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## 1 Executive Summary

This “Second Report on the Publication of Statistics on Closed Calls for Proposals” is an evaluation of calls for proposals with submission deadlines in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in the Horizon Europe and Digital Europe funding programs. As described in Chapter 5 “Data and facts”, in the case of Horizon Europe, the “Call Evaluation Reports” provided by the European Commission serve as the data basis for the evaluation. In the case of Digital Europe, “The DIGITAL Dashboard”, which is also provided by the European Commission, serves as the data basis for the evaluation.

### Horizon Europe

The evaluation is based on the calls HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01 (submission deadline 21.10.2021), HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01 (submission deadline 16.11.2022), HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01 (submission deadline 23.11.2023) and HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01 (submission deadline 20.11.2024).

A total of 2,501 organisations took part in handing in a total of 531 proposals<sup>1</sup>. Of the 357 proposals assessed as eligible for funding, 54 projects with 719 project participants have been or will be funded with €269.0 million. The call results are presented in detail in this document.

- A total of 6,817 applicants from 2,501 organisations participated with 531 proposals in the calls HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01, HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01, HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01 and HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01.
- The call for proposals focused on nine funding priorities (“sections”):
  - “Secure and resilient digital infrastructures and interconnected systems”
  - “Systems Security and Security Lifetime Management, Secure Platforms, Digital Infrastructures”
  - “Hardware, software and supply chain security”
  - “Privacy-preserving and identity technologies”
  - “Cybersecurity and disruptive technologies”
  - “Secured disruptive technologies”
  - “Smart and quantifiable security assurance and certification shared across Europe”
  - “Human-centric security, privacy and ethics”
  - “Cryptography”
- Of the 531 proposals, 357 were assessed as eligible for funding (quality rate 67.2%). Due to the limited budget, 54 of these projects were funded with €269.0 million (success rate 10.2%).
- An additional budget of €15.1 million (5.9%) was made available to the initially planned budget of €253.9 million for the four calls mentioned above.
- Of the approved funding, 51% was allocated to “Research and Innovation Actions” (RIA) and a further 49% to “Innovation Actions” (IA). “Coordination and Support Actions” (CSA) were not part of the calls.
- The largest share of funding (50.1%) was approved for the private sector, followed by higher or secondary education (25.5%) and research organisations (20.4%). Public bodies received 1.3%, others 2.7% of the funding.
- Greece has the largest return rate with 15.0% of the approved funding, followed by Germany with 13.9%, Spain with 13.7%, Italy with 9.9% and France with 6.8%.

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<sup>1</sup> submitted proposals in the sense of proposals eligible for review, i.e. excluding withdrawn and invalid proposals

## Digital Europe

The evaluation is based on the “Cybersecurity and Trust” section of “The DIGITAL Dashboard” as published by the European Commission. This includes the calls

- DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01
- DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02
- DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06

with submission deadlines in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

In the years 2021 to 2024, a total of 170 proposals were funded with a budget of €490.2 million. The call results are presented in detail in this document.

- A total of 968 applicants participated in the submitted proposals.
- Of the approved funding, 62% was allocated to “Simple Grants” and a further 24% to “SME Grants”. 11% of the total funding were earmarked for “Grants for Financial Support” (GFS) and 3% for “Coordination and Support Actions” (CSA).
- Of the €490.2 million, the largest share of funding (47.3%) was approved for the private sector, followed by public bodies (19.6%), higher or secondary education (11.8%) and research organisations (11.1%). Others received 10.2% of the funding.
- Italy has the largest return rate with 10.0% of the approved funding, followed by Greece with 8.4%, Germany with 6.9%, Romania with 5.5% and Belgium with 5.3%.

## 2 Horizon Europe

### 2.1 Overview

#### 2.1.1 Calls and budgets

The budget for the calls for proposals HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01, HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01, HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01 and HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01 amounts to €253.9 million for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. A total of €269.0 million was approved. This means that an additional 5.9% of the budget was made available. In the HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01 call for proposals, €1.2 million (-1.7%) less was provided, in the HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01 call for proposals an additional €4.4 million (6.6%), in the HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01 an additional €4.9 million (8.3%) and in the HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01 call for proposals an additional €6.9 million (11.5%).

Call	Budget WP	Approved funding	Additional budget
HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01	€67.5m	€66.3m	-1.7%
HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01	€67.3m	€71.7m	6.6%
HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01	€58.7m	€63.6m	8.3%
HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01	€60.4m	€67.3m	11.5%
Sum	€253.9m	€269.0m	5.9%

Figure 1: Approved funding compared to the call budget, Horizon Europe

#### 2.1.2 Overview of proposals

A total of 531 proposals were submitted, of which two thirds (357 proposals) were deemed eligible for funding. Due to the limited budget, only around one in ten proposals (54 projects) were funded (success rate 10.2%). The approved funding sum amounted to €269.0 million.

Proposals	Approved funding amount	Proposals eligible for review	Eligible proposals	Funded proposals	Success rate
Proposals total	€269.0m	531	357	54	10.2%

Figure 2: Overview of the approved funding, the total number of proposals eligible for review, the total number of proposal eligible for funding and the number of funded proposals, Horizon Europe

### 2.1.3 Overview of proposal participations

In total, there were 6,817 participations in the 531 proposals that are eligible for review (i.e. an average of approx. 12.8 applicants per proposal). 719 of the 6,817 proposal participations were successful. Applicants from the EU27 submitted 6,001 proposal participations, 650 of which were successful. Applicants from organisations in the 27 EU member states received a total of €248.2 million (92,3% of the total funding).

Participation in proposals	Approved funding amount (million euros)	Proposal participations eligible for review	Eligible proposal participations	Funded proposal participations	Success rate
Total	€269.0m	6,817	4,683	719	10.5%
EU27	€248.2m	6,001	4,136	650	10.8%
Greece	€40.3m	875	623	109	12.5%
Germany	€37.4m	697	504	81	11.6%
Spain	€36.8m	781	499	96	12.3%
Italy	€26.7m	658	455	75	11.4%
France	€18.3m	539	376	46	8.5%
Cyprus	€13.2m	245	182	38	15.5%
United Kingdom	€10.0m	303	207	18	5.9%
Ireland	€9.9m	188	126	26	13.8%
Belgium	€8.5m	244	165	21	8.6%
Austria	€8.5m	202	157	20	9.9%

Figure 3: Overview of approved funding and proposal participations, EU27 and top 10 countries by funding, Horizon Europe

## 2.2 Evaluation of proposals

### 2.1.1 Review status of calls

The total funding of €269.0 million are spread relatively evenly over the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. €66.3 million (32.9%) of the funding was approved in 2021. The highest funding was approved in 2022 at €71.7 million (35.6%), while the lowest funding was approved in 2023 at €63.6 million (31.5%).

