

## **Recommendations for future calls and work programmes of Horizon 2020**

### **Key points and recommendations**

EUCAR and its members, the European manufacturers of passenger and commercial vehicles, are pleased to support and participate in Horizon 2020, which offers excellent opportunities for industrially relevant collaborative research and innovation in the automotive domain. We appreciate the commitment of the European Commission in implementing the programme and introducing its simplified administrative procedures.

Additionally we acknowledge the objective to increase the participation of industry in order to enhance potential of Horizon 2020 to feed innovation leading to market introduction of technologies, which add value to the European economy and society. With this objective in mind we consider it beneficial to propose some recommendations for the implementation of future calls including the 2016/2017 work programmes:

- For industrial research and innovation themes, in particular in “Mobility for Growth”, formulate calls for proposals with more explicit descriptions of the scope and size of projects.
- In these calls, reflect the priorities of industry and the stakeholder community through the ongoing cooperation with representative associations and technology platforms, thereby creating opportunities for all potential beneficiaries from industry to research centres to SMEs and new entrants.
- For such industrially relevant calls, re-introduce the single-stage evaluation procedure, reflecting the practice in the contractual PPPs and enabling proposal submission dates to be brought forward, thereby fostering faster innovation.
- Through the above measures, reduce the level of oversubscription, avoiding excessive sunk resources for unsuccessful proposals and concentrating the available expertise, thereby enhancing excellence and innovation potential.
- Simplify and reinforce the work of the evaluators and help ensure the highest quality proposals are selected, enabled by the specific guidance of the calls and the clarity of the single-stage procedure.
- Avoid all possible delays in informing successful applicants of the results of evaluations, enabling projects to start as soon as possible, avoiding the wait until the end of the 5-month deadline from the final proposal submission date.

EUCAR and its members will be very glad to discuss these recommendations with European Commission officials in order to support the continued successful progress of Horizon 2020 in the automotive domain.

### **About EUCAR**

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