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Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Strengthening of the European Science for Policy Ecosystem HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-06	Expected impact: “A more robust and interconnected European Science for Policy (S4P) ecosystem that better supports evidence-informed policymaking across sectors and governance levels”. Scope: Science for evidence-informed policymaking or Science for Policy (S4P) refers to the use of the best available scientific evidence, knowledge, and expertise to inform policymaking, aiming to achieve better public policies. Objectives: • Further develop the concept of “Science for Policy” and improve the cross-cutting integration of scientific evidence and knowledge in public policies. • Advance and strengthen the European S4P ecosystem across sectors and governance levels. • Promote the collaboration of networks of relevant actors and foster the identification and exchange of best practices and mutual learning. Proposals should implement a multi-actor approach and demonstrate a commitment to disciplinary and geographical diversity and gender-sensitive approaches in all activities. It is expected that the applicants have experience in the field of science for policy, as well as in organisation and facilitation of participatory multi-actor processes and events.	18 September 2025/2 mil.euros
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Rolling out the ERA Policy Agenda results HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-01	Expected outcome: This action aims at increased uptake by broad communities of R&I stakeholders of results developed in different ERA policy areas, including open science, research assessment, research careers, knowledge valorisation, and research management. <u>Applicants are invited to select one of the areas outlined below.</u> Area 1: Strengthen uptake of solutions for the reproducibility of scientific results Area 2: Advance reforms to research assessment Area 3: Establish communities of practice to strengthen research careers Area 4: Establish a European network of knowledge valorisation intermediaries Area 5: Upgrade services of Knowledge and Technology Transfer professionals in universities and research performing organisations Area 6: Strengthen capacities and recognition for research management Scope:	18 September 2025/1,5-2 mil.euros

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	This action contributes toward the implementation of the European Research Area (ERA) with targeted interventions in selected policy areas focused on a broad roll-out of the results developed under the first ERA Policy Agenda (2022-2024). It addresses areas including open science, research assessment, research careers, knowledge valorisation, and research management. Successful proposals will deliver on one or several impacts outlined in the introduction to the work programme destination “Reforming and enhancing the European research and innovation system”.	
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Programme-level collaboration HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-05	Expected impact: “Common priority setting and sustainable joint activities and funding programmes among national and regional research and innovation programmes”. Expected outcomes: • Identification of common research and innovation priorities among national and regional R&I programmes, with consideration given to relevant international R&I policy developments and trends, and leading to coordinated R&I funding agendas; • Implementation of multiannual joint calls, resulting in the funding of transnational collaborative R&I projects; • Implementation of additional joint activities supporting technology and regulatory policy, and societal and market uptake; • Contribution to participating states meeting global challenges, including relevant contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals. Scope: This action supports bottom-up initiatives that allow stakeholders to define new collaborations on chosen priorities, align national and regional research funding, pool resources, and ensure complementarity with the Framework Programme activities, European Partnerships, and EU Missions, thereby supporting the ERA. Successful proposals should align national and regional research funding programmes on agreed priorities common to the countries participating in the action and, where appropriate, implement joint calls for transnational R&I projects as well as other joint calls or joint activities.	18 September 2025/2 ml.euros
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Research and innovation to provide evidence that support reforms of research assessment	Expected impacts: “More responsible assessment of researchers, research projects and research organisations based on a broader range of research outputs, practices and activities than publications and publishing” and “Improved quality, performance and	18 September 2025/2 ml.euros

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HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-03	impact of research, researchers and institutions due to more responsible research assessment systems”. Expected outcomes: • Increased scientific knowledge on assessment tools and methods, their potential biases and limitations, and corresponding solutions; • Increased scientific knowledge on methods to reform research assessment; • Evidence supporting the implementation of the commitments of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment available to policy makers and research organisations involved in research assessment. Scope: The proposals should ensure synergies and complementarities, develop close cooperation, and share knowledge and evidence with CoARA and its Working Groups, the CoARA Boost project, DORA, and other relevant initiatives. The proposals should provide open access to all relevant results as early as possible, with specific efforts to ensure that these results are accessible and relevant to diverse and underrepresented groups. This action may require the effective contribution of SSH disciplines and the involvement of SSH experts, institutions as well as the inclusion of relevant SSH expertise, in order to produce meaningful and significant effects enhancing the societal impact of the related research activities.	
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Science comes to town 2027 HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-07	Expected impacts: “Increased engagement of citizens with research and innovation”, “Increased alignment of research with society’s needs, expectations and values”, and “More people are aware of diverse career opportunities in R&I”. Expected outcomes: • Strengthened capacity, networks and involvement of the participating cities in science communication and citizen engagement in science by showcasing the latest R&I developments, their societal impact, and their benefits to citizens and by experimenting with innovative approaches to engage diverse age and social groups in R&I activities and policies at local, regional, and European levels; • Enhanced discussion and debate on the future of science and R&I policy in Europe, with emphasis on inclusive and participatory approaches, involving all relevant stakeholders (e.g., researchers, research funders, policy-makers, publishers, citizens, civil	18 September 2025/6 ml.euros

