



WHO is **WHO**



IGLO who is who

IGLO is an informal network of Brussels-based R&D offices – we joined forces over 25 years ago to jointly achieve our shared objectives – being on the ground in Brussels to best equip our national R&I communities to successfully engage with EU funding.

Every office is a little different in set-up, mission and ways of working. Which explains why we are an informal group, not an umbrella organisation or lobby.

This who is who gives a short introduction on what IGLO does, how the EU R&I community can benefit from our collaboration and who to get in touch with in each of the IGLO Member offices.

All IGLO Members have a base in Brussels, meaning we are on the ground and have solid networks here.

For our work, we are also firmly connected to our national R&I constituencies back home.

IGLO offices vary in set-up and mission, but we all collect information and translate it to our national context. We support researchers and innovators in engaging with EU funding and support their Brussels engagement. Many of us specifically work with research managers and administrators – the backbone to our researcher's success in Horizon Europe.

Where do we join forces?

In IGLO, there is also a strong spirit of support and joining forces. IGLO Members share information and meet on topics of joint interest in working groups and organise monthly IGLO Open events for the benefit of the Brussels-based EU R&I community. There is also an annual networking event and training events for newcomers.

How to engage with IGLO?

IGLO elects an annual Chair who leads the network. The Chair is supported by the IGLO Secretariat who are from a subset of Member Offices.

IGLO is an informal association of Brussels-based non-profit R&D Liaison Offices:

- Founded in 1992
- Our aim is to facilitate and enhance the interaction, information exchange and co-operation between IGLO Members, our national research systems and the European institutions on EU RTD.
- 28 Members from 26 countries
- For more information visit the IGLO website via www.iglortd.org

How to engage with individual offices?

Austria



FFG Brussels Office – The Austrian Research Promotion Agency

As Austrian NCP Hub the FFG Europe focus on strengthening Austria's participation in European Research and Innovation programmes (flagship programme is Horizon Europe).

Website: www.ffg.at/ffg/eip

Main Activities

- Exchange of information, including as a collaborative partner of the IGLO network
- Showcasing Austrian activities and EU projects to enable collaboration and enhance visibility
- Provision of strategic advice to national universities and research institutions



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Belgium (Flanders)



Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) stimulates and financially supports fundamental scientific research, strategic basic research, clinical scientific research, the purchase of large-scale and medium-scale research infrastructure, and the management of large computing capacity in Flanders (Belgium).

Website: www.fwo.be/en

Main Activities

- Supports scientific research
- Is involved in various European Research Initiatives as COST, ERA-NET and Partnerships, in the WEAVE programme and hosts the coordination of NCP Flanders
- Provides ERC and MSCA seals of excellence funding



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Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels)

Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS



The Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS encourages fundamental scientific research by supporting researchers and financing research programmes in the universities of the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. Also in charge of informing about the EU R&I programmes.

Website: www.frs-fnrs.be/en/

Main Activities

- Hosts the Horizon Europe National Contact Point of Wallonia-Brussels Federation, NCP-FNRS
- Involved in many ERA-NETs, ERA-NET-Cofund (44) and Co-funded partnerships (6 in Dec 2022)
- EURAXESS Bridgehead for Wallonia-Brussels Federation



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Cyprus

European Office of Cyprus (EOC)

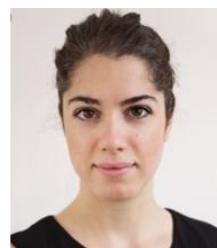


The European Office of Cyprus (EOC) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based in Nicosia, with representation offices in Brussels and in Athens. It was founded in 2007 by 18 Cypriot organisations from a wide spectrum of sectors and interests. EOC aims to offer support to its members, so they can maximise the funding and development opportunities offered by the EU.

