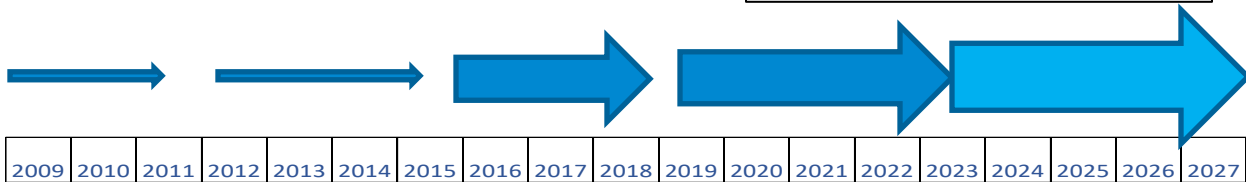
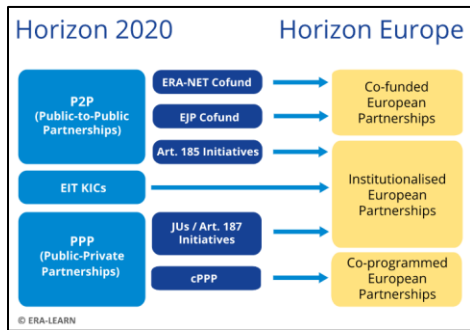


ERA-LEARN - The Support Platform for the European R&I Partnership Community

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ERA-LEARN: service provider & facilitator

- consortium of funding organisations and analysts
- providing support & guidance to the community since 2009
- supporting the European Partnerships under Horizon Europe
- **current phase July 2023 - June 2027**



European Partnerships

- **European Partnerships** are initiatives in which the **EU Commission** and **private and/or public partners** commit themselves to jointly **support the development and implementation of a research and innovation program**.
- **European R&I partnerships** shall develop the **European Research Area (ERA)**, overcome the **fragmentation of the R&I landscape**, **avoid duplication with national or regional research** activities and promote competitiveness and innovation.
- Horizon Europe distinguishes between **3 types of European Partnerships**:
 - **Co-funded partnerships** involving EU Member States and Associated Countries, with research funders and other public authorities at the core of the consortium
 - **Co-programmed partnerships** between the Commission and private and/or public partners
 - **Institutionalised partnerships**, based on long-term dimension and need for higher integration under the legal framework of Article 187 or 185 TFEU and EIT-Regulation supported by Horizon Europe.

European Partnership portfolio

■ Institutionalised partnerships (Art. 185/7, EIT KICs) ■ Co-funded partnerships ■ Co-programmed partnerships ■ Proposed new candidate European Partnerships under the 2nd Strategic Plan 2025-2027

Pillar II - Global challenges & European industrial competitiveness



Pillar III - Innovative Europe & Cross-Pillars



2nd Strat. Plan:

4 CO-PROGRAMMED EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

- Innovative Materials for EU
- Solar Photovoltaics
- Textiles of the Future
- Virtual Worlds

5 CO-FUNDED EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

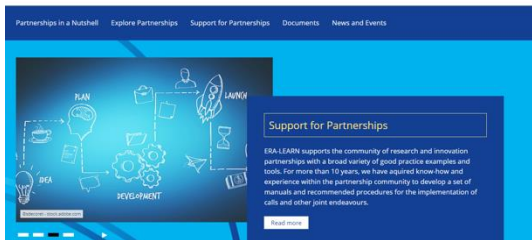
- Brain Health
- Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future
- Raw Materials for Green and Digital Transition
- Resilient Cultural Heritage
- Social Transformations and Resilience

<https://www.era-learn.eu/partnerships-in-a-nutshell/european-partnerships/european-partnership-portfolio>

Central information hub: the ERA-LEARN portal



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- **News and Events**
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 - Annual Reports
 - Country Reports

ERA-LEARN reaches out to all stakeholders:

