Horizon Europe WIDERA

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The New European Research Area: policy framework

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A new vision for the European Research Area (ERA)

What is the new ERA?

What are the objectives of the new ERA?

- Prioritise investments in research and innovation
- Boost market uptake
- Widening: Improve access to excellence
- Strengthen the mobility of researchers and free flow of knowledge and technology

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ERA governance and policy framework

Pact for research and innovation in Europe

- **10 values and principles**
- **4 priority areas**
  - Deepening ERA
  - Broadening ERA and relevance
  - Amplifying access to excellence
  - Advancing R&I investments and reforms
- **Research and development targets**

ERA Policy Agenda

- Designed to contribute to the priority areas of the Pact for R&I, setting out the voluntary **ERA actions** which are defined and coordinated at Union level.
- **20 actions for 2022-24**
- **ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027**

ERA Governance

ERA Forum (+ subgroups)

Expert group for coordination and implementation of the ERA, together with EU countries, Associated countries and stakeholders

ERAC

high-level strategic policy body, providing advice

Council

Decision making
"Owner" of Policy Agenda

ERA Monitoring

- Ensure a proper basis for **evidence informed policy making**
- Provide evidence and analysis **in the context of the European Semester**

ERA Policy Agenda: 20 actions along four priority areas

DEEPENING A TRULY FUNCTIONING INTERNAL MARKET FOR KNOWLEDGE

1. Open sharing of knowledge, incl. EOSC
2. Data legislation fit for research
3. Reform of research assessment
4. Strengthen research careers
5. Gender equality and inclusiveness
6. Protect academic freedom
7. Better knowledge valorisation
8. Research infrastructures
9. International cooperation, reciprocity

TOGETHER FOR TWIN GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION, AND INCREASING SOCIETY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ERA

10. R&I Missions and Partnerships for ERA
11. Green energy transformation
12. Transition of industrial ecosystems
13. Empower higher education institutions
14. Bring science closer to society

AMPLIFYING ACCESS TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION EXCELLENCE ACROSS THE UNION

15. Regional and national R&I ecosystems
16. EU-wide access to excellence
17. Strategic capacity of public RPOs

ADVANCING CONCERTED R&I INVESTMENTS AND REFORMS

18. Coordination national support for ERA
19. ERA monitoring mechanism
20. Prioritisation and coordination of R&I investments and reforms

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WIDERA Work Programme

Overview

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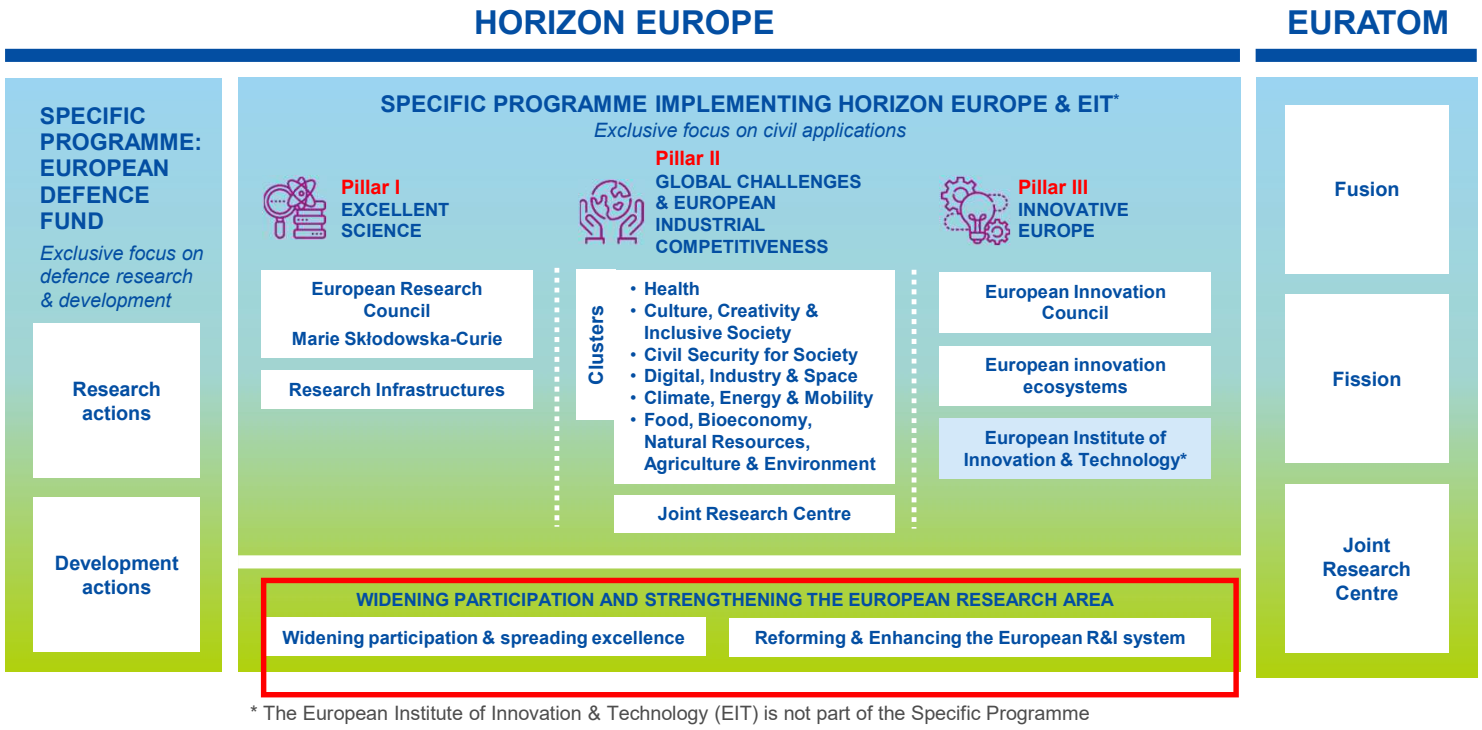
Horizon Europe WIDERA – Widening Participation and Strengthening ERA



