



Horizon 2020 Champions

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This publication is a synopsis on which countries and organisations are the most successful ones in Horizon 2020 programme. We have analysed 4190 H2020 projects and 7804 organisations that have been awarded an Horizon 2020 grant based on the data provided by the European Commission under Cordis on 24 June 2015.

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Who are the champions in Horizon 2020?

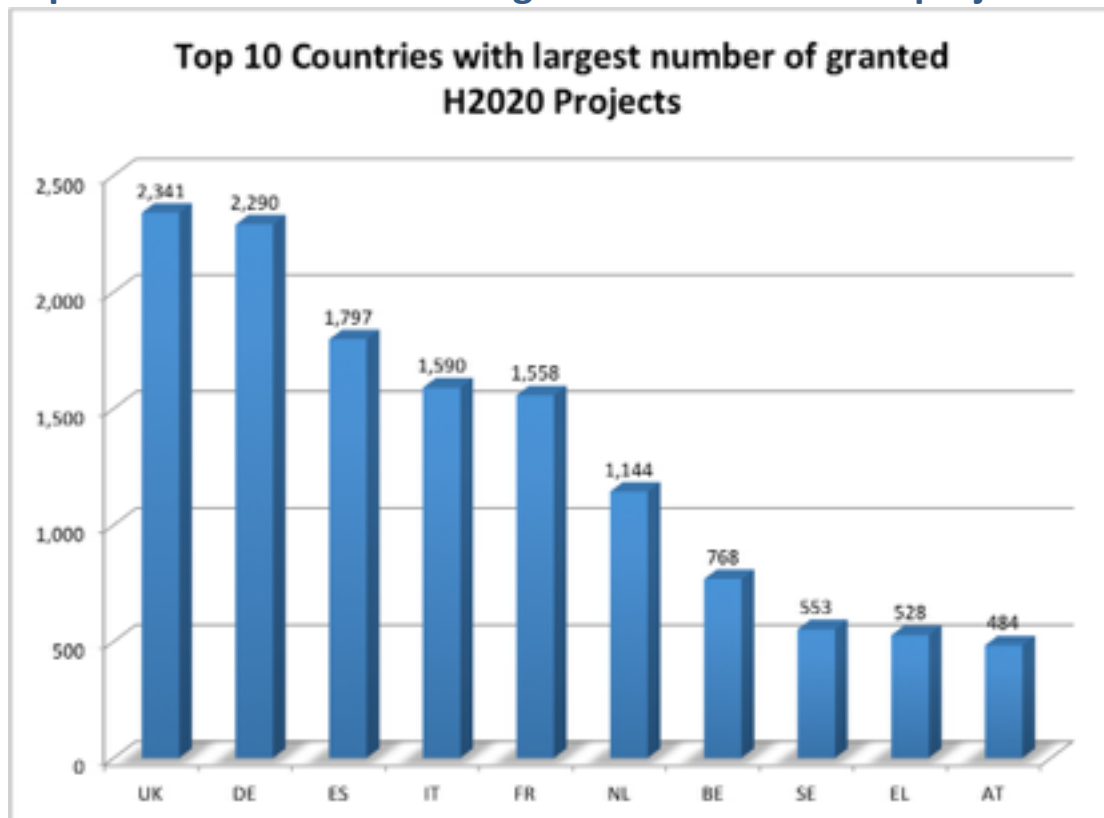
Presentations and articles from EC officials and experts have been highlighting the low success rates in Horizon 2020 programme. A recent also article at [sciencebusiness states that the success rates slide lower towards 12%](#) and it is getting harder and harder to get granted EU Research funds.

But which countries and which organisations across Europe are the champions in Horizon 2020 so far and they have been awarded the largest number of grants as well as the largest EC contribution in Europe's 2014-2020 Research and Innovation Funding Programme?

European Commission recently published at [Cordis](#) the projects and the organisations that were successful and have received an H2020 grant. Based on the latest data added on 24/6/2015, we have made a thorough analysis on the 4190 H2020 projects and 7804 organisations that have been awarded a grant and we have answered the following important question "Which countries but also which organisations are the most successful ones in H2020?"

