

## About

CHIST-ERA is a network of funding organisations in Europe and beyond supporting research on digital technologies with a high potential impact. It selects every year two new topics of emerging importance and launches a call for transnational research projects on these topics. It is itself supported by the Horizon 2020 Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) programme of the European Union through the ERA-NET funding scheme.

CHIST-ERA was launched in 2009 and the first call was published in 2010 (Call 2010). As of Call 2017, CHIST-ERA has invested about 65 M€ into 69 projects under 16 call topics. Over the same period, it has received about 6.5 M€ from the European Commission, partly to contribute to this investment and partly to cover the network management costs.

CHIST-ERA enables researchers to collaborate internationally through projects of intermediate size with a lean management building on the existing national granting schemes. The typical size of a project is about 1 M€ for 3-4 partners. Projects involving 5 or 6 partners are also common.

CHIST-ERA involves all four types of ERA-NET activities:

1. Information exchange;
2. Definition and preparation of joint activities;
3. Implementation of joint activities;
4. Last but not least, funding of joint transnational research actions.

## CHIST-ERA Calls

ICST play a key role in the European economy and for the society. In this context CHIST-ERA targets a domain covering the whole scope of transformative/exploratory research activities in ICST that through the initiatives and actions of the ERA-NET may initiate and lead to a range of exceptional and unprecedented outcomes. CHIST-ERA aims at leveraging/completing the national strategies and the [Future and Emerging Technologies \(FET\)](#) <sup>[1]</sup> programme of the European Union.

Within CHIST-ERA, the partner agencies identify emergent scientific fields allowing European researchers to engage in high risk, high impact projects that will bring some advance in science by launching each year a transnational call for proposals addressing two hot ICST topics. The text of the CHIST-ERA calls are defined and then published within six months after the topic selection based on the research community expertise and long-term vision to maintain a high level of relevance of the calls in very competitive evolving areas which need reactivity. The focus is long-term transformational research. In addition CHIST-ERA follow the

funded projects in organising a yearly CHIST-ERA projects seminar where projects present their goals and achievements to the research community and CHIST-ERA partners.

The timeline from the selection of the topics of the call of year N to the follow-up of the funded projects is presented below.

Action	Timeline
<b>Call preparation</b>	
Selection of topics and associated keywords/examples	Fall of year N-1
Agreement on selection procedure & refinement of the scientific text of the call (CHIST-ERA Conference of year N)	Spring of year N
Publication of the call	Fall of year N
<b>Project selection</b>	
Deadline for submitting proposals	Winter of year N+1
Selection of proposals	Spring of year N+1
<b>Project follow-up</b>	
Follow-up: presentation of objectives and achievements at the CHIST-ERA conferences	Spring of year N+2, N+3, N+4

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