Website: www.eoc.org.cy

Main Activities

- Provides timely intelligence on EU legislation, initiatives and policies.
- Provides increased visibility and presence of EOC members to the European Institutions, Regional Representation Offices and European Networks.
- Provides integrated and accurate information and consulting support on EU funding opportunities.



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Czech Republic

Czech Liaison Office for Education and Research (CZELO) and Czech National Agency for International Education and Research (DZS)



Since 2005 we support Czech institutions in intensive participation in the EU education and research programmes. We provide up-to-date information and guidance on European policies and encourage Czech institutions to be more active in Brussels.

Website: www.dzs.cz/en/czelo

Main Activities

- Promoting Czech research and education institutions in Brussels
- Providing consultations on Horizon Europe and Erasmus + centralised actions
- Organising various study visits and trainings for research managers and other academic staff



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Denmark

Danish EU Research Liaison Office - DANRO



DANRO is attached to the Danish NCP organisation and EU Policy Unit in the Ministry for Higher Education and Science. It liaises with the Danish R&I Communities and the Brussels based actors

Website: <https://ufm.dk/en/research-and-innovation/funding-programmes-for-research-and-innovation/eu-and-international-funding-programmes/horizon-2020/about-danro-in-bruxelles>

Main Activities

- Information and intelligence provisions
- Representing R&I interests
- Organising study visits, bilaterals etc.



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Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD in Brussels

The Estonian Liaison Office for EU RTD in Brussels was established in 2012. The main aim is to introduce Estonian research in Brussels, participate in IGLO activities and cooperate with other Brussels based offices.

Website: <https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/estonian-liaison-office-for-eu-rtd-in-brussels/>

Main Activities

- Supports exchanging information between Estonian R&I institutions and Brussels, creating new contacts, disseminating and mediating cooperation opportunities;
- Participates in the IGLO network initiative and the activity of working groups;
- Offers short term internship opportunities for employees of R&D institutions.



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Finnish Liaison Office for EU R&I (FiLi)

Brussels-based collaboration, founded in 1995 and jointly run and staffed by two national funding agencies, the Academy of Finland and Business Finland, which share national responsibilities for the Horizon Europe's support tasks.

Website: www.fili-office.fi/

Main Activities

- Monitor and report on recent developments in the EU R&I policies to home organizations and national stakeholders
- Coach research and innovation services in EU R&I funding possibilities
- Facilitate the participation of Finnish players in the European policy formulation



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La Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot Curie

La Maison Irène et Frédéric Joliot Curie brings together stakeholders from the French research, innovation and higher education ecosystem. Twelve of them are located in Brussels through permanent representatives HE and RDI organisations covering the vast majority of scientific fields.

Main Activities

- MIFJC supports scientists from Member institutions and organisations in their efforts to participate in the European Commission's programmes or actions;
- MIFJC offers a space of reception and exchange allowing the organisation of events promoting French higher education, research and innovation in Brussels while respecting the specificities of each of its members.

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Germany



European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi)

Joint service platform of the major German research and research funding organisations, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) – over 30 years in Brussels

Website: www.kowi.de/en

Main Activities

- EU funding training and coaching for researchers, research managers
- EU strategy advice for research institutions and universities
- Facilitating EU research manager exchanges



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Hungary



Brussels Office of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDIO)

Representation of the main Hungarian funding agency and the Hungarian National Contact Points in Brussels.

Website: nkfih.gov.hu/for-the-applicants

Main Activities

- Organisation of information events, matchmaking events, trainings for researchers and research project managers
- Information sharing with National Contact Points as well as institutional contacts at university and RPO level
- Representation of Hungary in expert groups



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Ireland



Enterprise Ireland

Irish liaison office for research & innovation Brussels. The European component of Irelands Horizon Europe National Support Network.

Enterprise Ireland is the Irish Governments trade, enterprise, and innovation agency.