Participation in the calls for proposals has risen steadily from 105 proposals eligible for review in 2021 to 119 proposals eligible for review in 2022 and 157 proposals eligible for review in 2023. At 150 proposals, the number of proposals eligible for review in 2024 is roughly the same as in the previous year. Due to the fact that the budget for funding remains more or less constant, the success rate has fallen steadily from 14.3% in 2021 to 11.8% in 2022, 8.3% in 2023 and 8.0% in 2024.

Call	Approved funding amount	Proposals eligible for review	Eligible proposals	Funded proposals	Success rate
HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01	€66.3m	105	62	15	14.3%
HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01	€71.7m	119	78	14	11.8%
HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01	€63.6m	157	104	13	8.3%
HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01	€67.3m	150	113	12	8.0%
Sum	€269.0m	531	357	54	10.2%

Figure 4: Review status of proposals per call, Horizon Europe

## 2.1.2 Funding by topic

There are major differences between the individual topics in terms of funding amounts, participation and therefore also success rates. The topic HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01-01 has the second largest funding budget, but with 102 proposals, it also received the most proposals. With 6 funded proposals, the result is a comparatively low success rate of 6%. The topic HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01-03 in comparison has a relatively small funding budget, but only eight proposals were submitted for this topic. Thus, with 2 funded proposals, the result is a comparatively high success rate of 25%.

Call	Topic	Approved funding amount	Proposals eligible for review	Eligible Proposals	Funded Proposals	Success rate
HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01	HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01-01: Dynamic business continuity and recovery methodologies based on models and prediction for multi-level Cybersecurity	€19.5m	28	14	4	14%
	HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01-02: Improved security in open-source and open-specification hardware for connected devices	€16.6m	19	15	4	21%
	HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01-03: AI for cybersecurity reinforcement	€11.5m	31	13	3	10%
	HORIZON-CL3-2021-CS-01-04: Scalable privacy-preserving technologies for cross-border federated computation in Europe involving personal data	€18.7m	27	20	4	15%
HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01	HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01-01: Improved monitoring of threats, intrusion detection and response in complex and heterogeneous digital systems and infrastructures	€23.9m	61	35	4	7%
	HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01-02: Trustworthy methodologies, tools and data security "by design" for dynamic testing of potentially vulnerable, insecure hardware and software components	€19.3m	41	27	4	10%
	HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01-03: Transition towards Quantum-Resistant Cryptography	€9.9m	8	8	2	25%
	HORIZON-CL3-2022-CS-01-04: Development and validation of processes and tools used for agile certification of ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes	€18.6m	9	8	4	44%
HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01	HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01-01: Secure Computing Continuum (IoT, Edge, Cloud, Dataspace)	€28.1m	71	52	5	7%
	HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01-02: Privacy-preserving and identity management technologies	€19.0m	32	26	5	16%
	HORIZON-CL3-2023-CS-01-03: Security of robust AI systems	€16.5m	54	26	3	6%
HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01	HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01-01: Approaches and tools for security in software and hardware development and assessment	€32.8m	102	76	6	6%
	HORIZON-CL3-2024-CS-01-02: Automation tools for Security and Privacy by Design	€34.5m	48	37	6	13%
Sum		€269.0m	531	357	54	10.2%

Figure 5: Funding by topic, Horizon Europe

## 2.1.3 Funding by type of action

Of the approved funding, 51% was allocated to "Research and Innovation Actions" (RIA) and a further 49% to "Innovation Actions" (IA). "Coordination and Support Actions" (CSA) were not part of the calls for proposals.

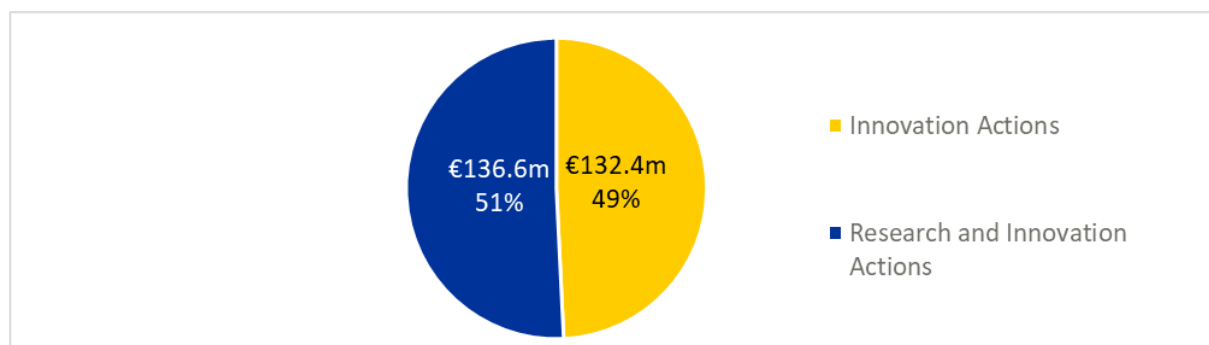


Figure 6: Approved funding by type of action, Horizon Europe

#### 2.1.4 Average values of funded projects

As shown in chapter 0 "2.1 Overview", 719 partners received funding of €269.0 million in the 54 projects funded. The average funding per RIA project amounts to €4.9 million, in the case of IA projects to €5.1 million. The average number of consortium partners is 13 in RIA projects and 14 in IA projects. The average funding amount per partner is around €384,000 for RIA measures and around €365,000 for IA measures. The average duration in each case is 36 months.

The average funding amounts weighted by number of partners and duration are €10,656/month per partner for RIA and €10,059/month per partner for IA.

