

New ERA call 2024

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Info day agenda: ERA call 2024

1. Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation	HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-01	€ 2 mil
2. Science comes to town	HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-02	€ 6 mil
3. Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers – pilot	HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-03	€ 20 mil

Call opening: 15 May 2024

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More information

WIDERA Work Programme: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2023-2024/wp-11-widening-participation-and-strengthening-the-european-research-area_horizon-2023-2024_en.pdf

Info Day recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prp3pghlpD0&t=204s>

For questions about research and Horizon Europe, you can contact the Research Enquiry Service: https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/contact-us/research-enquiry-service_en

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Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-01

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Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation

Translating available scientific knowledge and research results to innovative solutions, including through more **experimentation**, **peer learning** and **testing** of new models as well as **trying out good practices** in different environments.

Expected outcomes:

- Value creation for economy and society by increased interlinkages and cooperation between knowledge valorisation actors.
- New solutions to societal and economic challenges by stronger uptake and deployment of research results, including through the involvement of citizens and civil society.
- Improvements of structures, strategies, practices and skills for knowledge valorisation through sustainable reforms and new initiatives.

Target groups:

- Academia/Research
- Industry/SMEs
- Public administration/policy-makers
- Society/Citizens

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Type of action: CSA

Budget: EUR 2 million

Indicative number of projects: 2

ERA Policy Agenda: Action 7

Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation

Scope: Proposals should address **at least one** of the following challenges:

1. Experimentation in knowledge valorisation:

- Schemes and incentives for researchers to engage with society, and for citizens and citizens' groups to engage in knowledge valorisation, promoting the co-creation of new solutions and uptake of research results.
- Focus on barriers and opportunities in academia-society collaboration.

2. Transfer of best practices in knowledge valorisation in academia-industry linkages or quadruple helix-based innovation:

- Introduce and implement one or several new best practices or reform an existing practice (expected consortia with 'best practice owners' and partners planning to introduce change)
- Create tangible change in terms of strengthening knowledge valorisation capacities in some or all participating entities at strategic and/or investment level and/or through the implementation of new or adapted instruments, tools, guidelines, trainings.
- Possible synergies with cohesion policy.



Principles and best practices to follow:

- EU Knowledge Valorisation Platform
- The EU Guiding Principles for Knowledge Valorisation

Keep in mind!

- ✓ **Clearly address the concrete challenges**

Explain in the proposal which challenge is addressed, one of the two, or both challenges

- ✓ **Take account of the policy background**

Demonstrate how the proposal takes account of the policy background (Guidelines for Knowledge valorisation, Codes of Practice)

- ✓ **Focus on concrete actions and tangible change**

Looking for innovative ways/ actions that lead to tangible change (not academic research or general guidance material/recommendations)

- ✓ **'Practitioners' of knowledge valorisation**

Involve 'practitioners' who will implement the testing and transfer of best practices 'on the ground'

Any questions?

Science comes to town

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-02

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2. Science comes to town – Expected outcomes

A **small group of at least 3 cities** that jointly design and implement a **vibrant and engaging year-long programme** of activities, connecting local **R&I communities** with **citizens** and **stakeholders** around the topic of science and its role in society.

Expected outcomes:

- **Programme with a robust concept and brand** promoting R&I in Europe and fostering dialogue and exchange on science and its role in society.
- Improved **science communication** by showcasing the latest R&I developments and through experimentation with connecting citizens and scientists.
- Enhanced **discussion and debate** on the future of science and R&I policy in Europe with stakeholders and citizens.
- Improved appeal of younger generations to **careers in R&I**.

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-02

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Budget: EUR 6 million

Indicative number of projects: 1

ERA Policy Agenda: Action 14

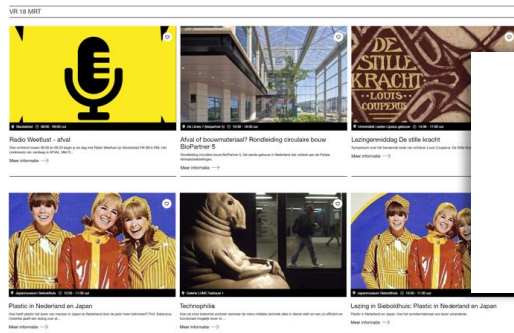
2. Science comes to town – Context



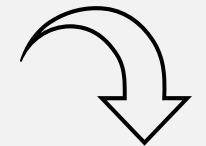
The European Union Contest for Young Scientists: EUCYS 2026



European Union Contest for early-career researchers: EU TalentOn 2026



1-year programme of events and activities



Science comes to town 2026

Keep in mind!

- ✓ **Consortium make-up**

No prescriptions for the location of participating cities; different entities that can represent the host cities and/or join them in the action; include local partners that provide the link to R&I.

- ✓ **Organisation of EUCYS and EU TalentOn in the project**

Proposers can consider to implement the two contests as separate work packages; Involve EUCYS national organiser.

- ✓ **Timing of the programme**

The programme of activities should cover the calendar year 2026.

- ✓ **Commitment from participating cities**

Proposals must include a commitment letter from each participating city.

Any questions?

Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers – pilot

HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-03

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Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers – pilot

Organisational change and **coordination of measures** in **academic and non-academic organisations** to create **talent ecosystems** with a large pool of R&I positions that provide **intersectoral career opportunities** for R&I talents.

Expected outcomes:

- Establishment of **talent ecosystems**, supplying employers with skilled research talents that match labour market needs.
- Wide **implementation of the standards** for attractive researcher careers.
- Improved early careers researchers' **employability** within and beyond academia.

Target groups: Training providers and employers of researchers, incl.

- Universities
- Research and technology organisations and infrastructures
- SMEs/Industry
- Government entities
- Civil society organisations

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Budget: **EUR 20 million**

Indicative number of projects: **15**

ERA Policy Agenda: **Action 4**

Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers – pilot

Scope:

- **Supporting whole organisations** and innovation ecosystems to implement the standards for attractive research careers laid down in the Charter for Researchers.
- Creation of a **large pool of R&I positions**, providing organisations, particularly businesses, with well-skilled researchers and other R&I talents.
- Support at the organisational level to **improve capacity for training, career development and talent circulation**: e.g., strategies, actions plans, joint trainings, career services (Note: No direct support to researchers' salaries or mobility).
- Provide **policy feedback** on the implementations of the European framework for research careers.

Principles and standards to follow:



- European framework to attract and retain research, innovation and entrepreneurial talents in Europe
- Charter for Researchers and/or HR Excellence in Research Award (*Participating organisations are expected to have received the HR Excellence in Research Award or commit to apply the new Charter for Researchers and commit to its implementation (i.e., start the HRS4R process) within the grant duration, as far as relevant for their operations linked to the employment of researchers.*)

Keep in mind!

- ✓ **Focus on early-career researchers**

This refers to R1 and R2, according to the Council Recommendation on research careers.

- ✓ **Commitment to the implementation of the new Charter for Researchers**

Organisations that have not started the HRS4R process yet, should do so in the course of the project.

- ✓ **HRS4R process as far as relevant for operations linked to the employment of researchers**

Typically, HRS4R is relevant for those organisations having a human resources department.

- ✓ **Number of ecosystems to be created**

One ecosystem per project.

- ✓ **Geographical proximity of partners of the consortium**

Standard Horizon Europe rules apply.

Any questions?