Website: www.enterprise-ireland.com/en

Main Activities

- Work with Irish researchers, academic institutions, and industry to help them successfully take part in Horizon Europe funded projects
- Disseminate information and provide tailored advice and support to all applicants
- Provide access to European networks, the European Commission and assist in identifying potential project partners from across Europe



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Italy (CNR)



National Research Council of Italy

Relations of the CNR with the European institutions;
Collaboration with the Permanent Representation to the EU;
Training and information activities & support to the participation in EU programs;
Communication of EU news and identification of opportunities for the CNR network.

Website: www.cnr.it/en

Main Activities

- Advocacy on CNR strategies, capabilities and excellence
- Relations with homologous stakeholder
- Identification of opportunities on EU programs



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Italy (ENEA)



Name of the Organisation

Operates within the context of the national Affairs, EU and International Relations Unit, supporting the Italian Government and the European Institutions, ensuring proactive participation in Italian and international working groups on several topics of interest: Energy, New Tech and Sustainable Economic Development.

Website: www.enea.it/en/Brussels-liason-office

Main Activities

- Policy support with central, local administrations at national and European level and EU-Institution for the implementation of energy and environment policy.
- Participation in programs co-funded transnational projects with the aim of enhancing the European competitiveness in research and technological development
- Participation in main EU and International networks



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Latvia



Latvian office for Innovation & Technology in Brussels – Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA)

Lat.tech is a technology representation of Latvia since 2021 in Brussels, a part of the executive Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs

Website: www.Liaa.gov.lv

Main Activities

5 thematic innovation ecosystems in focus: Smart Materials/ Photonics, Bio-Medicine, Smart Energy, Bio-Economics and ICT

- to Inform on EU funds,
- to assist in matchmaking
- to promote Latvian partners



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Lithuania



Lithuanian Research, Development and Innovation Liaison Office in Brussels (LINO)

A window to the EU's science, technology and innovation (STI) landscape for Lithuanian researchers and businesses. LINO was established by the Research Council of Lithuania in 2017 and it is based at the Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU.

Website: <https://lino.lmt.lt/en/>

Main Activities

- Information exchange covering the EU's science, technology and innovation policy (STI) as well as project opportunities
- Promotion of Lithuanian RDI strengths and interests via active dissemination and targeted meetings, seminars, etc.
- Facilitation of interaction and networking with the EU institutions and other organizations.



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Moldova



Moldovan Office for Science and Technology (MOST)

MOST has as a main goal to contribute to the advancement of the cooperation between Republic of Moldova and European Union in the S&T area.

Main Activities

- Promoting the participation of Moldovan R&D organizations
- Representing Moldovan scientific community within different institutional configurations
- Disseminating of relevant information, also through the national NCPs network, about open calls of proposals, rules of participation and submission guidelines



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The Netherlands



Netherlands house for Education and Research (Neth-ER)

Association of the Dutch research and education sectors, funded jointly by the members and the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science. Neth-ER is legally mandated by the government to provide information to the Dutch knowledge community on EU education, research & innovation policy, and other areas that may affect the sector.

Website: www.neth-er.eu

Main Activities

- EU strategy advice for education & research organisations
- Information services, including news articles, newsletters, presentations, and information sessions
- Facilitate interaction of Dutch education & research organisations with EU institutions



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Norway

NorCore, the Norwegian Contact Office for Research, Innovation and Education



The NorCore office reunites in Brussels the three public organisations responsible in Norway for Horizon Europe and Erasmus+: The Research Council of Norway, Innovation Norway and the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills.

Website: www.norcore.eu/

Main Activities

- Facilitates meetings for Norwegian stakeholders and encounters with European partners
- Promotes synergies between our areas: research, innovation and education
- Monitors the development in EU policies and programmes in our fields and brings Norwegian voices into the EU debate where relevant



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Poland

PolSCA PAN – Polish Science Contact Agency of the Polish Academy of Sciences



The mission of the PolSCA PAN is to promote, facilitate and foster participation of the Polish R&D community in the EU research and innovation framework programs. In particular, PolSCA aims to strengthen activity of the PAN scientific community in the Horizon Europe: researchers and research managers.

