

## Topic: Horizon Europe

### Brief description and main aims:

Research funding from the European Union is allocated via a rolling seven year programme, which used to be known as the “Framework” programme. The last programme with this title was “Framework 7” and the one after, renamed Horizon 2020, came to an end in 2020. Horizon Europe is the latest programme, for which the first calls for projects have already been published and closed. This research funding has the overarching aim of securing Europe's global competitiveness, by helping to drive economic growth and create jobs. Research is seen to be an investment in our future and it is at the heart of the EU's blueprint for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and jobs. Horizon emphasises excellent science, industrial leadership and the need to tackle societal challenges. The goal is to ensure that Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation. Horizon Europe's budget is €95.5 BN.

### Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

Horizon Europe funding will be allocated according to a number of partnerships, between the Commission and relevant stakeholders. The most relevant partnership proposed for construction, important for FIEC, its members and their companies is BUILT4PEOPLE, which has a budget of €400k. In addition to work done on the European Commission's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), FIEC was a key player in the development of the partnership proposal. Now established, with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the European Commission as the public partner and the European Construction Technology Platform (ECTP) and World Green Building Council (WGBC) as the two other partners, the Partnership Board will be launched in October 2021 and FIEC is expected to be represented in the Board.

### Actions and key dates:

**October 2021** – Launch of Partnership Board for BUILT4PEOPLE.