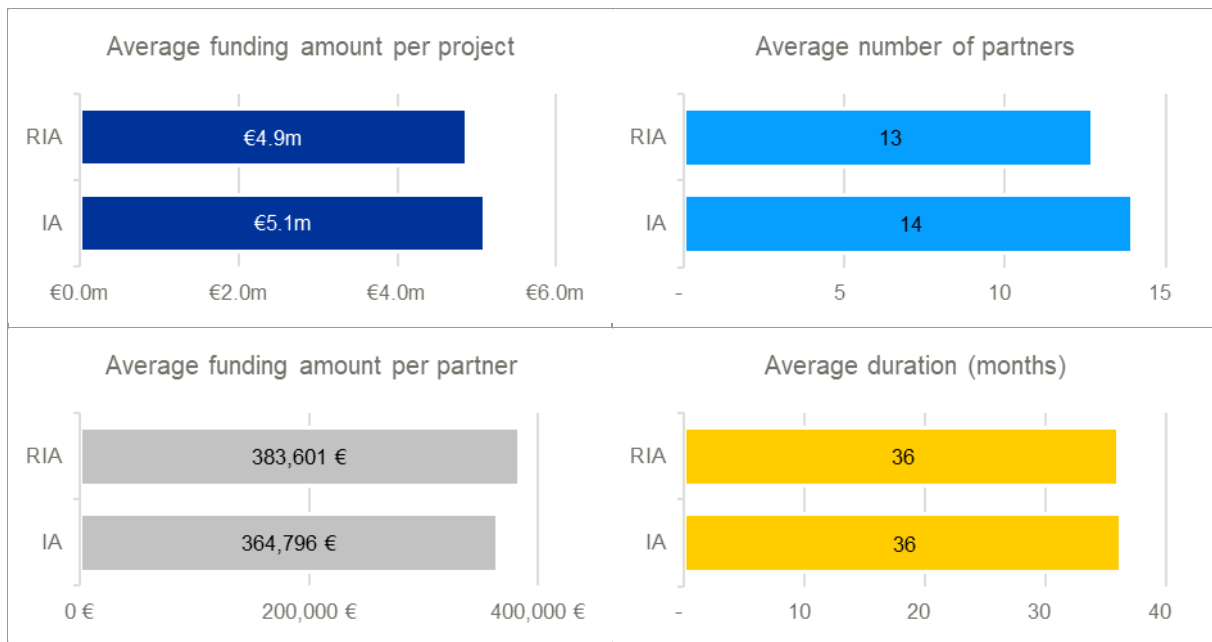


Figure 7: Average values by type of action: funding per project/partner, consortium size, duration, Horizon Europe

## 2.2 Evaluation of proposal participations

### 2.2.1 Funding by type of organisation

Of the €269.0 million, the largest share of funding (50.1%) was approved for the private sector, followed by higher or secondary education (25.5%) and research organisations (20.4%). Public bodies received 1.3%, others 2.7% of the funding.

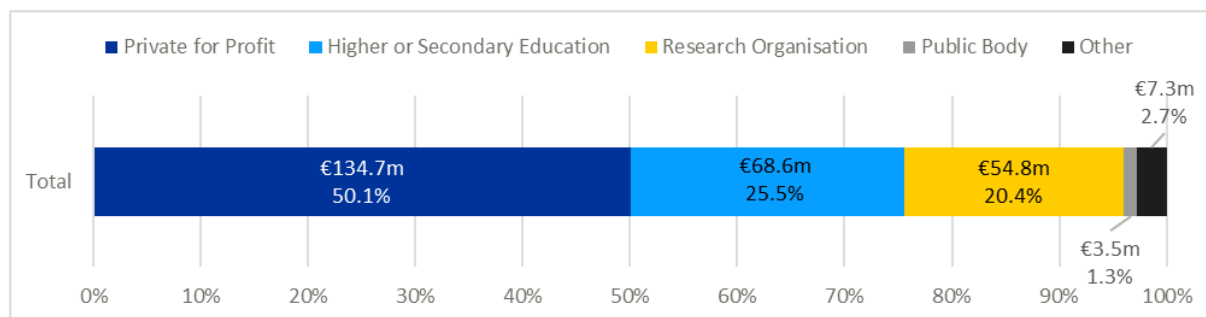


Figure 8: Approved funding by type of organisation, Horizon Europe

### 2.2.2 Funding by country group<sup>2</sup>

Of the total of €269.0 million in funding approved, €248.2 million (92%) was allocated to EU member states. €20.8 million (8%) were approved for associated countries. This includes a significant €10.0 million for the United Kingdom, whose association agreement was ratified on December 4. Third countries did not receive any funding in the call.

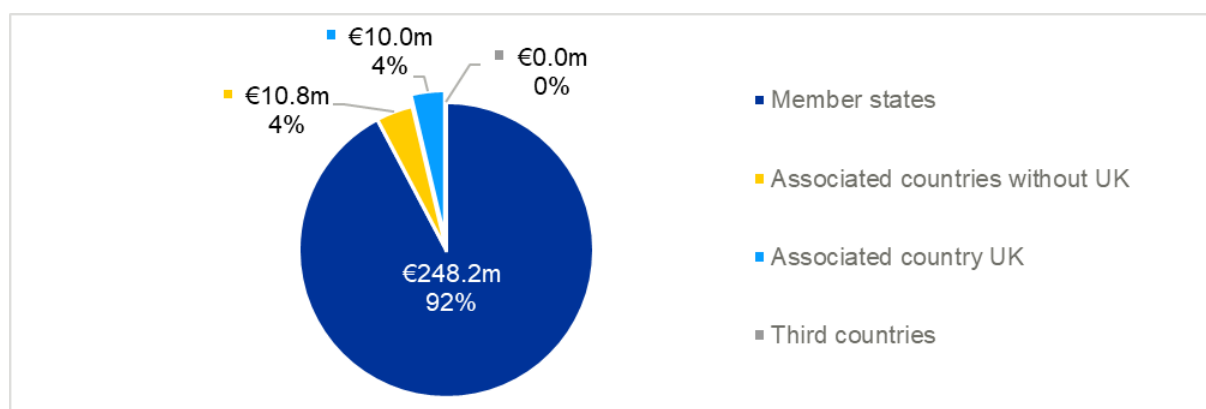


Figure 9: Approved funding by country group, Horizon Europe

<sup>2</sup>[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation\\_horizon-auratom\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/list-3rd-country-participation_horizon-auratom_en.pdf)

### 2.2.3 Funding by country

At €159.4 million, well over half (59.3%) of the approved €269.0 million was approved for the top 5 countries (in terms of approved funding). With €40.4 million and a return rate of 15.0%, Greece is in first place, followed by Germany (€37.4 million, return rate 13.9%) in second place and Spain (€36.8 million, return rate 13.7%) in third place. The top 6-10 countries received just under a fifth (18.6%) of the funding amount (a total of €50.2 million). The United Kingdom is in seventh place as an associated country with €10.0 million in funding and a return rate of 3.7% (see section 2.2.2).

