

ERA Factsheet

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Reforming and Enhancing the European Research and Innovation System in Horizon Europe – key information on the ERA call 2023

Are you looking for funding opportunities for best practices for value creation, for the integration of R&I within macro-economic modelling or for laying the groundwork towards Europe-wide citizen science campaigns? All this and more is covered by the ERA call 2023, which aims to build a stronger

and more dynamic European Research Area (ERA). The call Enhancing the European R&I system – ERA call for short – is the annual call of the Horizon Europe programme component Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I System – ERA part for short.

Basic information on the ERA call 2023

Strengthening the European Research Area lies at the heart of the ERA part. More precisely, the ERA call 2023 is strongly guided by the new ERA priorities and the [ERA Policy Agenda](#), as outlined in the [Pact for Research and Innovation](#). Each topic is assigned to one of the following three (out of four) ERA priorities: prioritise investments and

reforms, translate R&I results into the economy and deepen the ERA. In addition, most call topics are dedicated to supporting the implementation of specific ERA Policy Agenda actions. The call descriptions provide links to the respective ERA Policy Agenda actions.





Call opening: **6 December 2022**
 Call closing: **9 March 2023 (5 p.m. CET)**
 Overall indicated budget: **34.7 million EUR**
 Number of topics: **12**
 Indicative number of projects expected to be funded: **17**

Main Sources: Information on the call topics can be found in the [work programme 2023-2024](#) Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area (destination Reforming and enhancing the EU research and innovation system) and in the [Funding & Tenders Portal](#).



More information on the ERA part is available in the [ERA Factsheet No. 1](#), “Reforming and Enhancing the European Research and Innovation System in Horizon Europe – the ERA part briefly explained”.

If you would like to learn more about the ERA Policy Agenda, the ERA Policy Brief, “[The European Research Area Policy Agenda](#)” will provide you with further details.

Overview of the ERA call topics 2023

Topic titles including core tasks ¹	Budgets in EUR million
PRIORITISING INVESTMENTS AND REFORMS	
<p>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-01: Programme level collaboration between national R&I policy-makers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Align national and regional research funding programmes on agreed priorities. → Implement joint calls for transnational R&I projects as well other joint activities. → Pool resources and ensure complementarity between activities and policies with those of the Framework Programme and relevant European Partnerships and EU missions. 	<p>Per topic: 6.00</p> <p>Per project: 2.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 3 projects</p>
<p>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-02: A strong European R&I Foresight Community to better inform R&I policy decisions in the European Research Area about potential futures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Accelerate the development of a European R&I foresight community, including national agencies on foresight and R&I, by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • taking stock of foresight activities, • assessing strengths and weaknesses nationally and in relation to policy needs at European level, • fostering networking activities and pilot foresight projects on topics of common interest linked to ERA Policy Agenda Actions. 	<p>Per topic: 2.00</p> <p>Per project: 2.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 1 project</p>

¹ Please note that the full topic description is indispensable for the preparation of the application. For the full topic description (including additional specific conditions), please consult the WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2024 or the respective call topic page in the Funding & Tenders Portal.

TRANSLATING R&I RESULTS INTO THE ECONOMY

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-03: Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation

- Support value creation and its transfer to the economy and society by
 - experimenting on innovative ways to strengthen channels of valorising knowledge and research results and/or
 - transfer of best practices in knowledge valorisation by involving partners that implement best practices and partners that introduce a new practice or reform an existing one.

Per topic:
3.00

Per project:
1.00

Funding for up to 3 projects

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-04: Development of new approaches to the macroeconomic modelling of research and innovation

- Improve the integration of research and innovation in macro-economic modelling.
- Shed fresh light on the role of research and innovation in tackling current societal challenges, with a particular focus on the European context.

Per topic:
1.00

Per project:
1.00

Funding for up to 1 project

DEEPENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-05: Exploitation and valorisation of results relevant for the ERA Policy Agenda

- Boost the dissemination, valorisation and broad uptake of results stemming from the different ERA Policy Agenda actions.
- Support sharing of information, mutual learning and awareness raising across Member States and stakeholders.
- Design a process to develop and share guidance and recommendations.

Per topic:
2.20

Per project:
2.20

Funding for up to 1 project

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-06: Building a virtual European Info Platform on Contemporary China

- Bring together knowledge nodes on contemporary China from across Europe to build and manage a sustainable virtual European Info Platform on contemporary China that should become a European key go-to source of independent knowledge on contemporary China across major relevant research areas.

Per topic:
2.50

Per project:
2.50

Funding for up to 1 project

DEEPENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA: OPEN SCIENCE

HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-07: Support to reforms of research assessment in the European Research Area

- Support reforming the assessment of research projects, researchers, research units, and research institutions to improve research quality, performance and impact by
 - supporting the coalition of committed organisations,
 - providing financial support to institutions to implement institutional changes,
 - envisaging international cooperation on research assessment.

