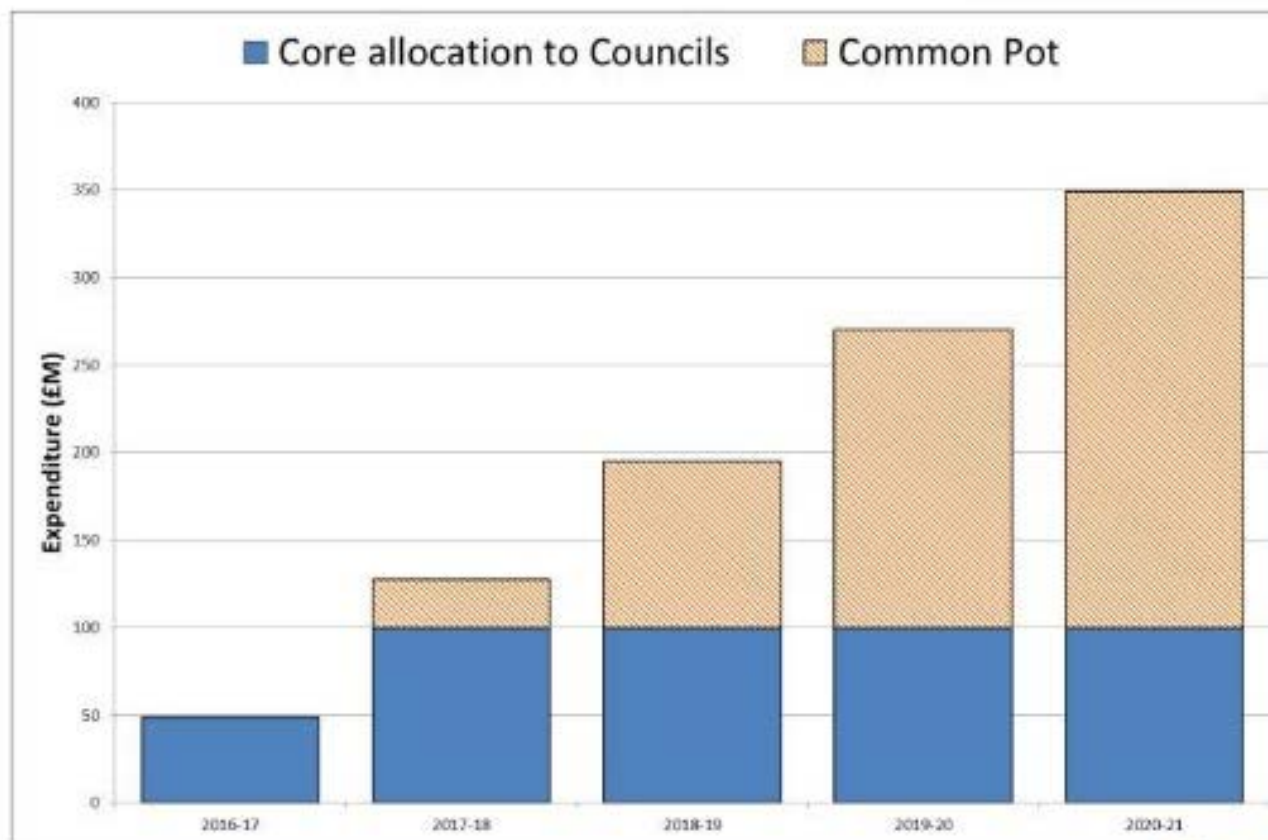


Charities (UK and foreign)



GCRF allocation

(4th March 2016)



Possible Discussion Areas

- BREXIT
 - *Will it all blow over?*
 - *Transitional arrangements*
 - *S&T agreement for FP9?*
 - ***Staff mobility***
 - *Perception of the UK*
 - *More UK collaboration outside Europe?*
- *Dealing with uncertainty*
 - *University level vision and commitment*
 - *“We will find a way”*
 - *“small” perturbations like BREXIT will be forgotten
(in the mists of time)*
 - *Do the right thing*
 - *Take advantage of opportunities (eg Newton, GCRF)*

Brexit



<http://www.financetwitter.com/2016/06/eu-in-trouble-here-the-message-from-uk-biggest-newspaper-believe-in-britain.html>

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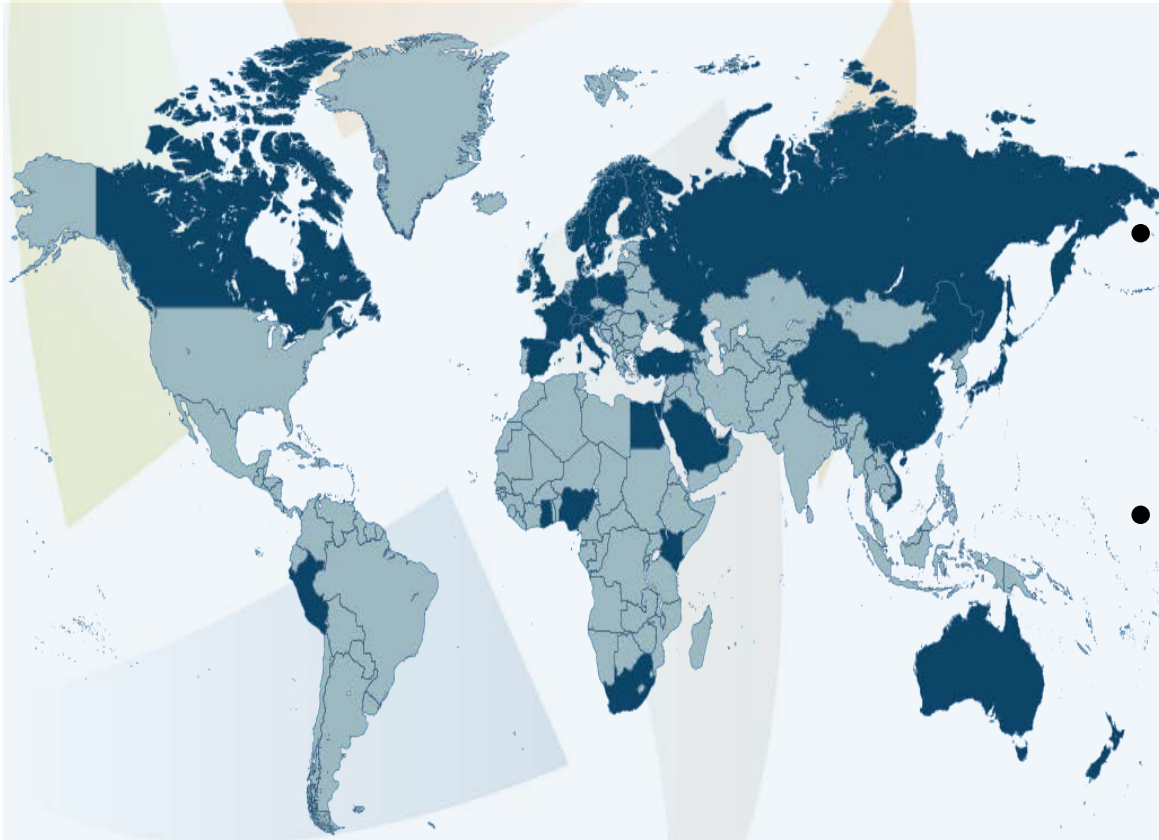




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Region VIII: International Region



NCURA Region VIII Activities in 2017

- Study visit at the NIH
 - 10 August 2017
- NCURA Global Workshop in Vienna
 - 18-19 September 2017