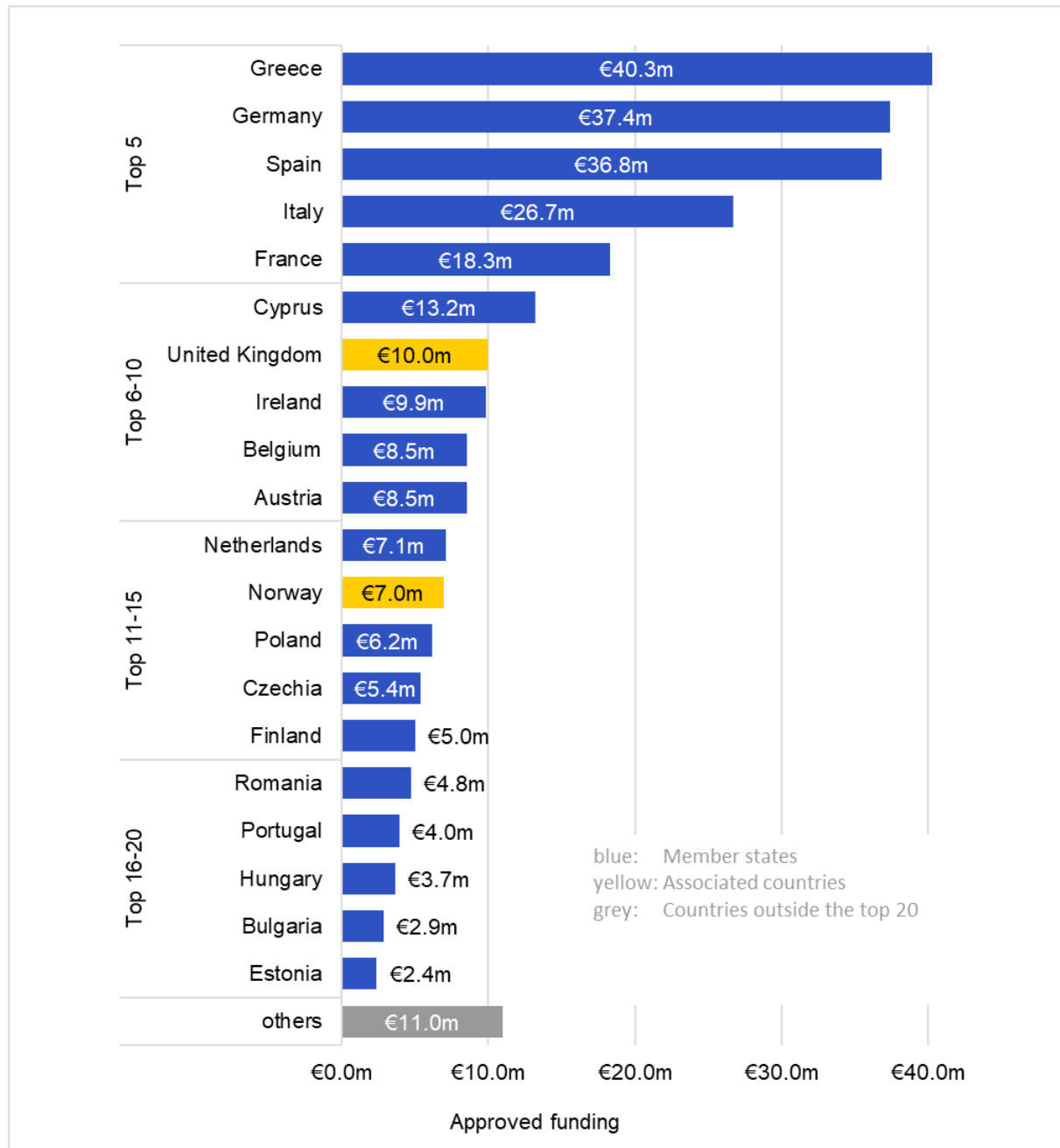


Figure 10: Approved funding by country (by funding amount), Horizon Europe

## 2.2.4 Top 10 countries in comparison

Among the top 10 countries (in terms of approved funding), there are differences between their share of approved funding, their share of project participations and their share of coordination. Germany, for example, receives its return rate of 13.9% with a share of 11.3% in project participations and a coordination rate of 13.0%. Greece, Spain, the United Kingdom and Ireland have a high share of coordination compared to their participation. However, it should be noted that the calculation of the “share of coordinations” is based on a total of 54 coordinations. For countries with very few coordinated projects (such as Ireland and Cyprus, each with only two), the percentage values are less robust and should be interpreted with caution.

