



UK Industry & Academia very concerned about Horizon Europe Quantum and Space programmes exclusion

In the latest draft Horizon Europe work programme, to which the UK joins as an associate member as part of the Brexit trade and cooperation deal, associated countries, including the UK, are set to be excluded from participating in any projects relating to Quantum or Space technologies. The UK has a world leading quantum research community and UK photonics companies supply key enabling solutions to quantum supporting commercialisation of this next generation technology.

Germany's parliamentary state secretary Thomas Rachel says three EU neighbours are 'important partners' and back 'full participation of the UK, Switzerland and Israel. Given the complexity of the science, having the largest brain pool available is essential to advancing knowledge and exactly why full UK participation in Horizon Europe has been welcomed by partners across the continent. In the latest twist Switzerland looks to have been let back in Quantum projects (but not Space) and the UK and Israel remain excluded.

Parliamentarian support in resolving and removing this exclusion is most welcome.



Annual General Meeting Announcement:
The AGM for the Photonics and Quantum APPG will be held on Zoom at 13:00 hrs on 15th April and include short presentations on photonics impact on telecommunications, quantum and defence and launch of the US equivalent the APPG, a Capitol Hill Caucus. If you have not received an invitation, please contact us for the Zoom link.

To support the **photonics companies in your constituency** whose international reputation for solutions to global challenges means many export over 80% of what they manufacture in the UK, please engage with the APPG via Carol Monaghan, MP, and/or contact appg@photonicsuk.org

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