

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001398/25  
to the Commission  
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*Subject:* National institutes of health funding for European researchers following budget cuts

The US administration's budget has been restructured, with a 15% cap on indirect research costs and consequences for national institutes of health (NIHs), leaving the funding of many ongoing scientific projects under threat.

The United States is the largest funder of biomedical research, with an annual budget of USD 47 billion — 80% of which is allocated to more than 300 000 researchers all over the world in the form of grants. Some articles identify 121 projects involving Europe-based researchers that received NIH funding in 2024.

1. Does the Commission have the exact number of projects carried out by European researchers affected and threatened by the NIH budget cuts?
2. Are any joint projects funded by the NIH and Horizon Europe at risk? Does the Commission intend to ensure funding continues for the research interrupted by current events?

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**Answer given by Ms Zaharieva on behalf of the European Commission  
(19 August 2025)**

The Commission does not yet have evidence that Horizon Europe <sup>(1)</sup> projects have been impacted negatively by measures adopted by the new United States (US) Administration in the field of health research, including those involving the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The NIH are involved in five ongoing projects under Horizon Europe and two ongoing projects under Horizon 2020 (see Annex).

The Commission is monitoring the evolving situation and will be attentive to further developments.

There are currently no plans of the Commission to step in to compensate for a possible future cut or cancellation of health research funding by U.S. authorities.

While the EU cannot compensate any possible cut from NIH, US-based entities continue to be eligible for funding in the calls of Part 4 on Cluster 1 'Health' of the 2025 Horizon Europe Work Programme <sup>(2)</sup>. In Cluster 1 of Horizon Europe, US organisations scored 109 participations and received over EUR 27 million of EU funding so far.

Finally, the Commission intends to keep its good relations with NIH. Independently from the financial loss, the cooperation with NIH is key at strategic level, since both the Commission and NIH are part of international multi-lateral initiatives in the field of health research.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en).

<sup>(2)</sup> [https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health\\_en](https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/cluster-1-health_en).

Annex

| Project title                                                                                                     | Topic code                      | U.S. participant                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Anti-Cancer Light-Controllable Antibody-Peptide Conjugates                                                        | MSCA-RISE-2020                  | National Cancer Institute                             |
| EXPOnential analysis emPOWERing innovation                                                                        | MSCA-RISE-2020                  | National Institute on Aging                           |
| Advanced Engineering of Nitric Oxide Based Therapeutics for Triple Negative Breast Cancer Training Network        | HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01-01      | National Institutes of Health                         |
| Explainable AI for Molecules — AiChemist                                                                          | HORIZON-MSCA-2022-DN-01-01      | National Institutes of Health                         |
| HIStory of CAre in the MAghreb. Infectious diseases, healthcare infrastructures and international aid (1956-1999) | HORIZON-MSCA-2023-PF-01-01      | U.S. National Library of Medicine                     |
| Targeting ER Import And Activation Of Viral Glycoproteins: Towards Broad-Spectrum Antivirals                      | HORIZON-HLTH-2024-DISEASE-08-20 | National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases |
| A complex system approach to metrics of aging for identifying personalised interventions                          | HORIZON-MSCA-2024-PF-01-01      | National Institute on Aging                           |

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