The Commission recognises the importance of research on myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS).

Under Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020), the project Help4Me\(^2\), funded via the SME Instrument, has worked on developing GutMagnific\(^{TM}\), a probiotic designed to correct the gut microflora imbalance – linked to CFS symptoms. This innovative product could represent a life-changing promise to severely underserved population of CFS patients. Moreover, Horizon 2020 funds GLORIA\(^3\), a project investigating the pathophysiology of chronic pain conditions, and the RTCure\(^4\) project that aims at improving diagnostics and treatment of the rheumatic and other autoimmune diseases largely associated with fatigue and pain.

Horizon 2020 strategically supports scientific excellence using a variety of funding schemes, including bottom-up approaches, and continues to provide opportunities for research funding on ME/CFS. The Commission has proposed that Horizon Europe\(^5\), building upon Horizon 2020, continues to support research in a flexible manner to improve the health of the European citizens and to provide further opportunities for research in ME/CFS.

\(^1\) https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/


\(^3\) Understanding chronic pain and new druggable targets: Focus on glial-opioid receptor interface – https://cordis.europa.eu/project/rcn/110940/factsheet/en