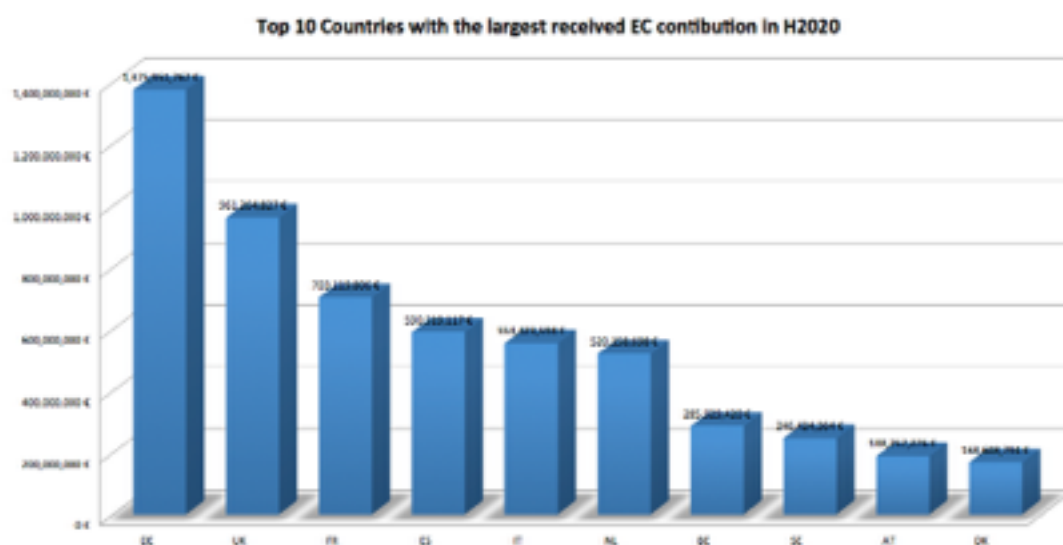
Such information may be very useful since it can form the basis for H2020 applicants and countries on following similar practices that the H2020 champions apply.

Top 10 countries with the largest number of H2020 projects



We see that the largest countries in size are doing quite well with UK to be the champion in the number of H2020 projects that it is involved. However, Poland that is the sixth European Member state with the largest population is not in the list. In fact it is ranked in the 15th position.

Top 10 countries with the largest EC Contribution received in H2020



Germany is the clear champion on the EC contribution from H2020 since it gets almost double funds in comparison to the second country that is UK.

Top 35 countries in Horizon 2020

Rank	Countries	H2020 projects
1	UK	2341
2	Germany	2290
3	Spain	1797
4	Italy	1590
5	France	1558
6	Netherlads	1144
7	Belgium	768
8	Sweden	553
9	Greece	528
10	Austria	484
11	Denmark	401
12	Portugal	397
13	Finland	395
14	Ireland	306
15	Poland	297
16	Switzerlan d	291
17	Norway	239
18	Israel	222
19	Czech Republic	189
20	Slovenia	176
21	Hungary	175
22	Romania	156
23	Estonia	112
24	Turkey	108
25	Bulgaria	104
26	Cyprus	97
27	Slovakia	78
28	Croatia	77
29	Luxembour g	74

Rank	Country	EC contribution (€)
1	Germany	1,375,951,767 €
2	UK	961,264,827 €
3	France	703,119,806 €
4	Spain	590,519,117 €
5	Italy	554,423,594 €
6	Netherlands	520,158,698 €
7	Belgium	285,929,420 €
8	Sweden	246,424,364 €
9	Austria	188,257,276 €
10	Denmark	168,608,794 €
11	Greece	161,022,864 €
12	Finland	160,239,114 €
13	Ireland	131,957,105 €
14	Norway	118,862,980 €
15	Israel	111,831,008 €
16	Portugal	111,741,263 €
17	Poland	67,450,108 €
18	Slovenia	39,604,936 €
19	Czech Republic	37,147,827 €
20	Switzerland	35,741,199 €
21	Hungary	35,197,768 €
22	Romania	28,894,233 €
23	Turkey	26,293,186 €
24	Estonia	26,274,512 €
25	Cyprus	24,655,661 €
26	Luxembour g	21,977,866 €
27	Croatia	13,235,428 €
28	Bulgaria	11,106,036 €
29	Latvia	10,928,784 €

30	Latvia	62
31	Serbia	60
32	Lithuania	54
33	Iceland	39
34	Malta	30
35	US	28

30	Iceland	10,100,117 €
31	Slovakia	8,955,997 €
32	Latvia	6,684,853 €
33	Serbia	5,317,514 €
34	South Africa	4,015,388 €
35	USA	3,911,404 €

Many useful findings can be derived from the above list. For example, three Associated countries in Horizon 2020, Switzerland, Israel and Norway are performing quite well and USA as well as South Africa are the only countries that are not associated in Horizon 2020 and they are in the list. Also Cyprus in spite its small size is ranked quite high.

