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Call H2020-Widespread-03-2017: "ERA-Chairs"



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ERA Chairs - Objectives

Objectives of the action:

- Bring high quality researchers and managers (**the ERA Chair and his/her team**) to universities and other research organisations with the potential for research excellence.
- Institutions should implement structural changes to achieve excellence on a sustainable basis.

Participants

- **One single applicant** (mono-beneficiary action) located in a **Widening country**.

ERA Chairs: Proposal Design & Impact

Proposals:

- Bottom-up approach but connected with the **ERA Chair holder expertise** to fully capitalise on his/her presence;
- Include measures to foster **ERA priorities** (open recruitment, peer review, gender balance, Charter & Code);
- Include a plan to increase **Research Capacity** - if infrastructures foreseen present a strategy for funding (including possible from use of **ESIF funding**).

Expected Impact:

- Increased **attractiveness** of institution and region for excellent researchers;
- Research **excellence** in the fields covered by the ERA Chair;
- Improved capability of the institution to succeed in **competitive** research funding;
- Institutional changes to comply with **ERA priorities**.

ERA Chairs: The ERA Chair holder

- The ERA Chair should be an **outstanding** researcher and research manager with a proven record of **leadership**;
- The ERA Chair appointment must follow an **open and merit-based recruitment process** - to be subjected to monitoring by the European Commission;
- ERA Chair holder should be appointed in a **full time position but part-time arrangements are possible**;
- The institution should ensure **autonomy** for the Chair and his/her team;
- ERA Chairs can be of **any nationality**;

ERA Chairs: Costs & Call 2017 details

Eligible Costs:

- **Salaries** of ERA Chairs and his/her team.
- Contribution towards measures aimed at facilitating structural changes at the institution:
 - **ERA priorities;**
 - **Costs** including training, meetings, publication and patenting costs, equipment (minor part of budget and duly justified);

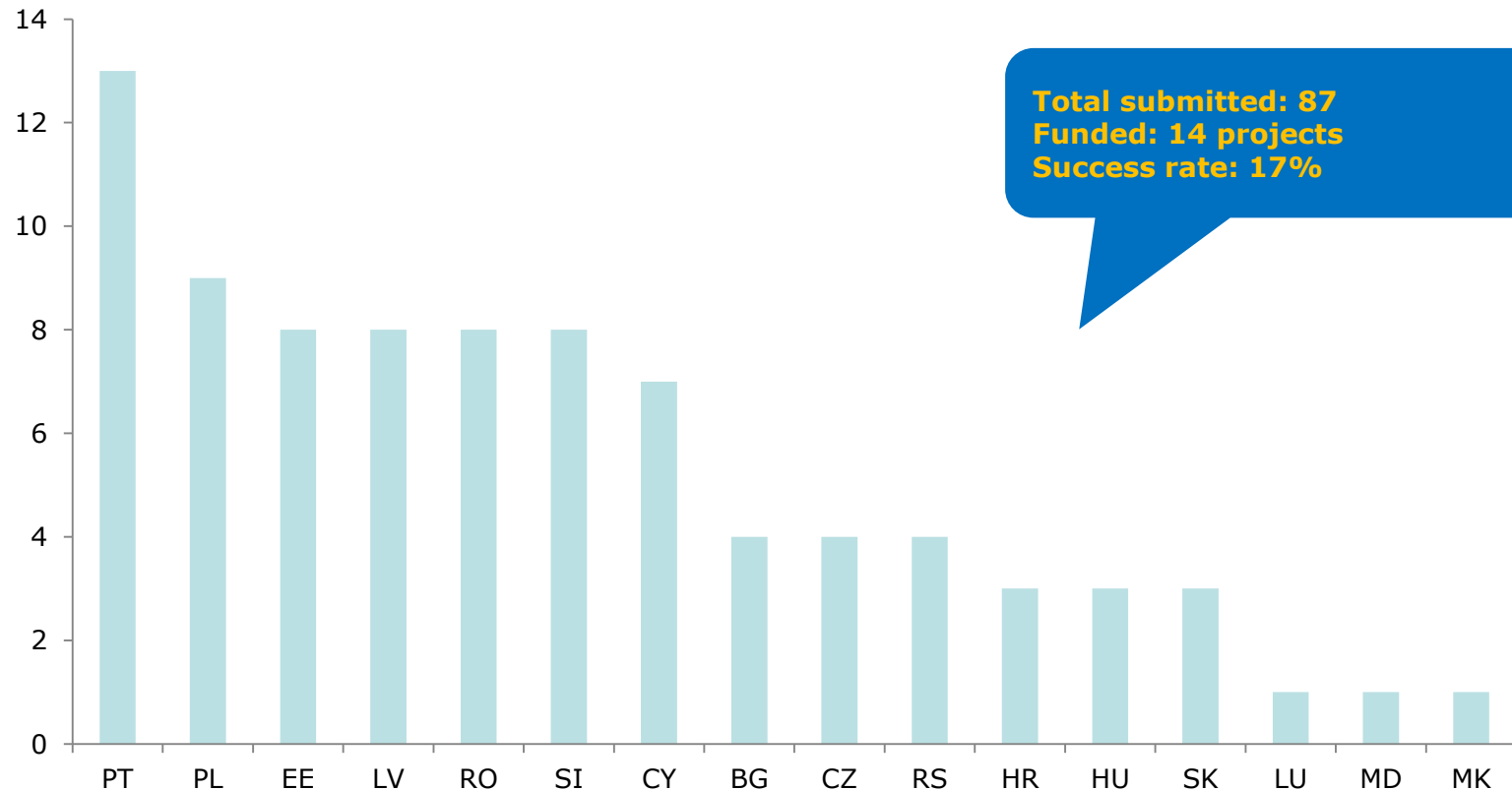
The grant will **not cover** for **infrastructures and research costs!**

ERA Chairs Call 2017:

Budget: €33.91 million
Call publication: 14 October 2015
Call opening: 12 April 2017
Call deadline: 5 October 2017
Project Size: up to €2.5 million (eligibility condition)
Project Duration: up to 5 years (eligibility condition)
Implementation: Coordination and Support Action

ERA Chairs: 2014 call statistics

Proposals per Country



ERA Chairs 2014 call – Successful proposals

Institution Country	Proposals per Country in the main list
PT	4
EE	3 (+1)
CY	2
PL	2
HR	1
RO	1
Total	14

ERA Chairs: Lessons learned

Lessons learned for future calls:

- Clearly define objectives towards **institutional changes**
- Demonstrate the role and **autonomy** of the ERA Chair holder
- Work Packages should be consistent and contribute to an **overall Action Plan**
- Management structures need to be **well defined** and **simple**.

Learn more:

Horizon 2020 Participant Portal:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html>

ERA Chairs 2014 Call press release:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=newsalert&year=2015&na=na-090213>

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