

# COOPERATE

COOrdinating and Piloting actions towards ERA-hubs as inTer- and intraregional Ecosystems for knowledge production



Building up research & innovation ecosystems to improve regional and national excellence and competitiveness.



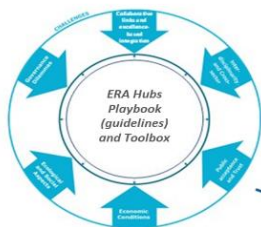
## ERA Hubs

ERA hubs are a spearhead in the European Commission's strategy to boost regional innovation in the European Research Area (ERA). Their aim is to help regions play a greater part in the coordination of R&D policies and investments in member states. The ERA Hubs could support organizations – and people – to bring together different stakeholders, join up public and private spheres and break existing silos.

## Objective

COOPERATE's overall objective is to develop and pilot the ERA Hub concept based on the vision and success stories developed within the EuroTech Universities Alliance and their R&I ecosystems. COOPERATE aims to facilitate the harmonisation of research practices and sharing of best practices across member states, promoting a more seamless and efficient research environment within the ERA Hubs network.

Develop the process to become an ERA Hub



Network platform and compliance criteria

Set-up and develop the network of ERA Hubs

### Full-fledged Co-creation



ERA Hub operational and governance model + KPIs for effective monitoring

#### Stakeholders involved in co-creation

- Higher Education Institutions
- Tech transfer offices
- Business schools
- Research performing organisations
- Research funding organisations
- Regional research/innovation agencies
- Technology centres
- Industry
- Clusters
- Industry
- Other actors (other societal actors that can participate in research through citizen science initiative, cultural and creative sectors)
- National/regional policy makers
- Others?

### Piloting

Development of recommendations on how to scale up the model after the end of the project



First pilot with a "sandbox" explorative approach followed by a "Call for Champions" to emerging R&I ecosystems to pilot the ERA Hubs model



### Communication, Dissemination and Exploitation

ERA Hubs model accelerated into EU wide ecosystems



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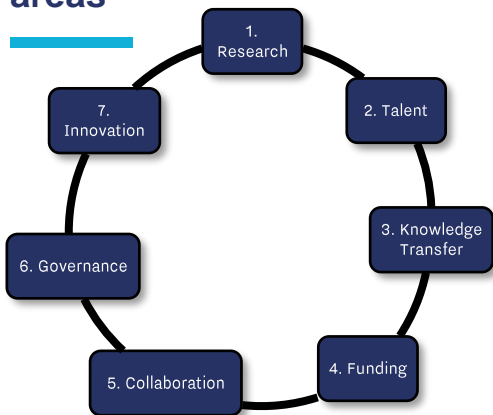


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## Seven key areas



To aid ecosystem players, COOPERATE offers a Playbook and a Toolbox. Its overarching aim is to provide a framework for nurturing dynamic ecosystems that stimulate research excellence, attract and retain top talent, facilitate knowledge transfer, foster collaboration among diverse actors, secure adequate funding, establish effective governance structures, and foster a culture of innovation. The Playbook contains a guide that provides recommendations for the development of thriving ecosystems within these seven key areas: Research, Talent, Knowledge Transfer, Collaboration, Funding, Governance, and Innovation. Based on these seven areas, the Toolbox offers tools that can be employed in the ecosystem to develop regional excellence and competitiveness.

## Piloting phase

The ERA-Hub model will be tested and validated in two phases. The first phase will commence with the Czech ecosystem, focusing on AI as a use case, followed by the Dutch and Danish ecosystems, which will emphasize interregional aspects. Feedback from these three ecosystems will influence the design of the Playbook and Toolbox.

In the second phase, two additional ecosystems will be engaged through a Call for Champions, with support tools provided for applicants. These ecosystems will map their scope, actors, and mission, resulting in a revised ERA Hub model incorporated into the Playbook, Toolbox, and Platform. A monitoring framework for ERA-Hubs, complete with Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), will be developed and shared with EU Member States and regions after each piloting phase. Policy recommendations will be made available in a White Book, considering various dimensions such as R&I ecosystem capacity building and talent mobility.

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