Top 100 organisations with the largest EC contribution

Rank	Organisation	EC Contribution (€)
1	MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN E.V.	333,576,789 €
2	CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE	121,694,784 €
3	COMMISSARIAT A L ENERGIE ATOMIQUE ET AUX ENERGIES ALTERNATIVES	75,035,504 €
4	FRAUNHOFER GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FORDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG EV	73,565,287 €
5	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	49,928,130 €
6	THE CHANCELLOR, MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	44,637,683 €
7	IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE	43,766,840 €
8	THE CHANCELLOR, MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	40,718,354 €
9	KARLSRUHER INSTITUT FUER TECHNOLOGIE	39,558,351 €
10	KOBENHAVNS UNIVERSITET	39,075,549 €
11	DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV	36,937,259 €
12	CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE	34,811,261 €

Rank	Organisation	EC Contribution (€)
13	AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS	33,228,408 €
14	AGENZIA NAZIONALE PER LE NUOVE TECNOLOGIE, L'ENERGIA E LO SVILUPPO ECONOMICO SOSTENIBILE	29,164,668 €
15	KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN	28,053,020 €
16	THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH	27,796,211 €
17	UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY	27,479,945 €
18	UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL	26,727,944 €
19	EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY	26,385,582 €
20	Teknologian tutkimuskeskus VTT Oy	25,011,617 €
21	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT DELFT	23,843,046 €
22	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON	23,737,968 €
23	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET MUENCHEN	23,190,092 €
24	AARHUS UNIVERSITET	23,101,145 €
25	WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE	21,973,907 €
26	DANMARKS TEKNISKE UNIVERSITET	21,909,140 €
27	KUNGLIGA TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLAN	21,427,584 €
28	UNIVERSITEIT GENT	19,938,379 €
29	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT EINDHOVEN	19,026,249 €
30	NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIE VOOR TOEGEPAST NATUURWETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK TNO	18,955,649 €
31	LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITAET MUENCHEN	18,583,465 €
32	THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	18,438,963 €
33	RHEINISCH-WESTFAELISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE AACHEN	18,308,135 €
34	POLITECNICO DI MILANO	18,281,349 €
35	STICHTING VU-VUMC	17,631,244 €
36	LUNDS UNIVERSITET	17,431,256 €
37	FUNDACION TECNALIA RESEARCH & INNOVATION	17,291,726 €
38	UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM	17,126,874 €
39	TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT	16,769,430 €
40	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY	16,699,689 €

Rank	Organisation	EC Contribution (€)
41	EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH	16,578,686 €
42	UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW	16,573,848 €
43	COMPAGNIE INDUSTRIELLE DE LA MATIERE VEGETAL CIM V	16,570,000 €
44	STICHTING KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT	16,436,015 €
45	UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS	16,431,507 €
46	CHALMERS TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLA AB	15,920,269 €
47	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE (INSERM)	15,894,932 €
48	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, CORK	15,534,148 €
49	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE EN INFORMATIQUE ET EN AUTOMATIQUE	15,453,424 €
50	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN	15,413,898 €
51	THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER	15,303,031 €
52	STICHTING DIENST LANDBOUWKUNDIG ONDERZOEK	15,297,269 €
53	THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM	15,291,898 €
54	TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY	15,058,538 €
55	KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET	14,944,687 €
56	UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT	14,915,576 €
57	THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD	14,698,323 €
58	THE PROVOST, FELLOWS, FOUNDATION SCHOLARS & THE OTHER MEMBERS OF BOARD OF THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY & UNDIVIDED TRINITY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH NEAR DUBLIN	14,590,080 €
59	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET BERLIN	14,523,838 €
60	UPPSALA UNIVERSITET	14,469,658 €
61	UNIVERSITEIT TWENTE	14,358,766 €
62	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE	14,205,213 €
63	GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals	14,103,135 €
64	SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	14,045,263 €
65	HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO	13,861,625 €

