HORIZON EUROPE
Era Chairs

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Expected Outcome:

Progress towards more and better links between research and innovation actors across the European Research Area and beyond is a requirement if Europe as a whole is to capitalise on excellence from across the continent.

Projects are expected to contribute to some of the following outcomes:
At system level:
- Increase in number of R&I talents moving to host organisations in Widening countries;
- Increase in international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers and innovators;
- Encouraging institutional reforms in research institutions and in the national R&I system in Widening countries;
- Strengthening of Widening countries' human capital base in R&I with more entrepreneurial and better trained researchers and innovators;
- Better communication of R&I results to society;
- Better quality and capacity of research and innovation contributing to Europe's competitiveness and growth;
- Improved excellence capacity and resources in Widening countries and close the still apparent research and innovation gap within Europe.

At organisation level:
- Research excellence of the institution in the specific fields covered by the ERA Chair holder;
- Increased attractiveness of the institution for internationally excellent and mobile researchers;

- Creation of a permanent and excellent research group in the chosen scientific field with a spill-over effect on the institution;
- Improved capability to succeed in competitive research funding in the EU and globally, at least, in the fields of choice;
Greater contribution to the knowledge-based economy and society.

Scope:

Research organisations located in Widening countries interested in establishing an ERA Chair should submit a proposal with the prospective ERA Chair holder who should be an outstanding researcher and/or innovator in the chosen scientific domain. The scientific field can be any domain of research and innovation.

The research institution in the Widening country will be the coordinator and submit a proposal as a single applicant (monobeneficiary). ERA Chair holders can be citizens of any country in the world.

Proposals should include a Curriculum Vitae in Europass form of the future ERA Chair holder and detail the scientific and technical support she/he will provide to the coordinator and how the proposed activities will upgrade from the current situation. The CV should be uploaded as an additional document to the proposal.

Proposals should also describe any relevant investments of the coordinator in research projects, facilities and infrastructures and how those will be achieved and/or a better use of the installed research capacity (in particular of EU co-funded research infrastructures & facilities). Existing or foreseen arrangements for compliance with ERA priorities including the European Charter for Researchers & Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers are to be outlined in the proposal.

ERA Chair holders should be excellent researchers and/or innovators in the chosen field of research. They should establish a research team fully integrated in the coordinator's institution to significantly improve its research performance in the scientific domain of choice and to be more successful in obtaining competitive funding.
The selection of personnel to the research team is to be conducted by an international recruitment panel leaded by the ERA Chair and outlined in proposals. The ERA Chair

holder should also have a position within the organisation/university, allowing her/ him to make appropriate resource allocation decisions, supervise team members and freely apply for research funding. When this is compatible with the nature of the coordinator, he/she is expected to take on some teaching duties.

Grants have an expected duration of up to 5 years and cover expenses related to the ERA Chair holder and a number of team members (e.g., their salaries, recruitment costs administrative costs, travel and subsistence costs) and research costs up to 10% of the EU contribution. The grant should also state the measures aimed at introducing structural changes in the institution of the Widening country (e.g., costs for trainings, meetings, publications and managing Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

Eligibility conditions

In order to achieve the expected outcomes, participation as coordinators to the call is Limited to legal entities established in Widening countries,as defined in the Horizon Europe regulation.

Proposals must include: 1) a letter signed by the prospective ERA Chair holder expressing his/her commitment to the proposal and willingness to take on the underlying tasks and obligations; 2) a letter from the head of the coordinator institution committing to the proposal and stating that the ERA Chair holder will receive adequate support to take on her/his tasks and duties including, for example, access to research facilities, supervision of researchers, teaching duties (if any) and capacity to apply freely to national and international funding.

Duration: The expected duration of the project is up to 5years.

Budget
between EUR 1.5 and 2.5 million Euros
Total budget allocation for 2024: 47 million Euros

Planned opening date:
28 September 2023

Deadline date:
07 March 2024 17:00:00 Brussels time

Documents:

HE Main Work Programme 2023–2024 – 1. General Introduction

HE Main Work Programme 2023–2024 – 11. Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area

HE Main Work Programme 2023–2024 – 12. Missions

HE Main Work Programme 2023–2024 – 13. General Annexes

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