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1. On 24 February 2022, the European Council condemned Russia's military aggression against Ukraine. The Council of the European Union adopted subsequently far-reaching restrictive measures, including in particular the freezing of funds and economic resources of numerous Russian entities and individuals, as well as prohibitions, among others, to provide support to entities established in Russia with over 50 percent public ownership or control. In this context, on 4 March 2022, the Commission also announced measures aimed at suspending cooperation with Russian entities under the Horizon Europe programme.

Following the announcement of 4 March 2022 and the adoption of the relevant legal measures, the termination of the participation of Russian entities in new and ongoing EU financed projects, as well as the suspension of payments, has been carried out on a case-by-case assessment, in line with the applicable regulatory framework¹.

2. Regarding Horizon Europe cooperation with Israeli and Russian entities, the legal framework differs. As regards Israeli entities, there are no restrictive measures in place relating to Israel as such (while certain Israeli persons are listed under other sanctions regimes). As regards Russian entities, there was no association agreement concluded similar to the linked Euro-Mediterranean Agreement² with Israel. In this respect, the Commission proposal to partially suspend the application of the Horizon Europe association agreement with Israel was based on Articles 2 and 79(2) of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

¹ I.e. the applicable EU restrictive measures adopted under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union as well as Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, notably Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014.

² http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2000/384/2013-07-01.