Why are European Elections important for Science

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- European Parliament
- MEPs
- EP Groups
- National parties
European parliament

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"right of initiative"

Legislative proposals

Directives

Regulations
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Representing

- (Theoretically) NOT their countries --- primarily that’s council
- Party groupings
- Parties

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Horizon Europe – framework programmes

Horizon 2020
- Excellent Science
- Societal Challenges
- Industrial Leadership
  - European Research Council
  - Marie Curie Actions
  - Research Infrastructures
  - Future and Emerging Technologies
  - Widening Participation

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- Open Science
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  - Research Infrastructures
  - Climate Energy and Mobility
  - Food and Natural Resources
- Global Challenges And Industrial Competitiveness
  - Health
  - Inclusive and Secure Society
  - Digital Industry and Space
  - Climate Energy and Mobility
  - Food and Natural Resources
- Open Innovation
  - European Innovation Council
  - European Innovation Ecosystems
  - European Institute of Innovation and Technology

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Horizon Europe – framework programmes
The tale of FP10 (2028)

• Interim evaluation of current programme & Setting up Expert Group
  <-- We’re here

• Member states: European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC) FP10 task force report

• Independent expert group report

• Commission proposal - to be agreed by Member states & Parliament

• Finally – agreement on 7 year budget

• Launch of FP10 in 2028

https://sciencebusiness.net/news/fp10/how-make-european-research-framework-programme
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Horizon Europe & ERC

- while Horizon and ECR is primarily in the hands of the Commission, MEPs often have structured dialogues and scrutinize this work through
  - Structured interinstitutional dialogues
  - Reports on horizon-related topics, amendment proposals
  - Negotiations & votes
  - The "Budget waltz" between Council and Parliament - Trilogue negotiations
    - Parliament must approve budget

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Relevant committees…

- Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)
- Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)
- And others, such as Agriculture, Culture and education…

…report on science-related topics such as

- Grouping of hazardous chemicals, PFAS, environmental and health protection
- Pesticides, agriculture
- Research agreements

…hold dialogues with relevant agencies such as

- European Chemicals Agency (ECHA)
- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

EuChemS event co-chaired by MEP

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STOA Panel

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Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)

- Consists of interested expert MEPs
- Holds discussions and events on
  - Frontier science
    - Pharmaceuticals, AI, Antimicrobial resistance
  - Academia
    - Academic freedom, academic integrity & security
- Earlier EuChemS Collaboration

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