Website: <https://polsca.pan.pl/en/>

Main Activities

- Monitoring the EU R&I policy developments and disseminating such knowledge among stakeholders
- Advising, training, creating networking opportunities & communicating success stories for strengthened participation
- Bridging the gap between R&I institutions in Europe and Poland, in particular Polish Academy of Sciences and European R&I community



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Romania



Romanian Office for Science and Technology to the EU (ROSTeu)

The main objective is to promote the efficient participation of the Romanian researchers, including the young researchers, as well as the universities, research-development institutes, small and medium enterprises, industry and non-governmental organisations to the European Union's research and innovation programmes.

Website: www.research.gov.ro/

Main Activities

- Recommendations regarding the European best-practice in R&I, including training on EU affairs;
- Facilitating links with European partners and promoting the co-operation between universities and research institutes and SMEs and industry to jointly participate in European consortia;
- Specific dissemination and promotion.



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Slovakia



Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development in Brussels

The Office was established in 2014 by the Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information. Services are offered free of charge. The main objective is to strengthen Slovak participation in EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

Website: www.slord.sk

Main Activities

- Policy monitoring and practical support for Slovak research and innovation community
- Promotion of the Slovak R&D Landscape
- V4 Training for Research Project Managers (twice a year since 2017 in cooperation with CZELO, PoISCA and NRDIO)



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Slovenian Business & Research Association (SBRA)

Established in 1999 as an international non-profit association, the Slovenian Business and Research Association (SBRA) is a Brussels-based liaison office of the most successful Slovenian organisations from both the public and private sectors.

Website: www.sbra.be/en

Main Activities

- Promotion of members in various Brussels-based networks, organisation of numerous high-level events;
- Consulting on relevant EU funding programmes & EU calls, partner search & preparation of project proposals;
- Informing members on economic developments and trends in research, science and innovation



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Spain



CDTI/SOST Office Brussels

Spanish Research and Innovation liaison office in Brussels since 1995.

Websites: www.sost.es and www.cdti.es

Main Activities

- 3 Specialised training sessions per year and continuous tailor-made coaching for Spanish participants in EU R&I projects (mainly Framework Programmes)
- EU strategic advice and networking support for Spanish public and private R&I institutions



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SWERI - Sweden's Research and Innovation Office in Brussels

The joint Brussels office between Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council functions as a link between Sweden and the EU and its institutions. The office promotes Swedish interests by monitoring, analysing and participating in the European research and innovation landscape.

Website: www.vinnova.se/en/m/our-international-work/brussels/

Main Activities

- Promote the interests of Swedish actors within the European research and innovation programs
- Monitor and analyse the development of policy issues in the European research and innovation landscape
- Participate in and arrange conferences, seminars and meetings



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Switzerland

SwissCore – Contact Office for European Research, Innovation and Education



SwissCore is the Swiss information and liaison office for European policies and programmes in education, research and innovation (ERI), located in Brussels. The office supports Swiss participation in EU ERI programmes. SwissCore is part of the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Website: www.swisscore.org

Main Activities

- Informing stakeholders on EU ERI policies and programmes
- Liaising between Swiss and EU actors, supporting Swiss participation in EU ERI programmes
- Showcasing Swiss-EU ERI collaboration



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United Kingdom

UK Research Office (UKRO)



UK Research Office
Brussels

The UK Research Office (UKRO) is a unique partnership between UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the UK research community. The Brussels-based team delivers advisory services to support the UK's engagement in EU's R&I programmes and policies.

Website: www.ukro.ac.uk

Main Activities

- Delivers advisory services for researchers and research managers, part of UK NCP network
- Enables research managers to confidently navigate and make informed decisions about participating in EU programmes
- Supports continued UK engagement with European research and innovation policy developments



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