- **Policy level**
- **Network administrators**
- **Researchers**



→ Find information on European Partnerships!
<https://www.era-learn.eu>



ERA-LEARN brochure: Impacts of European Partnerships



Two Decades of European Partnerships

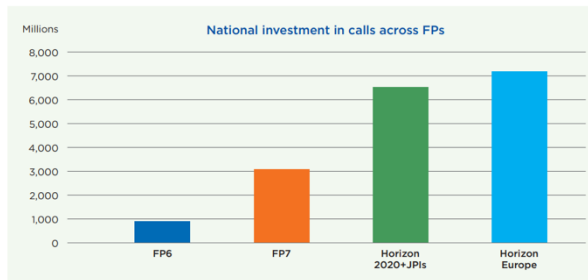
Our Achievements

The brochure showcases more than twenty impact stories of Partnerships over their 20-year existence.



Partnerships in Numbers

Over €10 billion invested, to date, by countries in partnership-funded projects between FP6 and Horizon 2020 and over €7 billion already committed in Horizon Europe partnership calls.



ERA-LEARN Toolbox and guidance on mechanisms for synergy creation

Alignment and Synergies

Coordination of efforts among partnerships and across the R&I landscape can take many forms. They may range from a basic exchange of information to a long-term alignment of visions and objectives. Several concepts, such as alignment, synergies and coherence have been in use within the R&I policy landscape.

Alignment has been originally defined as “the strategic approach taken by [EU] Member States to modify their national programmes, priorities or activities as a consequence of the adoption of joint research priorities in the context of Joint Programming, to implement changes to improve the efficiency of investment in research at the level of the Member States and the European Research Area.” Later, the definition was extended to include both research and innovation. Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 highlights the possibilities for aligning research strategies of stakeholders in the Member States and Associated Countries with the EU Priorities. This may refer to efforts by European Partnerships aimed at alignment with EU-level and national agendas, as well as specific stakeholder groups. Possible benefits of alignment include better coordination, simplified procedures, lower costs, improved performance and impact creation, preventing duplication of efforts and closing gaps.

Synergies occur when the “results or programmes as a whole is greater than that of the sum of their individual impacts”. Synergies emerge through interactions across the different partnerships and their types, between partnerships and other instruments and with different funding sources. Establishing synergies is paramount to achieving the EU’s wider goals of green, digital, industrial, and just transitions and increasing the EU’s resilience given current and future crises. The framework for synergy creation in relation to other EU programmes is outlined in Annex IV of the Horizon Europe Regulation, as well as specific parts of regulation such as Annex II (2.4) for JTC KICs. The Horizon Europe 2025-2027 Strategic Plan aims to inform “synergies with other EU programmes and with national research activities and schemes”. Fostering synergies is expected to enable more efficient public spending, more effective

The **ERA-LEARN Toolbox** provide a typology and possible mechanisms for synergy creation depending on the specific purpose like “Leverage internal and external resources” or “Improve knowledge valorisation”.



- Strategy and Foresight
- Alignment and Synergies
 - Synergies within EU Missions
 - Synergies with European Structural Funds (ESF)
 - Synergies with other Union Programmes
- Knowledge Valorisation and Stakeholder Engagement
- International Cooperation
- Openness and Transparency
- Widening Participation and the European Research Area

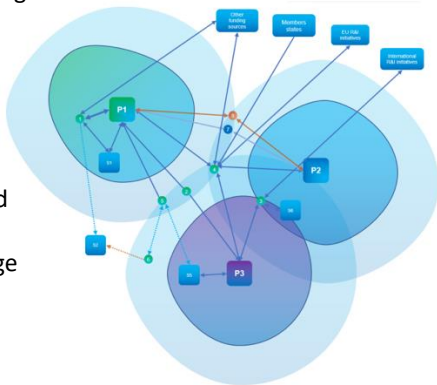
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Toolbox and Guidance on Mechanisms for Synergy Creation for European Partnerships