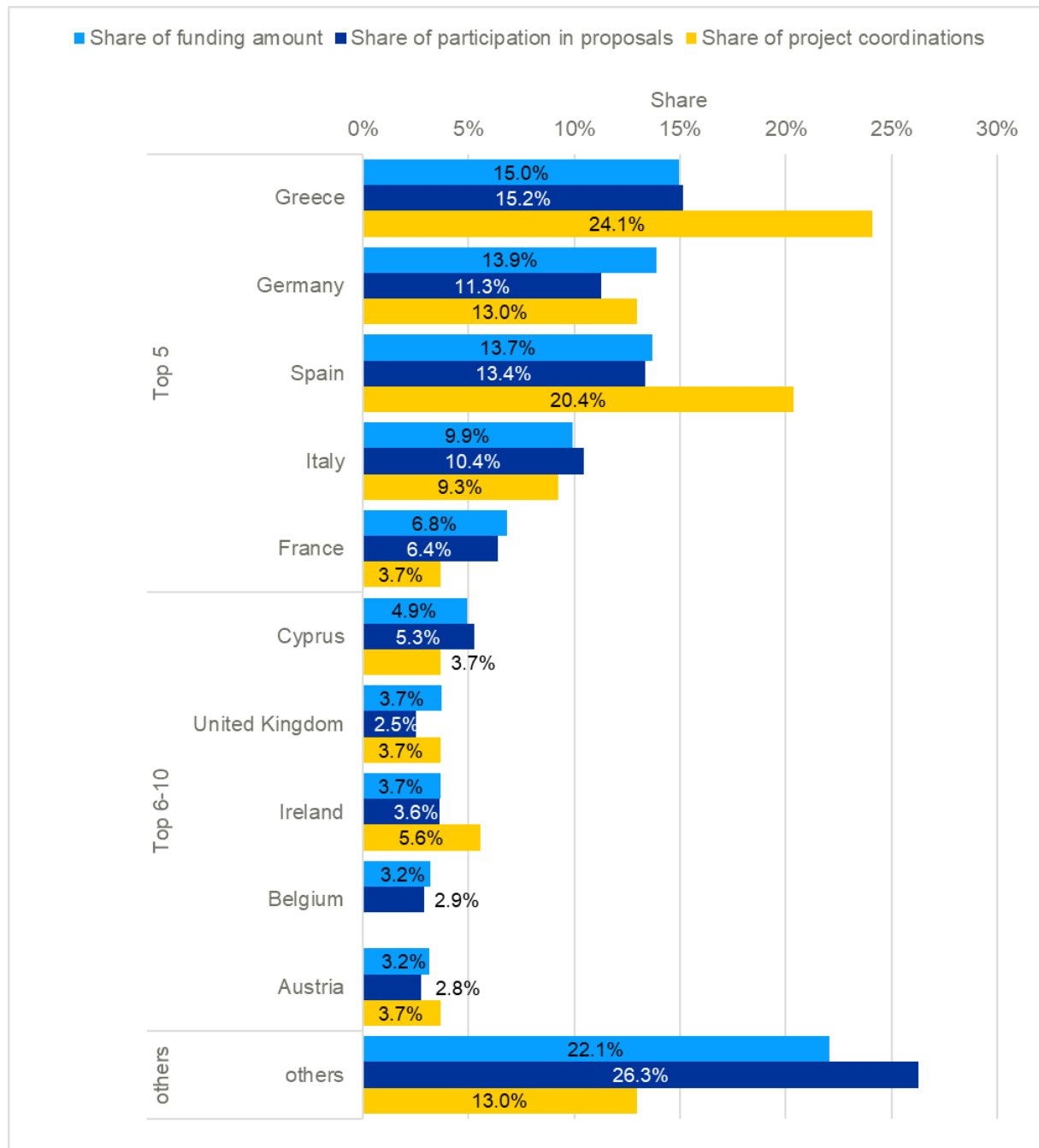


Figure 11: Share of approved funding, project participations and coordination rates (by funding), Horizon Europe

3 Digital Europe

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 Calls and budgets

The evaluation is based on the “Cybersecurity and Trust” section of “The DIGITAL Dashboard” of the European Commission (see Chapter 5 “Data and facts”). This includes the calls

- DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01
- DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02
- DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06
- DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06

with submission deadlines in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Digital Europe Programme has been in place since 2021, but the first deadlines int the “Cybersecurity and Trust” section were in 2022.

A total of €490.2 million was approved for the calls for proposals for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, with €158.6 million in funding approved in 2022, €229.3 million in 2023 and €102,2 million in 2024.

Year	Approved funding
2022	€158.6m
2023	€229.3m
2024	€102.3m
Sum	€490.2m

Figure 12: Approved funding by year of submission deadline, Digital Europe

3.1.2 Overview of proposals

In the years 2021 to 2024, a total of 170 proposals were funded with a budget of €490.2 million.

Proposals	Approved funding amount	Funded proposals
Proposals total	€490.2m	170

Figure 13: Overview of approved funding and number of funded proposals, Digital Europe

### 3.1.3 Overview of proposal participations

In total, there were 968 participants in the 170 funded proposals (i.e. an average of approx. 5.7 applicants per proposal). The EU27 submitted 943 successful proposal participations. Applicants from organisations in the 27 EU member states received a total of €474.3 million (96.8%). As associated countries, Norway (17th in terms of funding, with €11.8 million) and Iceland (29th, with €4.2 million) received funding. In contrast, no funding was granted to third countries. In total, 29 countries received funding.

Participation in proposals	Approved funding amount (million euros)	Funded proposal participations
Total	€490.2m	968
EU27	€474.3m	943
Italy	€49.2m	73
Greece	€41.4m	125
Germany	€33.6m	46
Romania	€27.0m	100
Belgium	€25.9m	58
Slovakia	€25.4m	37
Cyprus	€24.0m	65
Poland	€23.7m	32
Netherlands	€21.7m	30
France	€21.3m	51

Figure 14: Overview of approved funding and proposal participations, EU27 and top 10 countries by funding, Digital Europe

## 3.2 Evaluation of proposals

### 3.2.1 Review status of calls

The total funding amount was distributed across a total of eight calls for proposals with submission deadlines in 2022, 2023 and 2024. There were major differences in the funding amounts in the calls: While the calls DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02 and DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02 each received less than 3% of the total funding amount, the calls DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03 and DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01 each received around 28% of the total funding amount, with the other four calls for proposals lying in between.

There are also major differences in the average number of project partners per call: in the calls DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02, DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03, DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03 and DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06, the average number of project partners was between 1.4 and 4.3, whereas in the calls DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01, DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02, DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04 and DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06, the average number of project partners in the consortium was between 6.0 and 9.5.

Call	Approved funding amount	Funded proposal participations	Funded proposals	Average number of project partners
DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01	€134.6m	286	30	9.5
DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02	€11.3m	19	12	1.6
DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02	€12.7m	18	3	6.0
DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03	€138.8m	295	68	4.3
DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03	€39.7m	72	18	4.0
DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04	€50.8m	91	12	7.6
DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06	€82.7m	180	22	8.2
DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06	€19.6m	7	5	1.4
Sum	€490.2m	968	170	5.7

Figure 15: Review status of proposals per call, Digital Europe

### 3.2.2 Funding by topic

There are major differences between the individual topics in terms of funding amounts, funded proposal and the average number of project partners. The topic DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01-DEPLOY-NATIONAL has the largest funding amount with €101.5 million (20.7%), while the topic DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-TRANSITIONEUPQC has the smallest amount with €0.7 million (0.2%).

The average number of project partners per topic varies significantly, ranging from around 25 project partners for the topic DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-PQCINDUSTRY to fewer than 2 partners on average for topics such as DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02-NAT-COORDINATION, DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02-SUPPORTHEALTH, DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-TEST-CERT-CAPABILITIES and DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06-MS-COORDINATION.

