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**STRENGTHENING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
CAPACITIES AND CONNECTING ECOSYSTEMS IN
THE ADRIATIC IONIAN MACRO-REGION**



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Horizon 2020 - Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

- Disparities in research and innovation performance: barrier to competitiveness, growth and jobs across Europe
- Some countries experience low participation in the EU Framework Programmes because of:
 - insufficient national R&D investments
 - lack of synergies between national research systems and the EU research landscape
 - system learning effects
 - reduced access to international networks
 - problems with information, communication and training



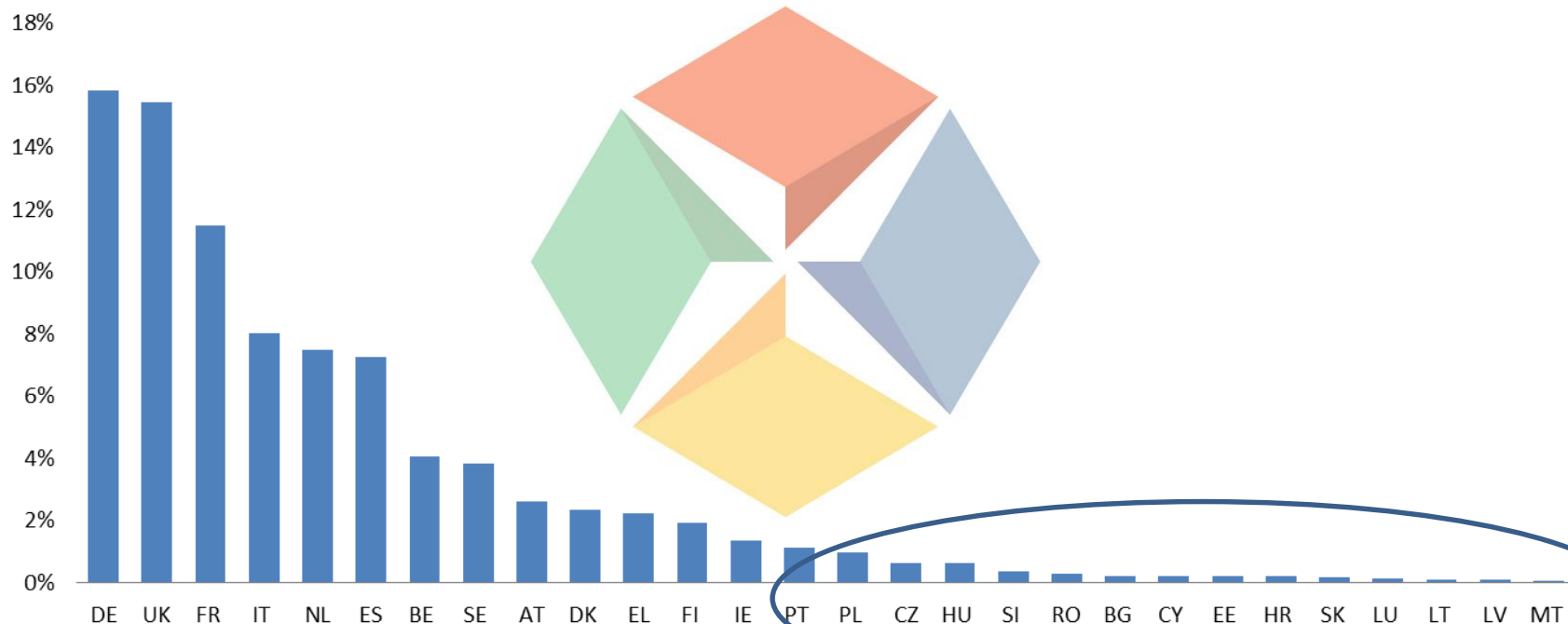
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FP7 Budget Share per country %





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Specific eligibility criteria for WIDENING

- Necessitate a targeted approach to help those participants with low performance in R&I
- H2020 legal text >> "low performing RDI Member States and regions"

"Low RDI Performing" or "Widening" Countries:

MS: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia

AC: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine

Partners from Greece and Italy could participate as 'advanced partners'



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Spreading Excellence/EUSAIR countries and strategies



Bottom-up programme: all R&I topics are covered.

