

# 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

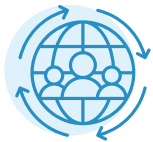
# Advantages for Research

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.

## EATRIS ERIC

<https://eatris.eu/>

EATRIS is the European infrastructure for translational medicine. We bring together resources and services for research communities to translate scientific discoveries into benefits for patients. We offer a broad range of research services, work with public funding agencies, charities and policy makers with tailored actions to help improve the translational research and innovation ecosystem.

### SERVICES

**Research Services:** Support for funding applications, consortium building, industry academia collaborations

**Innovation services:** Mentoring, regulatory expertise, Health Technology Assessment (HTA), Translational Feasibility Assessment

**Education and Training:** Online and in-person courses, webinars, gamification

**Open access self-service resources:** Innovation Management Toolbox, Multi-omics Toolbox, Orphan Drug Development Guidebook, Patient Engagement Resource Centre, EATRIS Regulatory Database, Innovation Helpdesk, EU Tracer Factory

## HORIZON EUROPE - FUNDING

### Pillar I



### Pillar II



### Pillar III



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European infrastructure  
for translational medicine

## Compass AI – A SUCCESSFUL CASE

### [Compass AI](#)

Compass AI project supports the practical and scalable deployment of AI in healthcare, with a focus on cancer care and remote regions. Building on the FUTURE-AI framework, it brings together a multidisciplinary European community to develop and validate evidence-based AI deployment guidelines through four pilot studies across diverse healthcare settings. The project will also sustain a digital platform to share best practices, foster collaboration, and improve AI literacy among stakeholders. Within the Compass AI consortium, EATRIS ERIC leads the establishment and coordination of a multidisciplinary expert community to identify best practices and contribute to the FUTURE-AI 2.0 guidelines. It will also supports the integration of expert input into project tools, evaluation, policy recommendations, and long-term sustainability.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Compass AI: Community Of Multidisciplinary Professionals Advancing Safe and Successful AI implementation in clinical practice

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### PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

The consortium consists of 12 partners from 5 countries. NKI, HULAFE, UMCU, OVGU, and UM are university hospitals with strong expertise in deployment of AI tools. and will be major contributor on all clinical topics in the project. Quibim is an industry partners from the field of medical imaging and AI with experience in developing and deploying AI tools across Europe. UB is a leading institution in the creation of guidelines for trustworthy AI development and deployment. EATRIS and EIBIR have extensive networks in translational medicine and biomedical research respectively, combined with vast experience in community outreach, dissemination of results and outcomes and education of stakeholders. BSC, FPG and IPATIMUP are centres with expertise in AI development and deployment, clinical research on AI and AI in pathology, respectively. They participate in the community of experts, including the development of best deployment practices.