

Horizon Europe info-days - WIDERA Work Programme

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Hop-on

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2022-access-07-01>

Big attention and ambition in innovation community: involving additional participants in HE Pillar 2 and EIC programmes contributes to open up closed networks and overcome barriers, reducing the participation gap in HE and closing the innovation divide in Europe.

Expected impacts:

- at a system level: mobilize excellence and increase visibility, reduce participation gap,
- at organization level: open up silos, in specific fields,
- at level of beneficiary: prove new competencies and skills on research management, dissemination and exploitation results

Who can participate: a consortium with no widening partners and legal entity from widening country.

How: the proposal must be submitted by the coordinator of the consortium funded in HE. Include detailed introduction of the new partner, added value, relevance and complementary needs have to be explained well. Simplified application form will be used.

Implementation: amendment request for accession of a new partner. Upgrade of the budget, exclusively benefit of the new partner, additional 10% fee for coordination.

Two cut-off date: 20 april, 10 nov. in 2022.

Indicative budget: overall 40. million euro, 0.2.-0.5 million euro per project, 80 funded projects.

Application: describe in detail the profile of the new partner, RI relevance, complementarity. Specific template to facilitate the application with max 8 pages description. A dedicated list published about the available projects, regularly updated with new the grants. Currently 31 project is available.

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Eligibility condition: applied by the coordinator, funded in HE Pillar 2 or EIC programmes, not widening partner on board, the new partner should be a widening legal entity.

Template: adapted, simplified, added few boxes for coordinator: all consortium partner agreed etc.

Added value must be proved, described. And additional mandatory Annex Project Grant Agreement requested along with the application in the submission system.

Additional information can be found in the FAQ published on F&T portal.

Practical tips: liaise the national contact point, try to be proactive in finding a host consortium, do not submit an alone standing proposal, convince the coordinator and consortium about the added value.

NCP's role: raise awareness, liaise with fellow NCps, organise matchmaking.

Feedbacks is very important for REA.

Q&A

- hop on projects call become annual? – under discussion
- contact from the coordinator? Available on the FT portal.
- List - provide information, but the consortia won't be removed when it finds partner.
- only 31 funded projects? Because of the HE delay, more projects will be published as the grant agreement will be signed.
- Why does it worth to the freshly selected consortium? It is an opportunity to extend the projects, the participants, or the scope of the research work. Many EIC projects already applied for the first cut-off, they gave positive feedbacks.
- The spirit of the call is not to discourage the consortia to put the partners in the waiting queue. Uncompleted project proposals won't be funded.
- The leftover budget will be transferred to the november cut-off date.
- CSA's not included, the aim is to integrate widening partners in to the research and transfer the traditional res. skills.
- Evaluation: focus to the added value, results are expected by beginning of July.
- Matchmaking events: close contact with NCPs and NCP networks, encourage them to organise events, expected soon, but not yet on the radar.
- Only 7 proposals of submission at the first cut-off.
- Can a hop-on org. submit more than one project? Yes, if the project proposals are different.

ERA Talent

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2022-era-01-50>

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2022-talents-04-01>

Part of destination 2 in the ERA programme. Expected impacts: Attract more talent to RI institutions, revert brain drain, improve mobility, increase mobility between academia and business, free circulation of knowledge and expertise, improve gender balance and equal opportunities.

Dedicated calls: ERA Chairs, ERA Fellowships, ERA Talents

ERA Fellowships: training and mobility actions, aligned with MSCA Postdoc.

ERA Talents: CSA action, across sectors, focus widening countries. (12 projects, 24 million)

Policy background: deepening ERA to make more attractive the RI career, ERA4 initiative: reinforce intersectoral mobility between business and academia. Study results Knowledge ecosystems in the new ERA: talent circulation analysis and intersectoral analysis.

Intersectoral analysis has pointed out 3 key elements which are the basis of the ERA talent call:

- Strengthening academia/non-academia cooperation
- Improving training and lifelong learning
- Boosting researcher entrepreneurship

Boost interoperability of career and employability of research and innovation talents across sectors is the aim of this call.

Expected impacts: strengthened human capital base, more balanced talent circulation, boosted RI capacity, impactful collaboration, transferable skills and competencies, sustainable career prospects.

Characteristics: mobility of RI staff within one or more organisation, diverse and heterogeneous consortia, develop best practices, collaboration and participation in mutual learning exercise.

Participants: legal entities from academic and non-academic sectors (same rules as MSCA in regard of the definitions), joint training and mobility methodology by seconding and hosting staff members, demonstrate clear benefit of the proposed secondment methodology for widening countries.

Seconded staff: diverse audience of research and innovation talents, must be actively engaged at least 6 months at the sending institution. Not for doctoral students, they have their own programmes. Encourage data stewards, analysts and supporting staff, research managers, support talents, administrative staff from any career stage.

Return and reintegration: mandatory with support.

Benefit: new skills, career development, mentoring, improved, sustainable career prospects.

Required proper mentoring. Always has to be intersectoral, usually between different countries, but it can be in the same country if it strengthens regional ecosystems. Attention to gender equality objectives.

What is intersectoral mobility: academia-industry cooperation, training and lifelong learning (upskilling methodology cover for demands, build RI support capacity) research entrepreneurship: provide development of entrepreneurial skills. (Choose one from these three.)

Cost: related with participation of the organisations and individual talents.

Participants: consortia of legal entities from at least 3 different countries, at least 2 from widening countries. Coordinator must be a widening country, partners both from academic and non-academic sectors.

Secondment: between different sectors, different legal entities including widening dimension. Duration 3-24 months for individual staff member. Can be split over several stays, with several beneficiaries.

Q&A

-What kind of organisations can participate: companies, res org, univ, cultural org, all open. Careers for highly skilled people to create to a better flow, business for research and vica versa.

-Differences between ERA Talent - Fellowships: Fellowships: mobility actions between individuals, post docs, Talent withing consortia and institutions, support secondments, training.

-Knowledge broker and data stewards: top level analyst, provide support service. Knowledge broker: also support, liaison between academia and business, important role of transfer of knowledge.

-Must contain widening partner, with a widening coordinator.

-Exclude doc. candidates and phd candidates because they have other opportunities in other programmes. They look for advanced researchers, data analysts, talented administrative staff, managers.