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	society organisations, business) within and outside the EU; Improved attractiveness of careers in R&I for younger generations (in academia, industry or starting own business) through organising European-wide science competitions, including the European Union Contest for Young Scientists (EUCYS), the European Union Contest for early-career researchers (EU TalentOn), and other initiatives. Scope: The engagement of citizens, local communities and civil society are at the centre of the European Research Area (ERA), seeking greater societal impact and increased trust in science, in line with the ERA Policy Agenda (2022-2024) Action 14 – ‘Bring science closer to citizens’. The programme should take place in a small group of cities (minimum 3 and maximum 6) located in at least 3 different Members States and/or Associated Countries, with the majority being in Member States. Participating cities do not need to be geographically close. The consortium can comprise different types of legal entities that can represent the host cities and/or join them in designing and implementing the activities. Local partners that provide the link to science, research and innovation should be included.	
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Investigating and addressing career barriers faced by underrepresented and marginalised researchers HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-04	Expected impact: “Strengthened gender equality and inclusiveness in the European Research Area”. Expected outcomes: - Policy makers, research funding organisations, higher education and research performing organisations, researchers and other research and innovation stakeholders are more aware of the barriers faced by researchers from underrepresented groups and marginalised communities and have more knowledge at their disposal; - Policy makers, research funding organisations, higher education and research performing organisations, researchers and other research and innovation stakeholders are equipped with concrete tools and measures to support fair career advancement of disadvantaged researchers from underrepresented and marginalised groups. Scope: Researchers from underrepresented groups and marginalised communities – including, e.g., racialised researchers, researchers with disabilities, LGBTIQ or refugee researchers – encounter structural, material, and cultural inequalities. The challenges and barriers they face include, but are not limited to, more working precarity, higher rates of gender-based violence and	18 September 2025/2 mil.euros

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	harassment, epistemic injustice and lack of recognition, unequal access to resources, mentorship and support networks, and other obstacles stemming from cultural or social stereotypes leading to conscious and unconscious biases.	
Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) Enable sustained coordination and guidance at the European level on institutional non-profit open access publishing HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06-ERA-02	Expected impact: “Sustainable high quality institutional non-profit open access publishing services indexed in research information systems adhering to national research assessment standards” and “Increased capacity in the EU R&I system to conduct open science and establishing it as the prevailing approach in modern research approaches.” Expected outcomes: • Broader range of services for developing skills and competencies of institutional non-profit publishers, centrally offered at European and national level, providing access to relevant tools and technologies and supporting capacity-building in institutional non-profit publishing; • Increased alignment of institutional non-profit open access publishing services across Europe to commonly agreed quality standards regarding aspects such as ownership/governance, editorial/publishing policies and practices, research integrity, open science, and technical service efficiency; • Well-connected and effective European network focused on institutional non-profit open access publishing, with broad recognition across academic disciplines. Scope: It is essential to provide coordinated and ongoing central support to enhance the quality of the services offered by these institutional non-profit publishers. This support should offer services, resources, activities, toolkits and coordination at the European level. It should visibly enhance the quality of services, align with commonly agreed publishing and technical standards, improve staff skills and competences, and foster network-building among institutional non-profit publishers.	18 September 2025/2 mil.euros

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Enhancing the European R&I system (HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06) European Excellence Initiative (EEI) HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-01-ACCESS-01	Expected outcomes: Measures to reduce these disparities by raising the overall level of excellence of research undertaken in higher education entities. Objectives of this action are to: • Raise excellence in science and in knowledge valorisation through deeper and geographically inclusive strategic cooperation in alliances of higher education institutions, such as – but not limited to – European Universities alliances selected under Erasmus+, with a center of gravity in Widening countries; • Improve global competitiveness and visibility of Europe's higher education institutions, creating critical mass in key strategic areas stipulated in the political guidelines for the next European Commission published in July 2024 such as the Clean Industrial Deal, the Energy Union, digital tech diffusion, artificial intelligence, the upcoming European Life Science strategy, Union of Skills, etc.; • Improve researcher's career opportunities in line with the ERA policy agenda 2022-24, promoting a balanced circulation of talents, fair and modern research assessment practices in line with the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment, diversity, gender equality and inclusiveness, use of open science practices as well as the acquisition of transferable skills. Scope: The European Excellence Initiative in its widening dimension aims to raise excellence in science and in knowledge valorisation of Europe's universities through cooperation. The action will engage with universities and empower them further to be actors of change in R&I.	20 November 2025/2-5 mil.euros
Hop-on facility HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-03-ACCESS-01	Expected Outcome: The Hop-on Facility allows for legal entities from low R&I performing countries to join already funded Horizon Pillar II 'main' Work Programme and EIC Pathfinder collaborative R&I actions, subject to the agreement of the respective consortium and provided that legal entities from such countries are not yet participating as beneficiary, associated partner, or affiliated entity. Selected consortia will be invited to submit a grant agreement amendment request of the eligible already funded action. Scope: The Hop-on Facility integrates one additional beneficiary from a Widening country to an ongoing project under Pillar 2 or the EIC pathfinder scheme who	04 September 2025/200000 to 600000 euros

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	contributes a relevant task, work package or another visible and distinguishable activity. Applications must demonstrate the R&I added value of the new beneficiary for the eligible already selected action. The proposal should include a detailed description of the profile of the new beneficiary and its R&I role and complementarity in the existing project. List of funded projects under Horizon Europe pillar 2 and the EIC Pathfinder (europa.eu)	
Sursa informatiilor: EU Funding & Tenders Portal Programul de lucru Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area		