

The Western Balkans in Horizon 2020



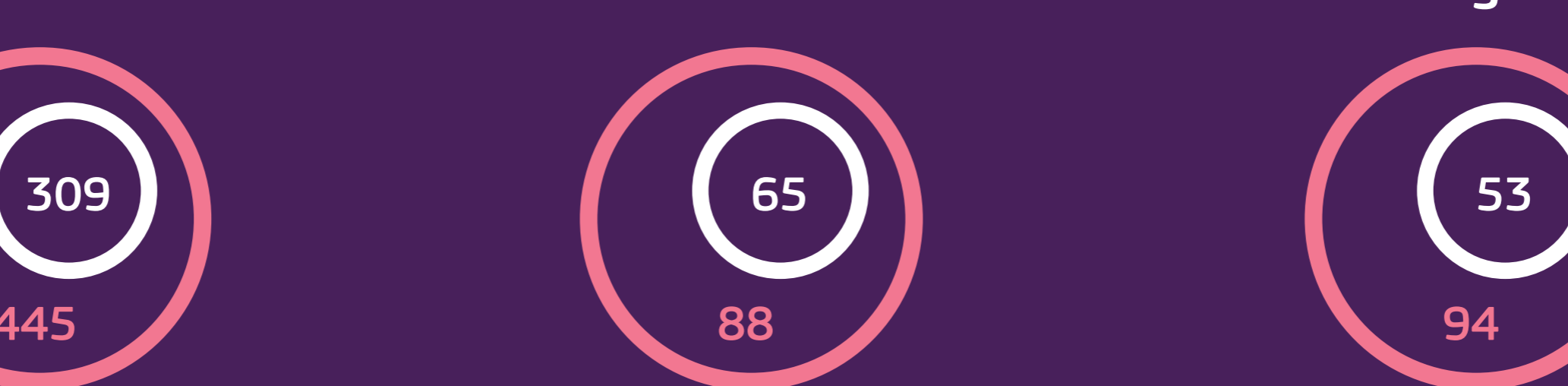
Horizon 2020: the story so far

Funding of Western Balkan research projects has **tripled** since 2014

734 participations in 421 grants

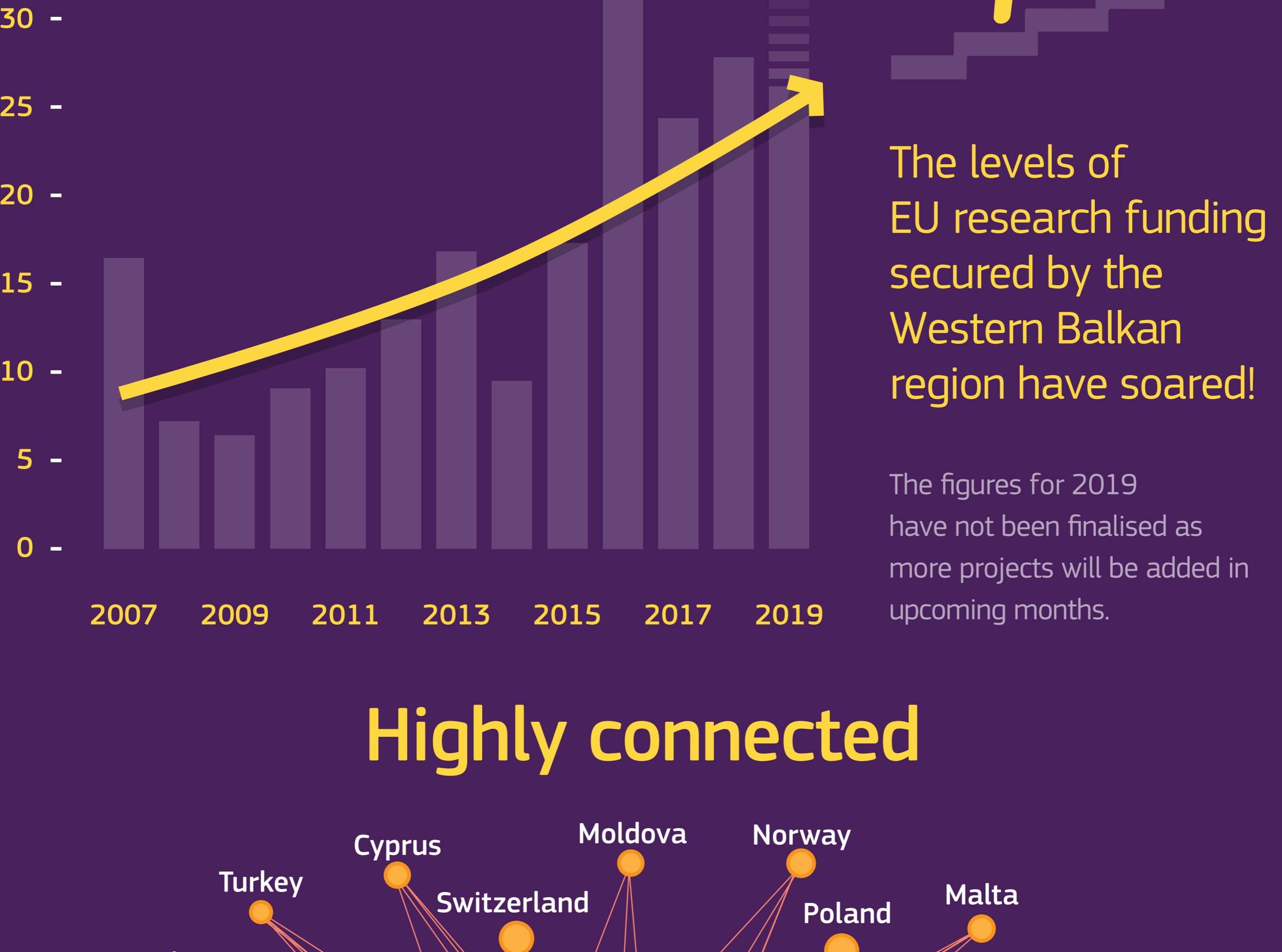
Participation of Western Balkan researchers has **increased by 50 %** since 2016

332 researchers from Western Balkan countries involved in Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions



Figures as of 13/2/2020
 *Individual projects may include participants from more than one of the countries.
 **This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Increasing cooperation with the Western Balkans



Highly connected



Through their involvement in Horizon 2020 collaborative projects, researchers in the Western Balkans are cooperating with partners across Europe and beyond.

What next?

Increased participation!
 Horizon 2020 – same eligibility for funding as EU Member States

As Accession Countries, the Western Balkans will be further integrated into the European Research Area

Roadmap for EU-Enlargement Countries: S&T cooperation

- Higher investment in R&D
- Enhanced R&I capacity
- Greater synergies
- Smart specialisation strategies
- More attention to open science skills

Antares

ANTARES is building a Centre of Excellence for advanced technologies in sustainable agriculture and food security in Serbia.

TRAINEE

TRAINEE is creating a Knowledge Centre to support the development of energy-efficient construction skills in North Macedonia.

GeoERA

GeoERA is integrating knowledge on subsurface geology, water and raw materials from around Europe. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Serbia are all taking part.

BEYOND

BEYOND strengthened capacity in multi-modal applications, focusing on aviation. Two partners from Kosovo** joined 12 other countries in the project.

Add yours!

Monitor the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal for chances to get involved.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>
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Milestones of EU-Western Balkans S&T cooperation

