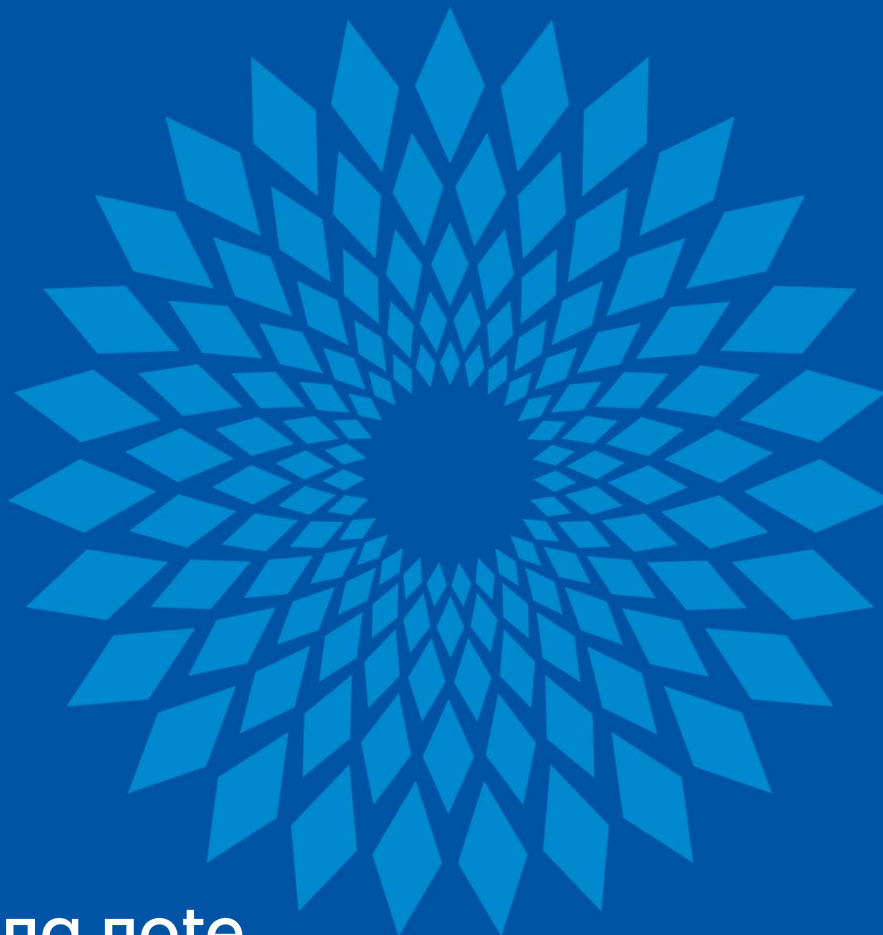


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## Briefing note for the panel debate European Missions

**The European Missions are** not only an essential component of the European Research Area (ERA) policy-making, but also **a means of promoting EU research and innovation (R&I) investment capacity to contribute to policy objectives beyond the achievement of the ERA.** They belong among the most important implementation tools of Horizon Europe EU Framework Programme for R&I (2021–2027).

**The European Missions are brand-new instruments that can be defined as coordinated sets of policy initiatives, which aim at harnessing R&I to accelerate the progress on pressing societal challenges.** They are a new lens to help steer investment towards tackling challenges, but in a more focused and problem-solving manner. **The European Missions, therefore, have objectives that are targeted, bold, but realistic, time-bound and measurable.** They are interdisciplinary in their nature and cut across a broad range of scientific disciplines, and call on contributions from other sectorial fields for effective deployment beyond R&I. The European Missions thus require concomitant technological, institutional, legal and behavioural changes. **The concept of synergies is thus enshrined in the mission-approach.**

The complexity of the challenges, the systemic change required and the multi-level dimension of the European Missions mean that attitudes of openness and collaboration is a critical factor for success. **The European Missions are primarily a way to orchestrate the rich diversity of talent and expertise, and combine different and diverse inputs** that today lies mostly fragmented across Europe, towards a concrete, ambitious and effective result.