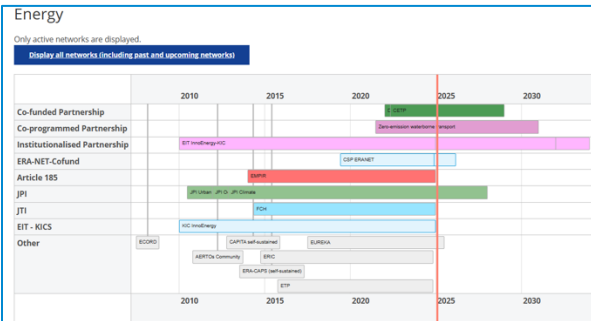
Synergy creation can be described through different dynamics of interactions e.g Cooperative synergy creation: Joint efforts based on mutual commitments and ambitions to align with one another or depending on where they occur e.g. European initiatives and programmes



Actors	
P	Partnerships
S	Stakeholders (industry, civil society, decision-makers, etc.)
Interest circles	
●	Direct sphere of interests
●	Broader sphere of interests
Results of interactions	
●	Intra-partnership synergies
●	Inter-partnership synergies
●	Inter-partnership synergies
●	Cross-partnership synergies
●	Broader synergies
●	Second-order synergies
●	Other benefits (alignment, coordination, complementarities)
●	Trade-offs
Implementation	
→	Top-down
↔	Collaborative
→	Indirect
↔	Other useful interactions
↔	Interactions that lead to trade-offs

Partnership network database – overview of all former and new Partnerships

- overview on all Partnerships (format, topic...) including predecessors
- thematic overviews
- individual country's participation
- individual organisation's participation



Organisation

National Research Agency (ANR)
AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE

Country: France

Show cooperations: 0

Partnerships

Use the menu to filter the partnerships.

Funding framework * Partnership format * Thematic area * Partnership status *

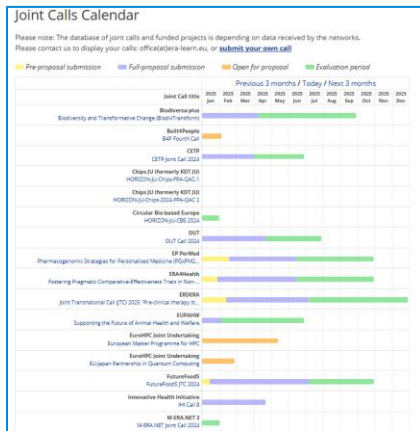
Coordinator	Participant	Observer
FutureFoods (Horizon Europe)	SD-WISEES (Horizon Europe)	
Water4All (Horizon Europe)	EURAWW (Horizon Europe)	
	Green ERA Hub (Horizon Europe)	
	CE4P (Horizon Europe)	
	SBEF (Horizon Europe)	
	ERA4Health (Horizon Europe)	
	THCS (Horizon Europe)	
	Biodiverse plus (Horizon Europe)	
	AGROECOLGY (Horizon Europe)	
	SLUP (Horizon Europe)	
	EP-NetMed (Horizon Europe)	

Explore the database!

<https://www.era-learn.eu/network-information/p2pnetworks>

Call Calendar – Partnership Calls/ Horizon Europe Calls for Partnerships

- call calendar: joint calls launched by the Partnerships – cascading funding
- upcoming calls for Partnerships in Horizon Europe work programmes



Horizon Europe Calls for Partnerships



TOPICS IN THE WORK PROGRAMME

The Horizon Europe Work Programmes will fund European Partnerships with dedicated calls; in particular, Co-funded Partnerships will be invited through individual call topics in the respective thematic clusters.

Beside that, the ERA part of Horizon Europe (WIDERA work programme) provides the possibility for Member States, Associated Countries and civil society organisations such as foundations, to maintain existing or establish new collaborations on priorities of their choice.

All these calls are launched in the [Funding & tender opportunities Portal of the EC](#).

ERA-LEARN compiles a selection of calls related to Partnerships sorted per year of the call deadline:

- 2021: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2022: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2023: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2024: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls

- 2021: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2022: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2023: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls
- 2024: Partnership related Horizon Europe calls

Remark: Horizon Europe WP 2025 Calls for Partnerships are not published yet; deadlines planned for Sept 2025/ Jan 2026

→ Find Calls!

