



**WIDESPREAD 2-2014: ERA Chairs  
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# WIDESPREAD 2-2014: ERA Chairs – Objectives of the action

- Bring high quality researchers and managers to universities and other research organisations **with the potential for research excellence.**
- Institutions should implement **structural changes** to achieve excellence on a sustainable basis.

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## – Proposal design

- In **any scientific domain** of research and innovation but expected to be inline with regional/national **strategies for smart specialisation**.
- Shall comprise measures to foster compliance with **ERA priorities** (open recruitment, peer review, gender balance, innovative doctoral training).
- Include a plan to increase **Research Capacity**: measures for better use of the installed research capacity; description of any necessary investments in facilities and infrastructures and present a strategy to mobilise support for them (including possible support from Cohesion funds -ESIF).



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## - Expected Impact

- Increased attractiveness of institution and region for **excellent researchers**.
- **Research excellence** in the fields covered by the ERA Chair.
- **Increase participation** of the institution in Horizon 2020 and other internationally competitive funding programmes
- Institutional changes to comply with **ERA priorities**
- Contribution to regional and/or national **smart specialisation strategies**, including obtaining support where appropriate from European Structural and Investment Funds.



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## - The ERA Chair holder

- The ERA Chair holder should be an **outstanding researcher and research manager** with a proven record of leadership.
- The appointment of an ERA Chair holder must follow an **open and merit-based recruitment process**, and will be subject to monitoring by the European Commission.
- ERA Chair holder shall be designated as a **full time position** or equivalent contractual arrangement.
- The institution should ensure **autonomy** for the Chair and his/her team
- ERA Chairs can be of **any nationality**

# WIDESPREAD 2-2014: ERA Chairs - Eligibility Criteria

- As for the other measures under Widening, applicant organisations shall be established in eligible Members States and Associated countries indicated in the Work Programme.
- One **single applicant** (mono-beneficiary action).
- EU contribution not to exceed a **maximum of EUR 2,5 million** for up **to 5 years**
- EU contribution is limited to a **maximum of 90% of total** estimated budget

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## - Budget

- **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 (in duly justified cases), etc.**

The grant is not a measure to fund research *per se* and will **not cover research costs!**



# WIDESPREAD 2: ERA Chairs Calls

- **A total of 3 calls are foreseen during H2020 with a total budget of EUR 240 million**

*Provisonal call deadlines: 2014; 2017 and 2019*

*Indicative budget: 1<sup>st</sup> call EUR 34 million; 2<sup>nd</sup> EUR 100 million and 3<sup>rd</sup> EUR 110 million*

- **Widespread 2-2014: 1st Call Open since 11 December 2013!**

*Call deadline: 15 october 2014=> Proposals evaluated by **December 2014***

*EU contribution: maximum of EUR 2,5 million for up to 5 years*

*Funding scheme: CSA-SA (Supporting Action)*



# **WIDESPREAD 2-2014: ERA Chairs – Additional information**

## **Participant Portal**

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-widespread-2014-2.html>

## **ERA Chairs webpage:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-chairs\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-chairs_en.html)

## **Functional Mailbox for the ERA Chairs 2014 Call:**

[RTD-WIDESPREAD2-2014-ERA-CHAIRS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-WIDESPREAD2-2014-ERA-CHAIRS@ec.europa.eu)

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!***