Only stakeholders from the Widening countries are eligible as **project coordinators..**

Spreading Excellence/EUSAIR

Croatia and Slovenia as well as Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia. The stakeholders from other EU countries (therefore **Italy and Greece**) can participate in the partnerships as advanced partners

This funding is meant to support the collaborations on similar or complementary domains **identified in the Smart Specialisation strategies.**



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Teaming

Objective:

- Creation of new (or significant upgrade of existing) Centres of Excellence (CoE) in low R&I performing or "Widening" countries

The Partnership: 2 parties in each Teaming project

- (1) the COORDINATOR from the "Widening" country
- (2) an institution with an international reputation in R&I excellence (from all EU28 or AC)

➤ Implementation in 2 Phases



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Teaming

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Phase 1: Funding the development of a **Business Plan** for the new/upgraded Centre of Excellence facilitated by a teaming process with a leading counterpart in Europe.

Phase 2: Subject to the quality of the proposal for Phase 2, and the financial commitment for the project from other sources, the Commission may provide **substantial financial support** (max. €15 million) for the **first steps of implementation** (5-7 years) of the Centre covering administrative, personnel and operational costs as well as "minor" support for equipment and consumables.

NOTE: There are **no new Teaming calls in H2020**. For the ongoing Teaming Phase 2 (restricted) call no information can be provided. Applicants involved in that competition can contact their Project Officer in the REA for further information.



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Expected impact of Teaming

The **creation** of **CoEs** in "Widening" Countries through Teaming is expected to:

- increase the scientific capabilities of these countries and enable them to engage in a **strategic growth path** pointing to long-term opportunities for economic development.
- through improved scientific capabilities allow these countries to improve their chances to **seek competitive funding** in EU and international fora.
- create critical mass through **complementary funding** from other sources (e.g ESIF) also committing national/regional authorities to ensure greater impact and project success.



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Twinning

Aim of the action:

Strengthen a defined field of research in a university or research organisation from a Widening country by linking it with at least two internationally-leading research institutions in other Member States or Associated Countries.

Main objectives:

- Enhance the S&T capacity of the institutions
- Focus on institutions in Widening country
- Raise the research profile of the institution and of its research staff

The Partners: (Minimum Conditions)

ONE institution located in a "Widening" MS/AC (**COORDINATOR**)
A **minimum of TWO** additional partners from **two different MS or AC** other than the country of the coordinator.



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Eligible Costs:

- Coordination and networking;
- Dissemination and outreach activities.
- Infrastructure, equipment & research costs will NOT be funded.

Twinning Call 2018:

Budget: €20 million
Call opening: 11 May 2018
Call deadline: **15 November 2018**
Project Size: **up to €1 million (eligibility condition)**
Project Duration: up to 3 years (eligibility condition)
Implementation: Coordination and Support Action

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Expected impact of Twinning

- Research **excellence**, in particular, in the selected field of research;
- Improved capability to succeed in competitive **research funding**;
- Enhanced reputation, **attractiveness** and networking;
- The expected potential impact of the project illustrated by a number of **indicators**;
- Benefit from/to "**advanced**" **partners** to be demonstrated.



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ERA Chair

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**.



Expected impacts of ERA Chair

Proposals:

- Bottom-up approach in the field of research but connected with the ERA Chair holder expertise to fully capitalise on his/her presence;
- Measures to foster structural changes for excellence including compliance with 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 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 with increased research capacity and ERA priorities compliance.



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ERA Chairs 2018 call:

- Call Deadline: 15 November 2018

ERA Chairs 2019 call:

- Call Deadline: 14 November 2019