

Webinar “Fostering ERICs' participation in Horizon Europe projects”

October 7th, 11-13 CEST

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SCOPE:

The objective of the webinar is to provide NCPs with the necessary tools to effectively inform and advise researchers on how to collaborate with ERICs, ultimately resulting in stronger proposals and a better use of research infrastructures resources in European-funded projects. It will also promote synergies between ERICs and the NCPs networks, ensuring a more integrated approach to research support and funding. By enhancing awareness and collaboration, it can contribute to a more effective and impactful European research landscape.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

The European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs) are key players in supporting European research and innovation by offering high-quality scientific services, top-notch technological facilities and expertise across various disciplines. The ERIC Forum facilitates collaboration among ERICs, reinforcing their role in the European Research Area (ERA) and strengthening their impact on EU-funded initiatives.

Given their direct engagement with applicants, NCPs may be instrumental in ensuring that ERICs and their services are well integrated into research and innovation projects, not only in Pillar 1 “Excellent Science”, that include topics dedicated to Research Infrastructures and foster their participation in TNA Calls, but also within Pillar 2, “Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness,” and Pillar 3, “Innovative Europe.” In these two latter Pillars the presence of ERICs in consortia is currently under-represented, which limits the full exploitation their potential for innovative research.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide NCPs with comprehensive information about the ERIC landscape, the role of the ERIC Forum in their coordination and a glimpse into individual ERICs per cluster, equipping them with relevant information to guide researchers and applicants effectively.
2. Demonstrate the added value that ERICs could bring to Horizon Europe projects, particularly access to cutting-edge facilities, services and tools, including data management and facilitation of open science processes, by providing some case studies of successful Horizon projects.
3. Encourage stronger connections between NCPs and ERICs to foster knowledge exchange and enhance awareness.
4. Offer practical guidance on how ERICs can participate in Horizon Europe projects, including eligibility criteria, collaboration models, and best practices.
5. Discuss about further collaborations with thematic NCPs networks

AUDIENCE: National Contact Points (NCPs) from all Horizon Europe clusters

STRUCTURE:

- Provide an overview of the ERICs landscape and highlight ERICs and their services per cluster
- Introduction to the ERIC Forum and its role
- How ERICs can support and strengthen Horizon Europe project proposals
- Success stories and case studies of ERIC participation in EU-funded projects
- Services already available by NCP projects
- Open discussion and Q&A session

The insights and recommendations emerging from this webinar should pave the way for a more effective collaboration among the ERICs and the NCPs, maximizing the success rate in project proposals and helping improve the long-term sustainability of ERICs. Recommendations will also contribute to pave the way for an implemented role of ERICs in FP10.

AGENDA

Topic	Time	Possible speaker
Welcome	11.00	Maria Rujano (ECRIN ERIC) NCP representative
The ERIC landscape	11.10	Valentina Tegas (EMSO ERIC)
The ERIC Forum	11.25	Maria Rujano (ECRIN ERIC)
Horizon Europe and ERICs - Strategic mapping	11.35	
1) <i>ERICs' involvement in Pillar 2 and 3</i>		Minja Maric (ELI ERIC)
2) <i>Success cases</i>		Michela Vellico (ECCSEL ERIC) Ilari Pulli (Euro-Biolmaging ERIC)
3) <i>ERICs in RI WP 2025</i>		Daniela Mercurio (EPOS ERIC)
Strengthening NCP–ERIC Collaboration	12.05	
<i>Break</i>	12.10	
ERICs potential in Horizon Europe	12.20	Valentina Tegas (EMSO ERIC)
Services already available by the NCP projects	12.30	NCP representative
Open Discussion	12.40	
Closure	13.00	