

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.

Call for Champions

The COOPERATE project invites emerging Research and Innovation (R&I) ecosystems to participate in its Call for Champions, offering an opportunity to advance your ecosystem toward becoming an ERA-Hub. Through the Call for Champions, the COOPERATE project will support two ecosystems in enhancing collaboration, knowledge exchange and maturity as part of the European Research Area. The two ecosystems, which will be selected based on : benefit from:

- Support and guidance provided by the COOPERATE consortium in their progress as ecosystem: this includes the support in the assessment of the maturity of the ecosystem and the identification of actions that can help the ecosystem make progress taking into consideration the needs of the actors involved. Through this process, the ecosystems will have the opportunity to better define their orientation and mission as well as concrete next steps for further development.
- Direct involvement in the reflections to define and apply the ERA-Hubs concept in future EU policy.
- Networking opportunities within their regions as well as with other EU ecosystems and R&I stakeholders through the co-creation sessions.
- Increased visibility at European level and within the ERA community.



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Eligibility

This call is open to universities or organisations closely linked to them, active in the field of knowledge valorisation, such as a Knowledge Transfer Organisation (KTO), Technology Transfer Office (TTO), a university-based incubator or other academia-based intermediaries.

Applications

Applications for the Call for Champions must be submitted by the 25th of November, 2024 at 23:59 CET via email cooperate.era@gmail.com (in pdf)

For more information on the Call for Champions, the Eligibility & Evaluation criteria and the Application, Evaluation and Selection process, please refer to the full Call for Champions text which can be downloaded and accessed through the button below.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

- When will the piloting activities start? A: *The piloting activities are foreseen to start early 2025, but the final timeline is to be defined.*
- How long will the piloting activities last? A: *The piloting activities are foreseen to last 3 months, but the final timeline is to be defined.*
- Do the select ecosystems have to test all the tools? A: *No, they do not. The selected ecosystems can test the tools, which they considered to be most suitable for their effort/needs.*

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