ERA-LEARN events

<https://www.era-learn.eu/news-events/events>

❖ annual large events (co-organized with DG RTD)

- Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (15-16 Nov 2022)
- Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (5-6 Dec 2023)
- Annual Partnership Stakeholder Forum (4-5 Dec 2024)

❖ workshops/webinars on specific issues (co-organised with DG RTD)

- Implementing co-funded Partnerships (April 2023)
- Synergies with Cohesion Policy Funds (May 2023)
- Monitoring & Evaluation framework (Sep 2023)
- Co-funded Partnerships: add. activities beyond joint calls (Jan 2024)
- European Partnerships administrative burden (June 2024)



→ participate in events!

European Partnership Stakeholder Forum 2024: 20 years of European Partnerships: Reflecting on the past – Shaping the Future

Date: 04/12/2024 - 05/12/2024

ERA-LEARN and the European Commission co-organised the third European Partnership Stakeholder Forum on 4 and 5 December 2024 in Brussels.



The Partnership Stakeholder Forum "20 years of European Partnerships: Reflecting on the past – Shaping the Future" brought together the whole community of Co-funded, Co-programmed and Institutionalised Partnerships' stakeholders. The Forum in 2024 highlighted the achievements of the European Partnerships, while also addressing important challenges and strategic discussions on the way to the 10th Framework Programme.

2024 marked the twentieth anniversary of the launch of the first partnerships, the so-called ERA-NETs back in FP6. For the last two decades, these partnerships have contributed significantly to the development of the ERA. They have managed to mobilise and connect substantive resources across Europe to address common challenges both in the societal and economic realm. A great deal has been achieved, especially in terms of enhancing transnational collaboration in research and mobilising national resources. Partnerships play a vital role in both responding to urgent needs as well as the EU

strategic goals.


While implementation challenges are identified and efforts are oriented towards solving those, the next Framework Programme is at our doorstep. What is certain is that in the challenging future that lays ahead of us, the European Partnerships and the spirit of trust and collaboration they have been achieving is an effective means of addressing the challenges that cross our national borders and the strategic goals of the EU.



ERA-LEARN events documentation

All events are well documented with:

- Reports
- Slides
- Q&A summaries
- Video recordings



The Forum attracted more than 400 participants (in presence and online) from European Partnerships, from national and regional governments, public funding agencies, the private sector and other R&I policy makers involved in the design and implementation of European Partnerships.

Slides

[Download: Plenary Slides Day 1](#)
[Download: Plenary Slides Day 2](#)
[Download: Loop Slides from TVs \(Partnerships at a glance\)](#)


Conference Report

[Download: Summary Results of the European Partnership Stakeholder Forum 2024](#)

A detailed forum report will be published on the ERA-LEARN website in January 2025.

Recordings

Plenary Day 1



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European Partnership Stakeholder Forum 2024 - Recordings, Slides & Summary Results available

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The importance of the event was underlined by the first public appearance of Ekaterina Zaharieva, the new EU Commissioner for Start-ups, Research and Innovation. Recordings of the plenary sessions, slides and a summary report are now available. A full conference report will follow soon.

03/12/2024

New ERA-LEARN Brochure celebrating two Decades of European Partnerships

Over the past twenty years, European Partnerships have evolved into an impactful R&I policy instrument. With over 30,000 participations and over 6,000 projects, they have addressed grand challenges through a broad range of transformation-oriented research and innovation activities. As a tribute to the achievements of this period, the brochure showcases more than twenty impact stories of Partnerships over their 20-year existence.

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Take away messages

- use ERA-LEARN for **Partnership specific information** (online or download reports and analyses)
- find **impact stories** of Partnerships
- use the **toolbox and guidance** on mechanisms for **synergy creation**
- explore the **ERA-LEARN database** for e.g. country specific information, participation history of organisations etc.
- find **Partnership Calls** (cascading funding) as well as **Horizon Europe Calls for Partnerships**
- attend **webinars/ events** organised by ERA-LEARN
- stay in touch - register to the **news alert**

Thank you!

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