

## CHIST-ERA Call ORD

### Frequently Asked Questions

The present documents compile answers to most frequently asked questions to the call secretariat. In particular, it builds on the questions collected at the first information webinar of the Call ORD last October 03, 2022 (the slides are available [here](#)).

#### 1. Consortium

- ***What are the countries participating in the call?***

The countries participating in the call for proposals are listed in the Call Announcement, available on the CHIST-ERA website at <https://www.chistera.eu/call-ord-announcement>

The country or region may be represented by one or several funding organisations. The eligibility of a potential consortium partner depends on the funding rules of the respective funding organisation this partner is applying to.

- ***What is the list of Widening Countries?***

The list of Widening Countries participating in the Call ORD are Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Turkey.

CHIST-ERA supports the involvement of the Widening Countries by giving priority to consortia with partners from them in case of ex aequo proposals and insufficient budget to fund all the projects. The call allows searching potential partners by country: <https://www.chistera.eu/partner-search-tool/2022>. More on the Widening Countries policy of CHIST-ERA at <https://www.chistera.eu/widening-countries-policy>.

- ***Can partners from countries not in the call be part of a project?***

They can participate in a project as long as they are able to secure their funding with other funding sources or by own funds. The partners not requesting funding to CHIST-ERA do not count for the minimum number of partners/countries in the consortium. Moreover, the consortium coordinator must be supported by a funding organisation participating in the call.

- ***Can a consortium partner come from the private for-profit sector?***

Yes in general, however its feasibility depends on the national/regional funding regulations. Pages 12 and 13 of the Call Announcement list all the funding organisations allowing such partners to be funded.

- ***Can early career researchers (for instance postdoctoral researchers) act as coordinator or partner principal investigator?***

CHIST-ERA encourages excellent early career researchers to take responsibilities. This will not be considered *a priori* by the evaluation panel as a weakness or a strength. Generally, PhD costs are eligible as well as post-doctoral costs. However, since the funding follows national/regional rules, the consortium partners need to check with their respective funding organisations the eligible costs.

- ***Can an engineer coordinate a project?***

Yes in general, engineers and support staff as well as researchers can coordinate a project. They should justify why their profile is suitable for coordinating this type of project. Their eligibility should be checked with the respective funding organisations.

- ***Is the cost of the permanent researchers eligible?***

It depends on the national/regional funding organisation. You need to contact your national/regional funding organisation contact point to check it.

## 2. Submission

- ***Is my project in line with the call topic?***

The assessment of this aspect corresponds to the first evaluation criterion. It will be evaluated by the evaluation panel. Proposals need to reach a score of at least 4/5 to be considered as in the scope. To assess it, the evaluation panel will refer to the call topic description only, made publicly available in the Call Announcement.

- ***Are multiple submissions allowed?***

At the CHIST-ERA level, there are no restrictions concerning multiple submissions by any individual (acting as coordinator or partner).

Nevertheless, in such case she/he needs to check her/his eligibility with the respective funding organisation, which may have specific rules, by contacting their contact point (p. 12 and 13 of the Call Announcement).

- ***What is the page limit for proposal?***

The proposal length should be approx. between 20-30 pages.

- ***Can the style of the document be adjusted according to the section of the document (typically a smaller font size for the references)?***

The same font and style should be used for the whole proposal (recommended: Arial, 11pt, single-spaced).

## 5. Evaluation

- ***Where do the reviewers come from? Who will select the reviewers?***

The evaluation panel is composed of international high-level experts from different fields within the call topic. The evaluation panel members are appointed by CHIST-ERA funding organisations. They are possibly working in Europe, possibly in countries outside the call and overseas.

- ***Will each CHIST-ERA funding organisation in the call review the proposals?***

The joint evaluation principle is central. The proposals are evaluated and ranked by the CHIST-ERA evaluation panel members, possibly assisted by external reviewers. The selection is based on this ranking.

Parallel national/regional scientific evaluations may occur for instance to assess the type of research targeted by the project and its adequacy with the funding organisation rules. This information is available in the Call Announcement national/regional annexes.

- ***What are the profiles of the reviewers for this specific call?***

As this call addresses any research domain: Within, at the interface or outside ICT, the reviewers will altogether come from a variety of fields, combining relevant scientific knowledge and Open Science expertise. The evaluation panel will be adjusted after the call deadline to the proposals received.

## 6. Funding

- ***Is a project selected if and only if all the funding organisations involved in the project recommend it?***

The funding recommendation follows a joint decision of the Call ORD Steering Committee (composed of the CHIST-ERA funding organisations in the call). There are no national/regional parallel decision processes. Moreover, the funding organisations have to follow the ranking list established by the evaluation panel.

- ***Are eligible costs the same regardless the funding institution in each country?***

Eligible costs differ from one funding organisation to another. It is recommended to check the eligible costs with each national/regional contact point.

- ***Does the funding for partners not requesting funding to CHIST-ERA have to be secured before submission?***

The self-funded partner must be able to indicate at the proposal stage (see proposal template) how its funding is secured. Letters of support/intent are not mandatory but they can be uploaded as an annex in the submission system.

## 6. Open access to publications and research data

- ***Is open access to publications and underlying research data mandatory?***

At CHIST-ERA level, the publications funded by CHIST-ERA must be available in open access as well as the underlying data, following the principle ‘as open as possible, as closed as necessary’. Possible exceptions are listed in the Call Announcement. In any case, they must be justified. You should check the full CHIST-ERA Open Science policy in the Call Announcement, as it is of particular relevance considering the topic of the call.

Applicants can contact their national/regional contact points to check if additional rules apply locally. Every funding organisation may have a different Open Science policy in addition to the CHIST-ERA policy.

For guidance on good practices for Open Access to research data, applicants can refer to the CHIST-ERA training at <https://www.chistera.eu/open-science-trainings>.

- ***If some data cannot be shared, for instance due to privacy issue, will it impact the project proposal evaluation?***

CHIST-ERA acknowledges that open access to research data is also a legal and technical issue. In this context, the basic principle is “as open as possible, as closed as necessary”. It is expected that, as much as possible, the projects will promote approaches at the level of the state of the art. This aspect will be considered during the proposal evaluation.

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