Rank	Organisation	EC Contribution (€)
66	ETHNIKO KENTRO EREVNAS KAI TECHNOLOGIKIS ANAPTYXIS	13,706,945 €
67	THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM	13,692,751 €
68	AALTO-KORKEAKOULUSAATIO	13,667,630 €
69	THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM	12,920,394 €
70	UNIVERSITAET BREMEN	12,732,654 €
71	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN	12,678,863 €
72	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	12,525,107 €
73	ATOS SPAIN SA	12,450,535 €
74	UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	12,438,521 €
75	UNIVERSITETET I BERGEN	12,332,623 €
76	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY	12,244,930 €
77	THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER	12,149,531 €
78	FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM JULICH GMBH	12,036,005 €
79	FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELLAS	11,815,821 €
80	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL	11,770,191 €
81	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DRESDEN	11,736,679 €
82	TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	11,578,648 €
83	UNIVERSITAET STUTTGART	11,507,578 €
84	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DARMSTADT	11,382,973 €
85	KING'S COLLEGE LONDON	11,367,253 €
86	POLITECNICO DI TORINO	11,352,774 €
87	CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES ENERGETICAS, MEDIOAMBIENTALES Y TECNOLOGICAS-CIEMAT	11,290,034 €
88	UNIVERSITY OF BATH	11,269,471 €
89	STIFTELSEN SINTEF	11,164,993 €
90	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH	10,998,547 €
91	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET GRAZ	10,904,634 €
92	ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITA DI BOLOGNA	10,853,599 €
93	EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITAET TUEBINGEN	10,736,192 €
94	UNIVERSIDAD POMPEU FABRA	10,662,484 €

Rank	Organisation	EC Contribution (€)
95	INTERUNIVERSITAIR MICRO-ELECTRONICACENTRUM IMEC VZW	10,651,881 €
96	FRIEDRICH-ALEXANDER-UNIVERSITAET ERLANGEN NUERNBERG	10,543,018 €
97	UNIVERSITAT POLITECNICA DE CATALUNYA	10,538,810 €
98	UNIVERSITE PIERRE ET MARIE CURIE - PARIS 6	10,439,006 €
99	UNIVERSITAT AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA	10,317,867 €
100	UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN	10,210,629 €

As it is expected, the majority of the organisations in the top 100 list are universities and research centers. It is worthwhile, pointing out that the german research center MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT (www.mpg.de) is the clear champion since it receives around 333 million EUR from Horizon 2020 programme, an amount almost three times larger with respect to the second one in the ranking.

Top 100 organisations involved in Horizon 2020 projects

Rank	Organisations	Projects
1	CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE	192
2	FRAUNHOFER GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FORDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG EV	154
3	THE CHANCELLOR, MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD	108
4	COMMISSARIAT A L ENERGIE ATOMIQUE ET AUX ENERGIES ALTERNATIVES	96
5	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	94
6	KOBENHAVNS UNIVERSITET	92
7	THE CHANCELLOR, MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	90
8	AGENCIA ESTATAL CONSEJO SUPERIOR DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS	88
9	IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE	85

Rank	Organisations	Projects
10	MAX PLANCK GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTEN E.V.	81
11	CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE	75
12	KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN	62
13	THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH	60
14	DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT EV	57
15	Teknologian tutkimuskeskus VTT Oy	53
16	FUNDACION TECNALIA RESEARCH & INNOVATION	49
17	DANMARKS TEKNISKE UNIVERSITET	45
18	THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM	45
19	KUNGLIGA TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLAN	44
20	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT DELFT	44
21	NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIE VOOR TOEGEPAST NATUURWETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK TNO	44
22	UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL	43
23	STICHTING VU-VUMC	42
24	POLITECNICO DI MILANO	41
25	UNIVERSITEIT GENT	40
26	UNIVERSITEIT UTRECHT	40
27	UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM	39
28	THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD	39
29	KARLSRUHER INSTITUT FUER TECHNOLOGIE	38
30	FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HELLAS	38
31	EIDGENOESSISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE ZUERICH	38
32	AARHUS UNIVERSITET	37
33	THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER	36
34	LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITAET MUENCHEN	35
35	KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET	35
36	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT EINDHOVEN	35