Per topic:
5.00

Per project:
5.00

Funding for up to 1 project

Topic titles including core tasks	Budgets in EUR million
DEEPENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA: CITIZEN SCIENCE	
<p><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-08</u>: Laying the groundwork towards Europe-wide citizen science campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Conduct preparatory work for launching Europe-wide citizen science campaigns under the New ERA, which will also have synergies with Horizon Europe EU Missions. → Identify the most promising citizen science initiatives for transnational upscaling, foster the development of broad societal coalitions around these initiatives, and propose how to unlock the necessary funding commitments. 	<p>Per topic: 3.00</p> <p>Per project: 1.50</p> <p>Funding for up to 2 projects</p>
DEEPENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA: GENDER	
<p><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-09</u>: Policy support to facilitate the implementation of a zero-tolerance approach towards gender-based violence in the ERA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Support Member States and Associated Countries – national research funding organisations as well as research performing organisations – in implementing a strategic zero-tolerance approach towards gender-based violence (GBV) in higher education and research. → Cover activities such as the sharing of information, mutual learning, best-practice sharing, training, raising awareness on tackling GBV. 	<p>Per topic: 2.00</p> <p>Per project: 2.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 1 project</p>
<p><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-10</u>: Support to the implementation of an EU Manifesto for STE(A)M education and research and innovation career paths to tackle gender inequalities in the ERA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Develop a network of national R&I and education actors from Member States and Associated Countries involved in STEAM education. → Set up principles and a joint commitment on gender equality and diversity in STEM education. → Raise awareness of the deconstruction of gender stereotypes and unconscious biases in science. → Support the development of STEM skills and learning opportunities. 	<p>Per topic: 2.00</p> <p>Per project: 2.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 1 project</p>
DEEPENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA: ETHICS	
<p><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-11</u>: Research ethics for environmental and climate technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Promote a responsible implementation of the EU Green deal by activities such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • producing guidelines for ethics committee members, • developing traditional and online training materials for students and researchers, • organising trainings for experts on the ethics appraisal scheme. 	<p>Per topic: 3.00</p> <p>Per project: 3.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 1 project</p>
<p><u>HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ERA-01-12</u>: The future of research ethics review in the changing research environments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Support an effective adaptation of the ethics reviews to the evolution of scientific research, due to new research areas and new forms of collaborations by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysing current approaches to ethics reviews and proposing ways to adapt to new challenges, • organising stakeholder consultations and mutual learning, • developing guidelines and education materials, • training Horizon Europe ethics experts. 	<p>Per topic: 3.00</p> <p>Per project: 3.00</p> <p>Funding for up to 1 project</p>

Basic information regarding proposals

Proposals

Relevant documents and information as well as access to the submission system are available on the respective [call page](#) in the Funding & Tenders Portal. Proposals are submitted online in a single-step process. They are [pre-structured](#) and consist of an A-part (online forms) and a B-part (the actual proposal, 30 pages long). Proposals must strictly

follow the predefined proposal structure. A successful proposal addresses all aspects of the topic description – the expected outcome as well as the scope. Applicants should also address relevant expected impacts as listed on page 75-76 of the WIDERA work programme. Applicants should try to meet the evaluation criteria to the greatest possible extent.

Composition of the consortium

Proposals for a CSA may be submitted by one or more legal entities established in a Member State, countries associated to Horizon Europe (Associated Countries), or – in exceptional cases and if provided for in the specific call conditions – a third country. Due to the nature of this programme part, it is generally recommended to build a consortium even if one legal entity would formally suffice.

Depending on the topic, actors from the research, education and innovation system, from civil society or from the business sector are addressed. Please keep in mind that some call topics define specific requirements, e.g. the participation of a specified stakeholder organisation. Participation as coordinating or partner organisation is equally open to entities from EU Member States and from Associated Countries.

Coordination and Support Actions (CSA)

The type of action (project type) is defined in the topic. The ERA call 2023 comprises Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) only. Depending on the topic, the purpose of a

CSA is dissemination, raising awareness and communication activities, mutual learning exercises, networking coordination, policy dialogues, studies, and other support services.

Funding rates

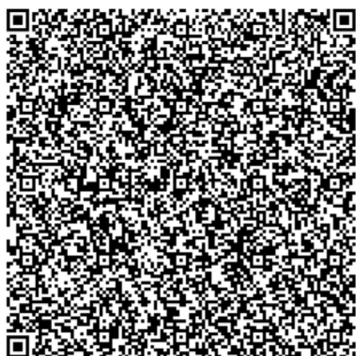
The maximum Horizon Europe [funding rate](#) is 100% of eligible direct costs for Coordination and Support Actions plus a 25% flat rate of the total eligible direct costs for indirect costs, excluding eligible direct costs for subcontracting and financial support to third parties.

Evaluation

The [evaluation](#) is carried out by independent experts. It is based on the three award criteria **excellence**, **impact** and **implementation**. These criteria are reflected in the structure of proposal section B. The criteria are equally weighted and can [score](#) a maximum of 5 points each. The threshold value for the individual criteria is 3 points, the overall threshold is 10 points.

Information and advice

The WIDERA National Contact Points provide free and confidential advice on all questions related to the ERA part and the application process. They also offer proposal checks. Early contact is recommended. Find the WIDERA NCP of your country in the [NCP database](#).



ERA call page in the
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Task leader:



Task co-leader:



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