

Proposal for an EU pro-bono collaboration with TEC

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Background

- Parties encouraged to make voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the TEC Rolling Workplan for 2023–2027.
- Germany has an active project with earmarked funding for the TEC workplan.
- This is a **draft proposal** for the EU to undertake **~\$0.5 million** pro-bono collaboration supporting the TEC Rolling Workplan.
- **Funding approved** by EU Member States in December.
- Financed by the Horizon Europe Programme.
- Work to be done 2026 - 2029.
- If agreed, the pro-bono work would be undertaken by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC).

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What is Horizon Europe and the JRC?

Horizon Europe

- The EU's main funding programme for research and innovation. Inter alia, advancing scientific excellence to addressing global challenges such as climate change (incl. support to IPCC).
- The world's largest research programme. At least 35% of its 2021 - 2027 budget (**~\$38.8 billion**) is **earmarked for climate research**.



The European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)

- Provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies.
- Employs around 1,900 researchers, including in different areas such as agriculture, climate, energy, transport, natural disaster monitoring etc.
- Manages more than 3,000+ open datasets, and 100+ models, incl. for early warnings of natural disaster risks.



How will the work be implemented?

- Contribute to the TEC Rolling Workplan 2023 – 2027
- Finalised MoU with researchers
- Researchers from 3 different departments:
 - Circular economy and sustainable industry
 - Innovation policies and economic impact
 - Energy transition
- Participation in TEC meetings (as observers)
- Co-organising workshops with TEC Secretariat (e.g., at NDE forums)
- Participate in activity groups (as observers) to contribute to knowledge products

What will the work focus on?

- We listened to your feedback at the last TEC meeting in September
- Aim to contribute to Workstreams 1, 2 and 3
 - Workstream 1: National Systems of Innovation
 - Workstream 2: Technology planning tools
 - Workstream 3: Transformative and innovative solutions

1. Policy brief on innovation benchmarks



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2. Implementation of TNA outcomes



Credit: UNEP-CCC

3. Mapping national systems of innovation



Credit: UNCTAD

4. Decarbonisation in energy-intensive industry



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- Looking forward to working with you!



Thank you



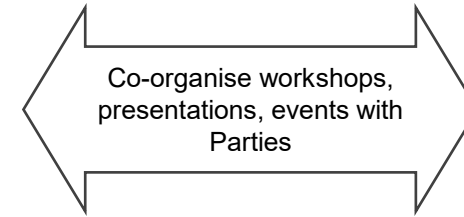
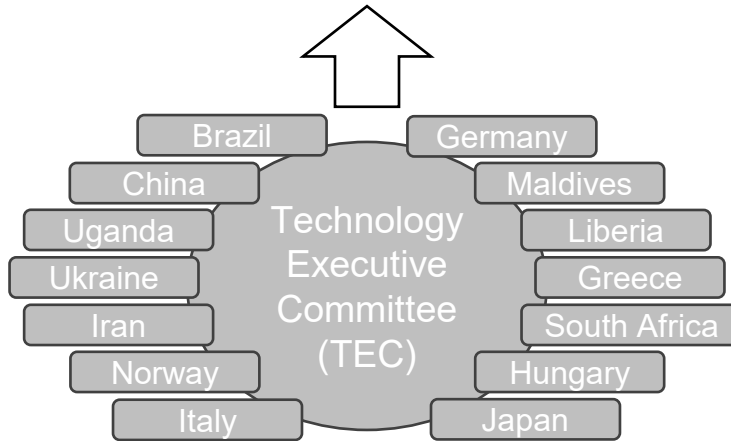
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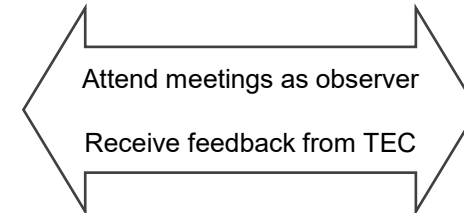




UNFCCC meetings



Co-organise workshops,
presentations, events with
Parties

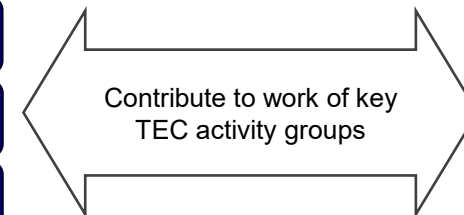


Attend meetings as observer
Receive feedback from TEC



TEC activity groups

Workstream 1	Workstream 2	Workstream 3	Workstream 4
A1: National Systems of Innovation	B1.1: Technology Needs Assessments	C1.1: Water-Energy-Food systems	D1.1: Standing Committee on Finance
A2.1: RD&D	B2.1: Long-term tech. transition pathways	C2.1: Buildings and infrastructure	D2.1: Adaptation Committee Taskforce
A2.2: Incubators and Accelerators		C3.1: Transformative industry	D3.1: Paris Committee on Capacity Building
A3.1: Emerging & transf. adaptation techs		C4.1: Innovative Ocean Climate Solutions	D4.1: UNFCCC Gender team



Contribute to work of key
TEC activity groups

