

## Presidency Conclusions: Strategic Planning Process for Horizon Europe

1. The strategic planning process for Horizon Europe will be co-designed between the European Commission and the Member States, including a dialogue with the European Parliament. The legal status of the future Strategic Plan should be decided at the Competitiveness Council on 28 September 2018.
2. The process has two phases: (1) phase before the adoption of the legal acts of Horizon Europe (Framework Programme, Specific Programme); (2) phase after adoption of the legal acts.
3. On the basis of today's discussion and of the present Presidency conclusions, the Presidency will invite delegations to discuss the detailed process immediately, with a view to the process being endorsed at the next Council Competitiveness on 28 September in Brussels.
4. The Presidency concludes the following from today's discussion:
  - Member States need to have clarity on the elements which will be included in the Strategic Plan before agreeing on the process.
  - The Presidency therefore invites the European Commission to table an outline of the content of the Strategic Plan as soon as possible.
  - This outline will form the basis for discussions on technical level (Research Working Party, COREPER) until the Competitiveness Council meeting on 28 September 2018.
  - At the Competitiveness Council in September, Ministers should endorse the process and the outline of the elements to be included in the Strategic Plan.
  - The strategic planning process (taking into account the entire duration of Horizon Europe) will be enshrined in the legal acts of Horizon Europe.