* The European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) is not part of the Specific Programme

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WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2024

I – Widening participation and spreading excellence

- Destinations 1: Improved access to Excellence
- Destinations 2: Attracting and mobilising the best talents

II – Strengthening the ERA by reforming and enhancing the European R&I system

- Destinations 3: Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-11-widening-participation-and-strengthening-the-european-research-area_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf

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Widening: upcoming calls

Info day video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdK-P91UtSo

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Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area

Widening component - Policy narrative (what)

Tackle the innovation divide towards a more inclusive and cohesive European research and innovation ecosystem in the European Union;

Raise the bar of excellence and visibility for research institutions and teams in catching up countries;

Existing disparities - to be reduced by institutional and systemic policy reforms.

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Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area

Widening actions in HE (how)

- Support activities
- Encouraging reforms, changes
- Building the necessary R&I capacity
- Expand transnational collaboration scale
- Making R&I systems stronger

Eligible countries for coordination (for whom)

Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia; the Associated Countries as well as the Outermost regions.

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HORIZON-WIDERA-ACCESS-06-01
Hop on Facility

Research institutions from Widening countries joining Horizon Europe Pillar 2 and EIC pathfinder actions

Expected outcomes

- Unlocked excellence and increased visibility of the participants from the Widening countries, improved knowledge circulation, and reduced lack of participation of Widening countries in thematic domains;
- Opened up silos of established closed consortia, improved research excellence of the Widening country's institutions in specific fields, enlarged outreach of the participants' R&I actions and provided access to new talent pools;
- New competencies and skills for working in transnational projects including research management and dissemination and exploitation acquired.

Call Opening: 10 Jan 2023

Call Closure: 28 Oct 2023, 26 Oct 2024

ERA Policy Agenda action no: 16

Type of Action: CSA

Budget: EUR Million 40 + 40

Indicative number of projects: 160

ERA: upcoming calls

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HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01

Call opening: 12/2023
Call closing: 03/2024

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-01: **Programme level collaboration** between national R&I policy-makers

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-03: Support for the professionalisation of **research management**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-04: Strengthening **researchers' skills** for better careers – leveraging the European Competence Framework for Researchers

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-07: Capacity building on Intellectual Property (IP) management to support **open science**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-08: Global cooperation in not-for-profit **open access publishing**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01

Call opening: 12/2023
Call closing: 03/2024

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-09: Support to the development and implementation of policies and practices for **reproducibility of scientific results**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-10: **Policy coordination** to support all aspects of **inclusive Gender Equality Plans and policies** in the ERA

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-11: Support to the **implementation of inclusive gender equality plans**

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-01-12: Next generation **AI** and **Human Behavior**: promoting an ethical approach

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