Call	Topic	Approved funding amount	Funded proposal participations	Funded Proposals	Average number of project partners
DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01	DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01-DEPLOY-NATIONAL	€101.5m	235	23	10.2
	DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01-INDUSTRIAL	€30.5m	43	6	7.2
	DIGITAL-2021-QCI-01-EUROQCI-QKD	€2.6m	8	1	8.0
DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02	DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02-NAT-COORDINATION	€7.7m	7	5	1.4
	DIGITAL-2022-CYBER-02-SUPPORTHEALTH	€3.6m	12	7	1.7
DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02	DIGITAL-2022-QCI-02-DEPLOY-NATIONAL	€12.7m	18	3	6.0
DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-CYBER-RESILIENCE	€10.0m	32	6	5.3
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-NAT-COORDINATION	€28.8m	44	19	2.3
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-NIS-DIRECTIVE	€4.2m	14	3	4.7
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-SEC-5G-INFRASTRUCTURE	€6.7m	25	3	8.3
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-SOC	€43.0m	64	16	4.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-TEST-CERT-CAPABILITIES	€2.0m	3	2	1.5
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-UPTAKE-CYBERSOLUTIONS	€44.0m	113	19	5.9
DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03-CYBER-RESILIENCE	€2.9m	7	2	3.5
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03-SOC	€26.7m	48	10	4.8
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-B-03-UPTAKE-CYBERSOLUTIONS	€10.1m	17	6	2.8
DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04	DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04-CIVIL-DEFENCE	€5.5m	22	2	11.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04-EULEGISLATION	€14.8m	30	5	6.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04-STANDARDISATION	€3.1m	7	1	7.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2023-DEPLOY-CYBER-04-SUPPORT-ASSIST	€27.5m	32	4	8.0
DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-COMPLIANCECRA	€15.1m	55	7	7.9
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-ENABLINGTECH	€34.7m	74	10	7.4
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-PQCINDUSTRY	€7.5m	25	1	25.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-STANDARDPQC	€2.0m	10	2	5.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-STRENGTHENCRA	€22.5m	14	1	14.0
	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-CYBER-06-TRANSITIONEUPQC	€0.7m	2	1	2.0
DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06	DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-DEPLOY-NCC-06-MS-COORDINATION	€19.6m	7	5	1.4
Sum		€490.2m	968	170	5.7

Figure 16: Funding by topic, Digital Europe

### 3.2.3 Funding by type of action

Of the approved funding, 62% was allocated to “Simple Grants” (types of action DIGITAL-SIMPLE and DIGITAL-JU-SIMPLE) and a further 24% to “SME Grants” (DIGITAL-SME, DIGITAL-JU-SME). Smaller shares of 11% of the total funding amount were earmarked for “Grants for Financial Support” (DIGITAL-GFS, DIGITAL-JU-GFS) and 3% for “Coordination and Support Actions” (DIGITAL-CSA, DIGITAL-JU-CSA).

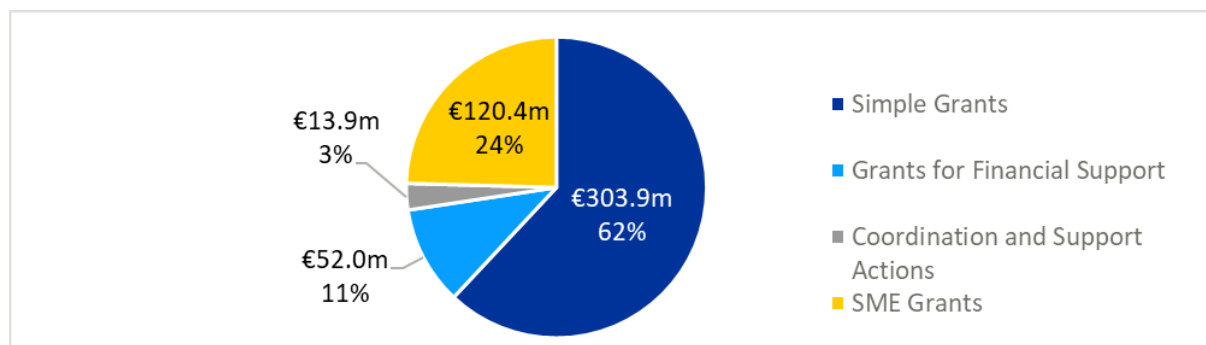


Figure 17: Approved funding by type of action, Digital Europe

### 3.2.4 Average values of funded projects

As shown in Chapter 3.1 "Overview", 968 partners received funding of €490.2 million in the 170 projects funded. The average funding amount varies from €2.0 million (CSA) to €7.4 million (GFS), depending on the type of action. The average number of consortium partners ranges from 5.2 (SME) to 7 (CSA and GFS). The average funding amount per partner lies between around €284,000 (CSA) and €1,060,000 (GFS). The average duration is between 27 months (SME) and 38 months (GFS).

The average funding amounts weighted by number of partners and duration ranges from €9,629/month per partner (CSA) to €27,623/month per partner (GFS).

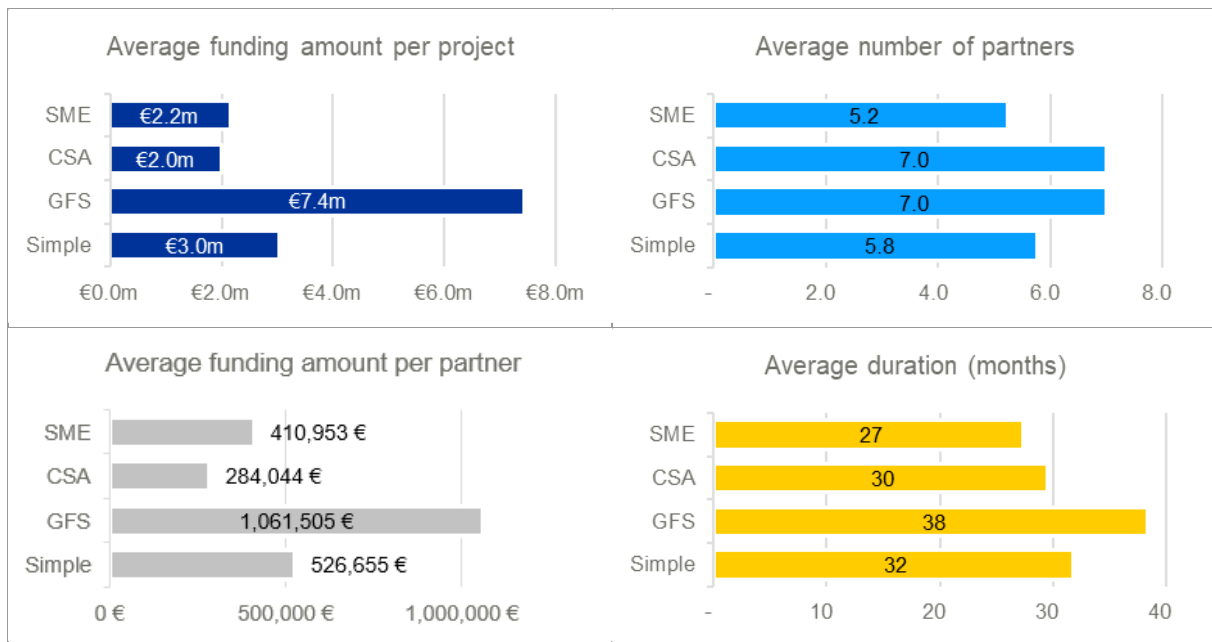


Figure 18: Average values by type of action: funding per project/partner, consortium size, Digital Europe

### 3.3 Evaluation of proposal participations

#### 3.3.1 Funding by type of organisation

Of the €490.2 million, the largest share of funding (47.3%) was approved for the private sector, followed by public bodies (19.6%), higher or secondary education (11.8%) and research organisations (11.1%). Others received 10.2% of the funding.

