



# HERA

## Humanities in the European Research Area

### Pre-announcement 4th HERA Joint Research Programme

#### “Public Spaces: Culture and Integration in Europe” (HERA JRP PS)

The Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) Network is planning to implement a new Joint Research Programme under the theme “Public Spaces: Culture and Integration in Europe” (HERA JRP PS). This programme will be implemented and funded by 24 humanities funding organisations with the support of the European Union and is subject to the signature of the Grant Agreement with the European Commission for co-funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.

The expected publication date of the Call for Proposals for this HERA Joint Research Programme is 24 August 2017, with the deadline for submitting Outline Proposals on 24 October 2017. Please note that these dates may still be subject to changes. The publication of the call will be announced primarily via [www.heranet.info](http://www.heranet.info) and [https://twitter.com/HERA\\_Research](https://twitter.com/HERA_Research).

By launching the HERA JRP PS, the 24 national humanities funders involved want to create opportunities for collaborative, transnational **humanities-led** research that will result in new academic insights relevant to major social, cultural, and political challenges facing Europe and the world.

We are seeking innovative **humanities-led** research proposals addressing the theme of Public Space(s): Culture and Integration in Europe. We encourage applicants to consider not only the context and scope below but also the European added value of their proposed collaboration. HERA funding is very competitive and it is vital that it is clearly articulated how the research not only addresses this theme but that it demonstrates how the European collaboration results in more than the sum of its individual national parts.

The aim of the HERA JRP “Public Spaces: Culture and Integration in Europe” will be to deepen the theoretical and empirical cultural understanding of public spaces in a European context. The programme has been designed to facilitate a broad range of cultural approaches to conceptualising public space, its structural and processual formations, and its possible outcomes in terms of, for example, integration, exclusion, disintegration, fragmentation, hybridization, amalgamation or transmission. More provisional information about the theme and scope of this call is available at [www.heranet.info](http://www.heranet.info).

The HERA JRP PS Call for Proposals is being prepared by humanities-funding agencies in 24 participating countries and the European Commission. The total budget of the HERA JRP will amount up to 20 M€.

#### Who can apply?

Eligible scholars located in the HERA JRP PS countries: **Austria, Belgium (Wallonia), Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom**, irrespective of their nationality.

Collaborative Research Projects (CRP) proposals can be submitted by balanced consortia involving four or more Principal Investigators based in four or more different HERA JRP PS countries. Applicants are strongly encouraged to take equality and diversity dimension issues into consideration. All research teams will be urged to include non-academic stakeholders as associate partners in their consortiums and they will be required to include an impact section in their application, specifying how their research results will be valorised and communicated to a wider public.

Each CRP consortium can apply for research funding up to a maximum amount of 1 M€. Projects should be between 24 and 36 months in duration and should commence by May 2019. Proposals will be selected in a two-step process involving an independent international Review Panel. The main deliverables of the research projects will be tangible outcomes such as publications, conferences and workshops, reports, policy briefs, public events, and media appearances. Both the HERA JRP PS and the HERA network will seek to increase the impact of these outcomes by encouraging and enabling wide dissemination and knowledge exchange activities.

### Further information

All information will be available on the [HERA website](#) once the HERA JRP PS Call for Proposals is published (planned 24 August 2017):

- HERA JRP PS Call for Proposals, including national eligibility requirements and detailed guidelines for preparing and submitting an Outline Proposal;
- Knowledge Exchange guidance;
- FAQs and Glossary;
- Application templates.

A HERA **partner search tool** has been made available by NCN at: <https://ncn.gov.pl/partners/hera/>

### HERA JRP PS Participating funding organisations

Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF)	Austria
Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S-FNRS)	Belgium (Wallonia)
Hrvatska Akademija Znanosti i Umjetnosti (HAZU)	Croatia
Akademie Ved Ceske Republiky (AVCR)	Czech Republic
Styrelsen for Forskning og Innovation (DASTI)	Denmark
Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur (ETAg)	Estonia
Suomen Akatemia (AKA)	Finland
Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)	France
Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) via DLR Project Management Agency (DLR-PT)	Germany
The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS)	Iceland
An tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas/Irish Research Council (HEA)	Ireland
Ministero dell'Istruzione dell'Università e della ricerca (MIUR)	Italy
Valsts Izglītības Attīstības Aģentūra (VIAA)	Latvia
Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba (LMT)	Lithuania
Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR)	Luxembourg
Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (NWO)	Netherlands
Norges Forskningsrad (RCN)	Norway
Narodowe Centrum Nauki (NCN)	Poland
Slovenská Akadémia Vied (SAS)	Slovakia
Ministrstvo za Izobraževanje Znanost in Sport (MIZS)	Slovenia
Ministerio de Economía, Industria y Competitividad (MINECO)	Spain
Vetenskapsrådet - Swedish Research Council (VR)	Sweden
Schweizerischer Nationalfonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (SNF)	Switzerland
The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)	United Kingdom