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Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA)

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Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA):

Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence

- Teaming, Twinning, ERA Chairs,
- European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)
- Boosting National Contact Points' (NCPs) activities, pre-proposal checks and advice
- Brain circulation
- Excellence initiatives:
- Possibility for entities from widening countries to join already selected collaborative R&I actions
- Recognition of participation
- Matchmaking services

€2.96 billion

Reforming and enhancing the EU R&I system

- Strengthening the evidence base for R&I policy
- Foresight
- Support for policy makers to the ERA development
- Support to national R&I policy reform, including Policy Support Facility
- Attractive researcher careers and links with higher education
- Open science, citizen science and science communication
- Gender equality
- Ethics and integrity
- Support to international cooperation
- Scientific input to other policies
- Support to the Programme implementation
- Support for National Contact Points
- Support to dissemination & exploitation

€0.44 billion

ERA actions in HE: Reforming and enhancing the European Research & Innovation system

2. Improving access to excellence

- Networking & training for **research managers**

1. Prioritising investments & reforms

- Policy Support Facility, ERA Nets, ERA Scoreboard, **academic freedom**
- Support SI presidency



3. Translating R&I results into economic value

- **Standardisation booster**, Innowide Bridging, IP mgmt
- **ERA Hubs**, future resilience
- Innovation scoreboard, **industrial technology roadmaps**

4. Deepening the ERA

- Open Science
- **Acceleration services for HEI**
- **Strengthening R&I talents/careers**
- Citizen Science
- Science education
- Gender
- Ethics and integrity

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Widening actions in HE

- Support activities
- Encouraging reforms, changes
- Building the necessary R&I capacity
- Expand transnational collaboration scale
- Making R&I systems stronger



Novelties for Widening under Horizon Europe:

- Full alignment with **new ERA strategic priorities**
- **Continuation of core widening instruments** Teaming, Twinning and ERA Chairs with some improvements in response to lessons learnt
- **Research cost for CSA eligible** under Teaming, Twinning and ERA Chairs
- More emphasis on **developing research management capacities**
- **Full integration of COST** under widening, 80% of actions must have significant widening dimension
- **Fixed list of eligible Member States** to host the main beneficiary (EU13 + PT + EL) + Associated Countries
- **EU Outermost Regions** fully eligible to host the co-ordinator
- Full implementation of “**Advancing Europe**” package with a number of additional support schemes to boost participation of less research performing countries
- More integrated policy approach and **enhanced synergies** with regional policy, transnational missions, regional smart specialisation strategies etc.

Excellence Hubs

Policy objective: Foster innovation excellence in place based (local/regional) innovation ecosystems, improve science business linkages, regional dimension of widening, bottom-up approach

Networks of HEIs - capacity building

Purpose: building integrated networks, getting ready for future European Universities initiative; supporting institutional transformation in cooperative setting

NCP Network for WIDENING and ERA

Policy objective: facilitate the trans-national co-operation between NCPs, help the less experienced entities from widening countries and regions to rapidly acquire know-how, provide better service to applicants

HOP ON facility

Policy objective: to increase visibility of the participants from the Widening countries, to improve knowledge circulation, and increase participation of the Widening countries in specific thematic domains by involving research institutions from Widening countries in Horizon Europe Pillar 2 actions.



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