Rank	Organisations	Projects
37	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE	35
38	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET MUENCHEN	34
39	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE (INSERM)	34
40	CHALMERS TEKNISKA HOEGSKOLA AB	34
41	ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITA DI BOLOGNA	34
42	THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK	33
43	UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW	33
44	UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS	33
45	STICHTING KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT	33
46	EUROPEAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY	32
47	NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY	32
48	THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM	32
49	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET WIEN	32
50	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON	31
51	LUNDS UNIVERSITET	31
52	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY	31
53	FUNDACAO PARA A CIENCIA E A TECNOLOGIA	31
54	HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO	31
55	STICHTING DIENST LANDBOUWKUNDIG ONDERZOEK	30
56	KING'S COLLEGE LONDON	30
57	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, CORK	29
58	WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE	28
59	RHEINISCH-WESTFAELISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE AACHEN	28
60	ETHNIKO KENTRO EREVNAS KAI TECHNOLOGIKIS ANAPTYXIS	28
61	ATOS SPAIN SA	28
62	POLITECNICO DI TORINO	28
63	TEKNOLOGIAN TUTKIMUSKESKUS VTT	28
64	UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	28

Rank	Organisations	Projects
65	THE UNIVERSITY OF EXETER	28
66	UNIVERSITEIT TWENTE	27
67	UPPSALA UNIVERSITET	27
68	UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI ROMA LA SAPIENZA	26
69	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DRESDEN	26
70	UNIVERSITE PIERRE ET MARIE CURIE - PARIS 6	26
71	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN	25
72	THE PROVOST, FELLOWS, FOUNDATION SCHOLARS & THE OTHER MEMBERS OF BOARD OF THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY & UNDIVIDED TRINITY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH NEAR DUBLIN	25
73	UNIVERSITAT POLITECNICA DE CATALUNYA	25
74	TECHNION - ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	25
75	QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON	25
76	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	25
77	UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI	24
78	JRC -JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE- EUROPEAN COMMISSION	24
79	UNIVERSITAT WIEN	24
80	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET BERLIN	23
81	UNIVERSITEIT MAASTRICHT	23
82	UNIVERSIDAD POLITECNICA DE MADRID	23
83	EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH	22
84	INSTITUT NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE EN INFORMATIQUE ET EN AUTOMATIQUE	22
85	FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM JULICH GMBH	22
86	UNIVERSIDAD POMPEU FABRA	22
87	UNIVERSITAET BREMEN	21
88	INTERUNIVERSITAIR MICRO-ELECTRONICACENTRUM IMEC VZW	21
89	CARDIFF UNIVERSITY	21
90	THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST	21
91	UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA	21

Rank	Organisations	Projects
92	TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY	20
93	THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM	20
94	NATURAL ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH COUNCIL	20
95	AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH	20
96	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITAET DARMSTADT	20
97	UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN	20
98	INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATION AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS	20
99	UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS	20
100	"NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ""DEMOKRITOS""	20

Similarly, universities and research centers are the organisations that are involved in the largest number of Horizon 2020 projects but with some private companies as exceptions. The clear champion in this category is CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE (www.cnrs.fr) in France that is involved in 192 Horizon 2020 projects, that is quite outstanding.

Further information

In case you are successful in Horizon 2020 and you are not in the Top 100 but you are interested to know the ranking position of your own organization, please contact me through email at nf@cyberall-access.com and I can provide you this information.

In addition, please stay tuned in case you are interested to know the champions in each of the three pillars of Horizon 2020 as well as under each of their sub-programmes , i.e.

1. Excellent Science Pillar with the sub-programmes:
 - a. FET,
 - b. MSCA,
 - c. Infrastructures ,
2. Industrial Leadership with the sub-programmes:
 - a. ICT,
 - b. Nanotechnologies,
 - c. advanced materials, advanced manufacturing and processing, biotechnology,
 - d. Space,
 - e. SME instrument and
3. Societal Challenges with the sub-programmes:
 - a. Health, demographic change and wellbeing,
 - b. Food Security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy,
 - c. secure, clean and efficient energy,

- d. smart, green and integrated transport,
- e. Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
- f. Europe in changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- g. Secure societies – protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens
- h. Spreading excellence and widening participation
- i. Science with and for Society

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