

Draft fiche for an additional European Partnership candidate, informing the structured consultation of Member States via the Shadow Strategic Configuration of the Programme Committee

General Information	
Preliminary title of the European Partnership	European Partnership on (Pandemic) Preparedness and Societal Resilience
Short description of the partnership	For discussion and definition of the scope and ambition of the partnership: The partnership will draw lessons from COVID-19 and translate them into a better preparedness for future pandemics, but also for other crises situations (e.g. environmental) that require collective action from the EU and its Member States. A better prepared and a more resilient society is key in dealing with disruptive events of a European or global scale and giving comprehensive policy responses. The partnership would create the conditions for a better coordination at EU level, identify priority areas and launch actions that require coordinated R&I investments.
Services directly involved	To be discussed, potentially relevant services are HOME, SANTE, CNECT, EAC ECHO, EMPL, GROW, JRC, MOVE, R&I,
Context and problem definition	<p>To be further developed when scope and ambition has been defined.</p> <p>COVID-19 has had a sudden and massive impact on our daily lives that reaches into all areas of our society and will have long-lasting effect: health and well-being of our citizens, economy, education, mobility, spread of misinformation, and security.</p> <p>It has reminded once more that crisis are global in our interconnected world, and require cooperation and coordinated response to reduce impacts. The first contours of a joint response in the EU are emerging, but there are important missing pieces and the speed and scale are not sufficient. Coordination across Member States has been weak and slow with dispersed efforts and overwhelmed health-care systems. The lack of a comprehensive, coordinated response and the closing of borders has led to the perception of chaos and lack of solidarity. National, regional and European crisis measures must complement each other in order to be fully effective and achieve the desired economies of scale.</p> <p>The current crisis has also demonstrated the importance of science that has led the global response to crisis. Research and innovation have to also drive change and prepare for the post-crisis. R&I investments and strengthened cross-border collaboration between scientists, policymakers, practitioners etc. are critical levers to drive change and prepare for sustainable and inclusive recovery.</p>
Objectives and expected impacts	<p>The objectives and expected impacts would need to be developed in close collaboration with Member States and stakeholders. It should also be developed taking in synergy with existing committees and groups in the field of preparedness.</p> <p>Priority areas would be identified by taking into account activities at national and/or global level, as well as complementarity with other European Partnerships and related initiatives at the EU level.</p>
Necessity test: rationale for a European Partnership	To be developed once ambition and objectives have been defined.
Relevant for the following parts of Horizon Europe	<p>Potentially relevant for the following parts of Horizon Europe, depending on the final agreed scope of a partnership</p> <p>Pillar II 'Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Culture, creativity and inclusive society <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Civil Security for Society <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Digital, Industry and Space <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Climate, Energy and Mobility

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pillar III 'Innovative Europe'
Currently identified links with other partnership candidates / Union programmes	<p>The Partnerships would potentially build on and collaborate with a number of other European Partnerships, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Global Health ▪ Innovative Health ▪ One Health / Antimicrobial Resistance ▪ Artificial Intelligence, Data & Robotics ▪ Photonics ▪ Made in Europe ▪ Driving urban transitions to a sustainable future ▪ Rescuing Biodiversity to Safeguard Life on Earth ▪ Safe and Sustainable Food Systems ▪ European Open Science Cloud ▪ EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (in particular Digital, Health, Manufacturing) <p>Synergies with other Union programmes and policies would need to be explored in particular with the new Health programme, Cohesion funds and enhanced EU Civil Protection Mechanism.</p>
Does the proposed partnership build on currently active ones?	No, this would be an entirely new partnership.
Expected type and composition of partners	To be defined.
Contributions and commitments expected from partners	To be defined
Currently envisaged implementation mode(s)	Co-programmed or Co-funded European Partnership, to be defined at a later stage
Justification of the implementation mode	The choice of implementation mode will depend on composition of partners that will be required, and if a division of labour approach of a co-programmed partnership is sufficient.
Proposed starting year	Horizon Europe Work Programme 2023/4 Possibility to foresee a preparatory action (Coordination and support action or expert group) in the Work Programme 2021