

Factsheet

ERA-NET Funding Scheme: Opportunities for Higher Education Institutions

What are European Research Area Networks (ERA-NETs)?

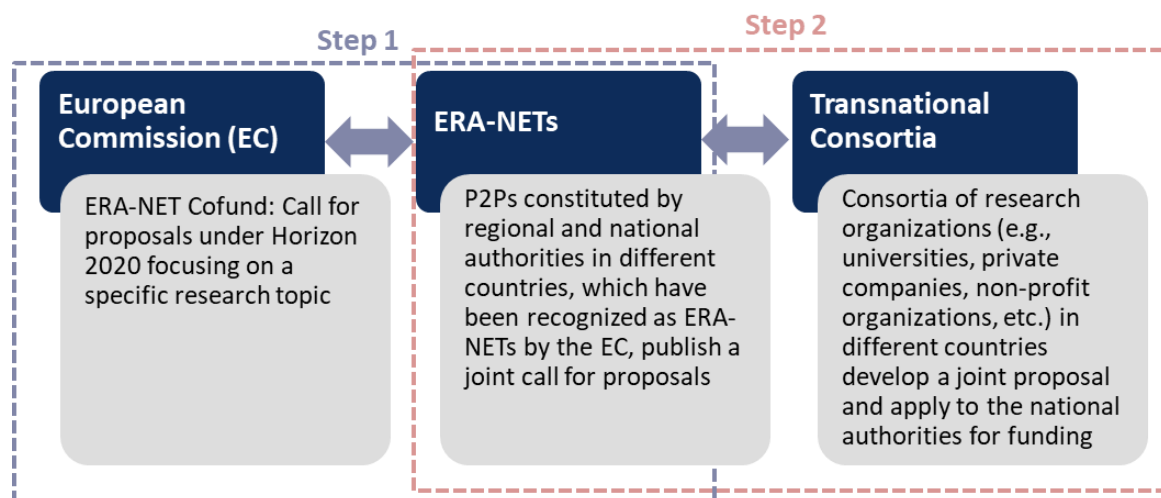
ERA-NETs are Public-to-Public Partnerships (P2Ps) constituted by regional and national authorities from several EU and non-EU countries that aim at contributing to the development and integration of the European Research Area. The main activity of ERA-NETs is to implement joint calls for proposals leading to the funding of transnational research projects. Consortia of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and other research organizations can apply to these joint calls.

How does the ERA-NET funding scheme work?

On a first step, the P2Ps apply to the European Commission (EC) for funding. The EC publishes calls for proposals under Horizon 2020 (funding instrument: ERA-NET Cofund) related to specific research topics, e.g., conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystems, enhancing urban transformation capacities, increasing energy efficiency in industry and services and other topics that are a priority for EU policy. P2Ps that have submitted successful proposals are recognized as ERA-NETs by the EC and have the main task of publishing and managing joint calls for transnational research projects.

On a second step, ERA-NETs publish a joint call for proposals, to which consortia of research organisations (e.g., universities or research institutes) from different countries can apply. Note that calls are published jointly, through the ERA-NET; nonetheless, each respective regional or national authority establishes its own funding rules and application procedure.

The table below presents the main institutions and funding instruments involved in the ERA-NET funding scheme. Researchers wanting to develop a project need to focus on step 2.



ERA-NET funding scheme; source: own elaboration



Who can apply to the joint calls of ERA-NETs?

Research organizations can apply for funding to the joint calls published by ERA-NETs if the country where the research organization is located participates in the ERA-NET. For example, German universities can apply for funding when a German institution (e.g., BMBF or DFG) is involved in the ERA-NET publishing the call.

Furthermore, partners in transnational consortia must fulfil the eligibility criteria included in the ERA-NET call as well as the criteria established by their respective regional or national authority.

Where can you find information on the joint calls?

ERA-NETs as well as other P2P joint calls are published on [ERA-LEARN](#).

ERA-LEARN is a platform funded by Horizon 2020 which operates on behalf of the European Commission as a database of P2Ps, their calls and funded projects.

Who can you contact at Dezernat 1 of University of Potsdam?

If you have identified a funding opportunity within the ERA-NET scheme and need administrative support in the preparation and submission of the proposal, you can contact:

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Relevant Sources

- ERA-LEARN: <https://www.era-learn.eu/>
- German National Contact Point: <https://www.eubuero.de/era-net.htm>