

## **MEP Carvalho appointed rapporteur for the new generation of Horizon Europe partnerships**

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Portuguese MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho (EPP) was appointed rapporteur for the European Parliament's position on the new generation of European partnerships, within the Horizon Europe framework program. At stake is a set of nine public-private partnerships, covering areas as diverse as clean aviation, hydrogen, circular economy, the railroad, innovative medicines and global health, aggregated in a single report, plus a separate public-public partnership regarding measurement systems.

Maria da Graça Carvalho had already been appointed rapporteur for the European partnership on high performance computing (HPC). Therefore, she is now in charge of defending the European Parliament's position on a wide range of initiatives, with great weight in the research and innovation framework program.

Combined with the "missions", the partnerships represent around 30% of Horizon Europe's 95.5 billion euros budget.

For the MEP, this latest nomination represents "a huge vote of confidence given to me by the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, where I am deputy coordinator of the European People's Party group, but also a great responsibility".

"The partnerships will be extremely important for the achievement of European goals in areas such as climate, digitalization and health", she says, underlining "the very important role that they will play in the industrial transition of the European Union".

As a rapporteur, she explains, "the priority will be to ensure greater simplicity, more openness, simpler rules and more synergies with other funds, such as Next Generation Europe and regional funds".

"We need to establish priorities at European level, in different areas, that are then reflected in national and regional plans. For that purpose, we will have to fight bureaucratic barriers and promote synergies between the different programs".