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**Horizons 2020 Implementing Arrangement**

On October 17, 2016, the U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Anthony Gardner, and the European Commissioner for Research and Innovation, Carlos Moedas, signed an [Implementing Arrangement](#) between the Government of the United States of America and the European Commission to enhance transatlantic cooperation on science, technology, and innovation.

The Implementing Arrangement is intended to reduce barriers to transatlantic science and technology cooperation, enabling U.S. researchers from government, academia, and the private sector, to engage with their EU-funded counterparts in a much broader array of cooperative activities than is possible today.

The Arrangement creates an open platform for transatlantic cooperation by enabling scientists that bring their own funding to the table to develop their own novel mechanisms for international cooperation that are consistent with their respective domestic obligations, thereby reducing the risk of project failures. This approach has the potential to create new partnership opportunities, supported by the EU's signature Horizon 2020 research funding program and U.S. federal, state, private, and foundation funds.<sup>1</sup>

Previous to the Implementing Arrangement, any US institution that joined a Horizon 2020 research project was required to sign the Horizon 2020 grant agreement regardless of whether or not the U.S. researcher received any funds from the European Commission. The new Implementing Arrangement allows for US researchers with their own sources of funding to collaborate with a Horizon 2020 research project **WITHOUT** having to sign the Horizon 2020 grant agreement. This approach has the potential to create new transatlantic research partnership opportunities, supported by the EU's signature Horizon 2020 research funding program and US federal, state, private and foundation funds.

This new Arrangement allows for each research partner to cooperate only in accordance with applicable laws, rules, policies, and regulations of their respective funding programs but also encourages research partners (when appropriate) to reach a common understanding (perhaps through a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in respect to intellectual property rights, data access, data dissemination, and other matters considered essential to governing research collaborations.

It is important to note that the provisions of the Arrangement does not affect other formal or informal arrangements for scientific and technological cooperation between research partners.

Additional information on the Implementing Arrangement can be found [here](#).

Information related to the European Union's Horizons 2020 program can be found on the program's [web page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> Source: U.S. Department of State Press Release