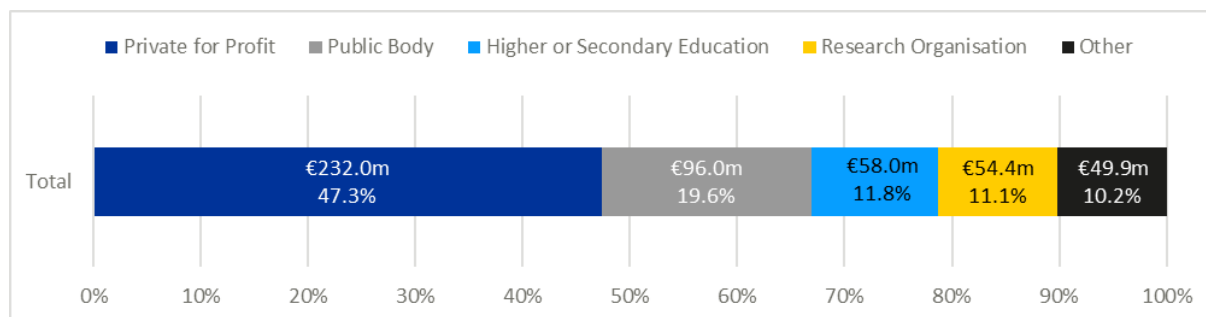


Figure 19: Approved funding by type of organisation, Digital Europe

#### 3.3.2 Funding by country group

Of the total approved funding of €490.2 million, €474.3 million (97%) was allocated to EU member states, while €15.9 million (3%) was approved for associated countries. Third countries did not receive any funding in the calls for proposals.

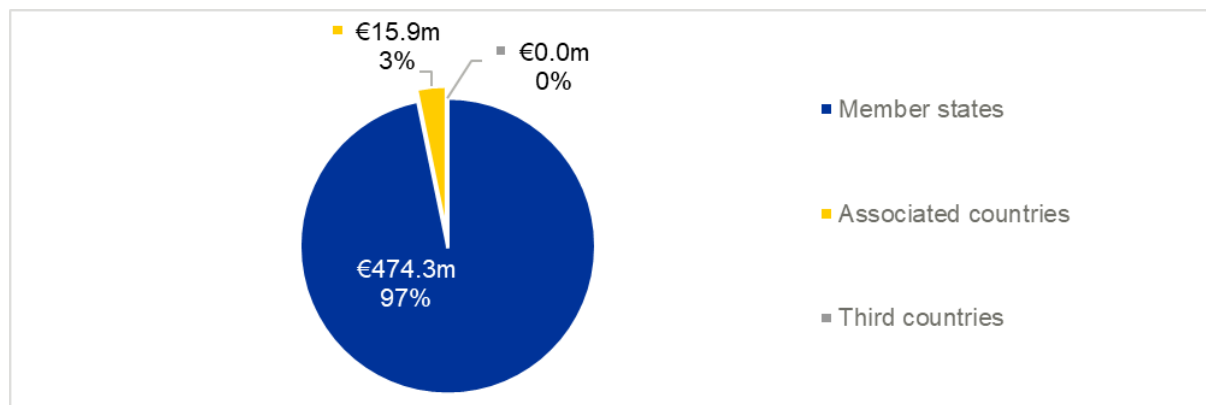


Figure 20: Approved funding by country group, Digital Europe

### 3.3.3 Funding by country

At €177.1 million, more than one third (36.1%) of the approved €490.2 million was approved for the top 5 countries (in terms of approved funding). With €49.2 million and a return rate of 10.0%, Italy is in first place, followed by Greece (€41.4 million, return rate 8.4%) in second place and Germany (€33.6 million, return rate 6.9%) in third place. The top 6-10 countries received around a quarter (23.7%) of the funding amount (a total of €116.1 million). Norway is in 17th place as an associated country with €11.8 million in funding and a return rate of 2.4%.

