

## ERA-NET Calls for Proposals

### What are ERA-NETs?

ERA-NETs are consortia of multiple national and regional research funding organisations or funding agencies (such as federal ministries, DFG, or project management agencies) in Europe. Thematically focused ERA-NETs are designed to coordinate national funding programmes and synchronise funding lines, thus promoting transnational collaborations. Under the current European Framework Program for Research and Innovation, [Horizon Europe](#), this bundling of European and national funding for thematic priorities will continue. Here, they will run under the [co-funded European Partnerships](#) with their own calls for proposals outside the Horizon Europe work programmes. Find an overview of the European Partnerships in the [factsheet "The next generation of European Partnerships"](#) of the European Commission.

ERA-NETs provide funding for small transnational projects and publish open calls for proposals on a regular basis. Find an overview of ongoing and completed ERA-NETs on the information platform [ERA-Learn 2020](#).

### Where can I find calls?

ERA-NETs usually publish project calls on their website. Given that most calls only remain open briefly, we advise you to check for new calls in relevant ERA-NETs on a regular basis. Some ERA-NETs provide a newsletter.

The [Joint Calls Calendar](#) on the ERA Learn 2020 platform also provides an overview of upcoming calls. However, the information on the platform may be incomplete in some cases.

The EU Liaison Office offers you an information service on European funding opportunities and selected transnational calls for proposals. You will receive topic-specific information by e-mail at irregular intervals, depending on the call situation. Important: **this offer is exclusively directed to members of the universities of the region Hannover/Hildesheim**. Please use our [EU-Info Service form](#) to register.

ERA-NET calls are also published in announcements of the federal government (often with considerable delay).

### What do I have to bear in mind regarding the proposal?

Since ERA-NETs are a voluntary association of national funding bodies, every country decides if and how it chooses to participate in an ERA-NET. For this reason, not every institution is automatically entitled to apply and not every institution is equally eligible for funding.

Furthermore, applicants are subject to the national/regional funding conditions specific to the ERA-NET call.

When reviewing ERA-NET calls, we therefore advise you to check the following points at an early stage:

- a) Is Germany or are the countries of my cooperation partners involved in the ERA-NET and in the current call?
- b) If so, does the subject of the project proposal match the subject of the call?
- c) If so, which national funding formalities are stated in the call documents ("Guide for Applicants")?
  - Which organisations (in which constellation) are allowed to join the ERA-NET in the different countries?
  - Which reimbursement procedures or funding rules apply in the collaborating countries?
  - Do the national funding bodies stipulate limits for the project budget?
  - Are all institutions involved in the proposal eligible for funding regarding all actions in all countries?

Moreover, we advise you to explicitly disclose differing funding conditions to project partners.

Ideally, each project partner should get in touch with the national contact persons to enquire about eligibility and specific national requirements.

To a certain degree, the specific and rather complex proposal process limits the number of proposals submitted for each call, which can be a positive side effect. Furthermore, ERA-NET calls provide the opportunity to implement transnational collaborations with a relatively small number of consortia (3-5 partners). Despite focusing on a single field of research, ERA-NET calls do not specify a particular research topic.

If you have any queries regarding your project proposal or if you need help in finding relevant ERA-NETs we will be happy to help!

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