

The ERICs in Horizon Europe

A successful case



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On the **ERICs** and the **ERIC Forum**

The European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) is a specific legal form that facilitates the establishment and operation of Research Infrastructures with European interest.

The ERIC model

It provides a legal capacity recognised in all EU Member States, a faster process to create an international organisation, and exemptions from VAT and excise duty. This makes the ERIC model a fundamental tool for the establishment and operation of common research infrastructures.

The ERIC Forum

The ERIC Forum strategically contributes to the development of ERIC related policies by sharing best practices, tackling common challenges, fostering visibility, impact and sustainability of ERICs and contributing to the European science policies and research context.

With 32 ERICs established, the ERIC Forum has become one of the leading voices in European science policy.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING AN ERIC



A legal capacity recognized in all EU Member States



Flexibility to adapt to specific requirements of each infrastructure



A faster process than creating an international organisation



Exemptions from VAT and excise duty

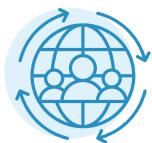
Advantages for Research

ERICs provide the European research community with access to high-quality data and cutting-edge technologies to support scientific excellence and respond to global challenges.

Moreover, they support mobility of researchers and knowledge across the ERA, promote collaboration between countries and favour a European coordination of national infrastructure capacities and capabilities.

More in details

ACCESS TO RIs



- Provide access to state-of-the-art research facilities and services for researchers from Europe and beyond, including universities, industries, SMEs, and incubators.
- Experts provide technical and scientific support to users accessing the RIs.
- ERICs offer predefined access processes, ensuring efficient and transparent use of resources.
- Researchers can access facilities either through funded projects (free access) or with their own funds (subject to capacity).

DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES



- Potential upscaling of research from TRL1 to higher TRLs (e.g. TRL7,8,9) in several research infrastructures facilities.
- Direct contribution to technological development.
- Promote the mobility of researchers and knowledge across the European Research Area, fostering international collaboration.

AnaEE-ERIC

<https://www.anaee.eu/>

Analysis and Experimentation on Ecosystems is a landmark European research network connecting cutting-edge facilities dedicated to global change ecology – the study of how ecosystems work and respond to environmental change. We bring together experimental sites, analytical tools, and modelling capabilities to tackle pressing environmental challenges.

SERVICES

Experimental Facilities: our pan-European network of experimental sites cover all European ecosystems, capable of simulating environmental pressures such as drought, pollution, land-use change, and extreme climate events.

Analytical & Modelling Facilities: advanced biological, physical and chemical analytical services combined with state-of-the-art numerical models, enabling deeper process insights and predictions of ecosystem responses to global change.

Service beyond scientific community: by offering access to long-term data and integrating experimentation and modelling, AnaEE-ERIC supports evidence-based environmental solutions and enables policymakers to assess the impact of regulations and management strategies before implementing them at broader scale. Free access is also available for researchers and the private sector through EU-funded projects, with insights helping decision-makers, innovators, and educators develop policies and technologies for sustainable environmental management.

HORIZON EUROPE - FUNDING

Pillar I



Pillar II



Pillar III



AgroServ – A SUCCESSFUL CASE

<https://agroserv.eu/>

AgroServ aims to provide the scientific community with large, high profile research services to facilitate and enable interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research in agroecology and foster open science and innovation.

To address current and emerging global challenges, AgroServ is born from the need of a collective action capable of enhancing the sustainability of food systems, safeguarding human, animal, and environmental health, preserving natural resources and biodiversity and mitigating climate change.

By focusing on implementing a resilient and sustainable agri-food system through transdisciplinary services offered by research infrastructures, the project will also seek to actively involve key actors from the agriculture system in the research process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Acronym: Integrated SERVices supporting a sustainable AGROecological transition

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PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

AgroServ is an interdisciplinary service provider that gathers 11 recognised Research Infrastructures and a complementary offer of socio-economic services which make-up our twelfth infrastructure. This interdisciplinary consortium enables research on agroecosystems in a holistic and multi-scale approach.

OTHER INFORMATION

Up until halfway through the project period more than 50 succesful project applications have been granted access to research facilities. Part of the project are also the AgroServ Living Labs, that are at the core of the collaboration between the academic community and the stakeholders acting as accelerators of the innovation process. They have been conceived as open and collaborative ways to translate research results into technological, organizational, institutional, and societal innovations, and, on the other hand, to facilitate the generation of new scientific questions which will be further researched with the support of AgroServ's services.