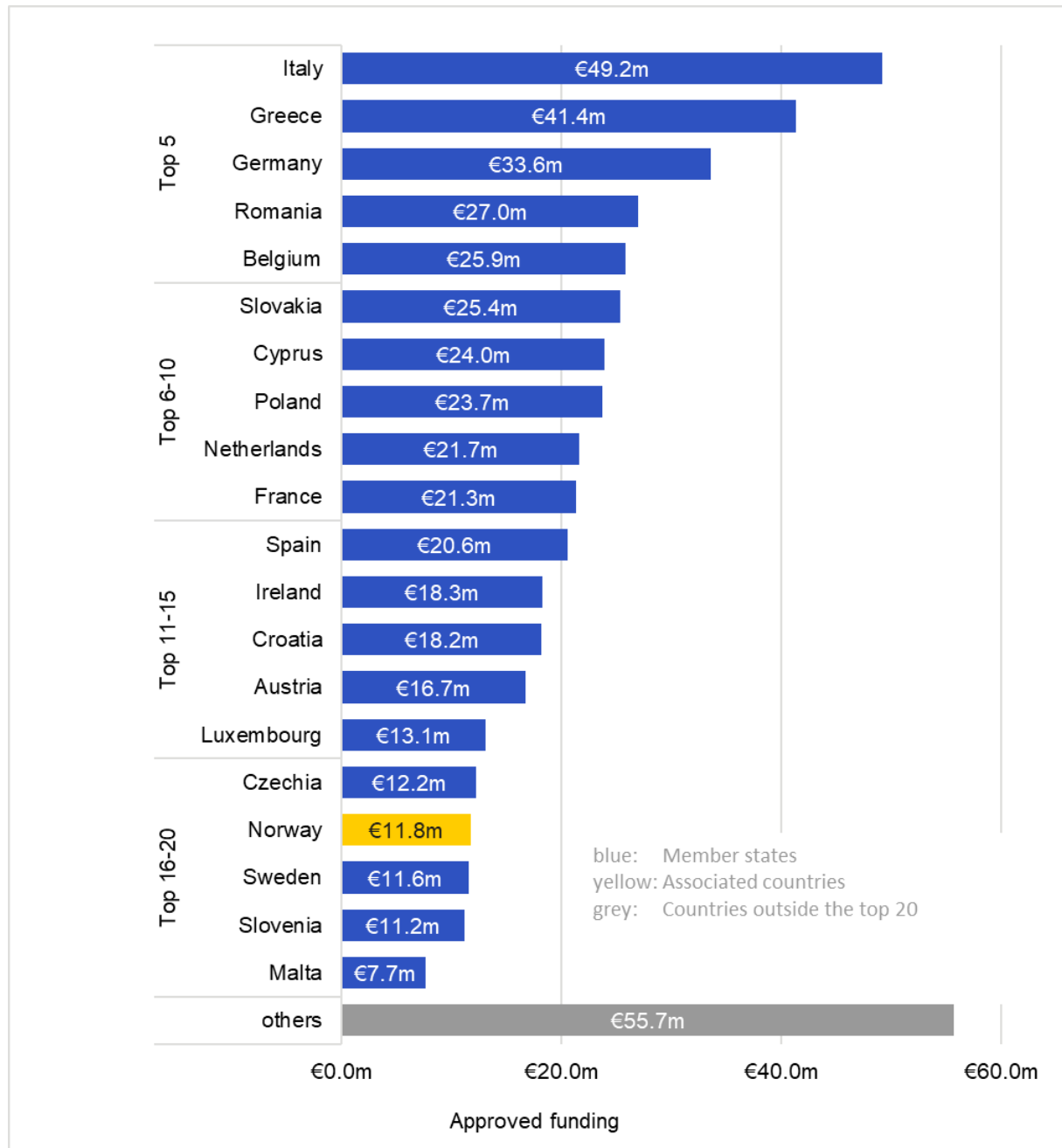


Figure 21: Approved funding by country (by funding amount), Digital Europe

### 3.3.4 Top 10 countries in comparison

Among the top 10 countries (in terms of approved funding), there are differences between their share of approved funding, their share of project participations and their share of coordination. Italy, for example, receives its return rate of 10.0% with a share of 7.5% in project participations and a coordination rate of 7.1%. Germany, Slovakia, Poland and the Netherlands have a high share of coordination compared to their participation. However, it should be noted that the calculation of the “share of coordinations” is based on a total of 170 coordinations. For countries with very few coordinated projects, the percentage values are less robust and should be interpreted with caution.

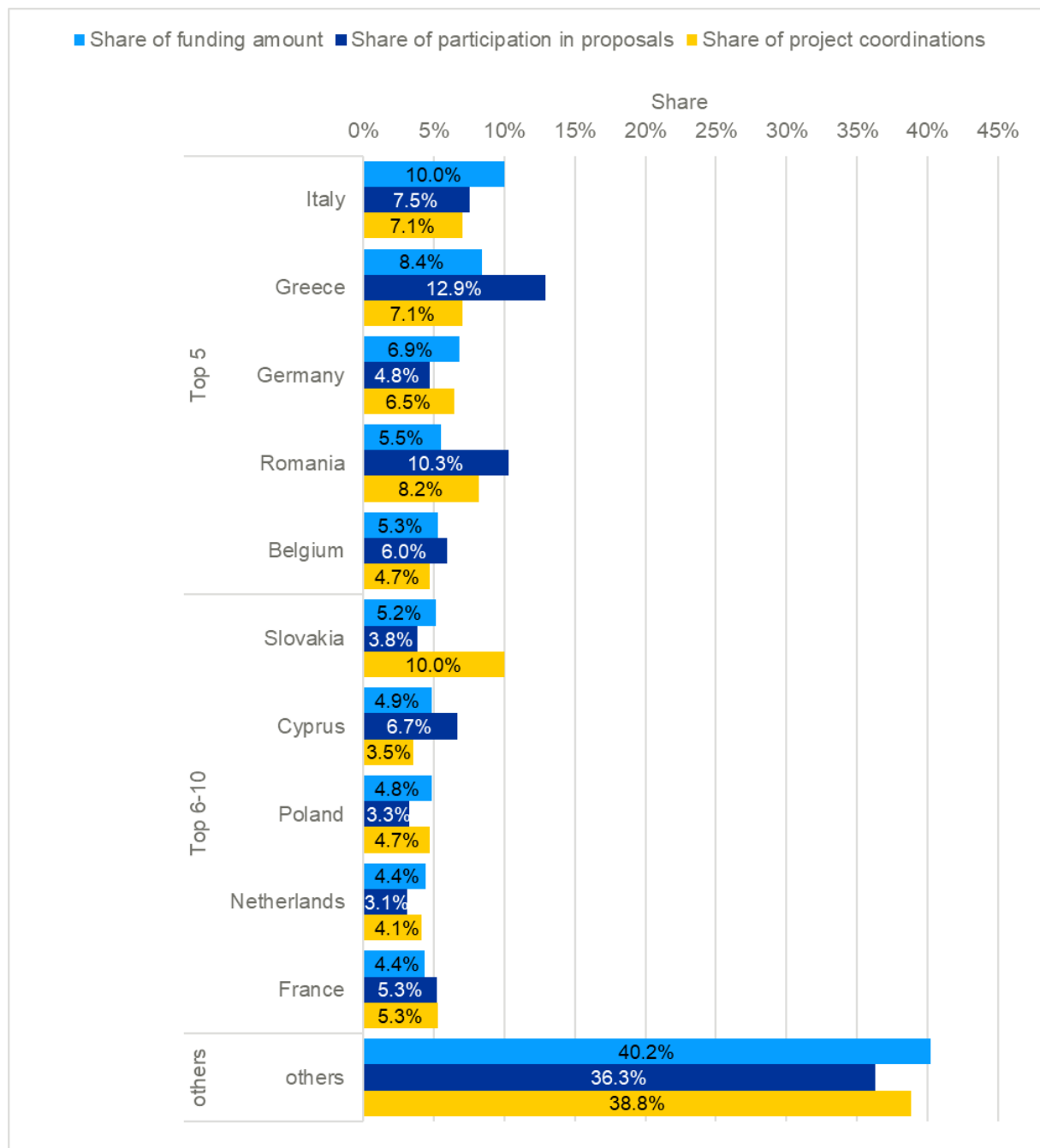


Figure 22: Share of approved funding, project participations and coordination rates (by funding), Digital Europe

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