

The logo for the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). It features the letters 'NWO' in a white, stylized font. The 'N' is a simple block letter, while the 'W' is composed of two overlapping, curved shapes. The 'O' is a solid red circle. A red swoosh arches over the 'N' and 'W'.

Brochure

Encouraging European Research

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

With effect from 2015, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, in alignment with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, has made extra funding available for publicly funded knowledge institutions that acquire European funds within Horizon 2020. This funding will be provided via the so-called 'Encouraging European Research' regulation. This regulation makes a contribution towards the efforts made by institutions for the acquisition of EU contracts.

1.2 Available budget

For 2018 the budget is 50 million euros (including administrative expenses). Throughout the duration of Horizon2020 it is expected to remain at a similar level each year. The intention is that throughout the entire duration of Horizon 2020 the funds from the Encouraging European Research regulation will be made available to the institutions.

1.3 Validity of the brochure

This brochure is valid for 2018.

2 Aim

The Encouraging European Research regulation aims to increase Dutch participation of the publicly funded knowledge institutions in EU programmes for research and innovation and forms part of the policy to strengthen the Dutch knowledge and innovation system. With these funds successful knowledge institutions will effectively and efficiently receive a contribution towards the costs, in addition to the European project grants they have managed to acquire. This regulation will therefore encourage active participation of the publicly funded knowledge institutions in European research programmes.

3 Guidelines for applicants

3.1 Eligible for additional funding

Funds from the Encouraging European Research regulation cannot be applied for. These are awarded to publicly funded knowledge institutions on the basis of contracts concluded within Horizon 2020. One condition is that the knowledge institutions receive structural public funding c.q. institution funding from a Dutch government ministry for doing research. The target group consists of universities, research institutions (both fundamental and applied research) and higher professional education institutions and has been set by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. An overview of Horizon 2020 instruments that are eligible for the regulation can be found on the financing page of the 'Encouraging European Research' website.

If a Legal Entity wishes to be included in the target group then it should first register as a Higher or Secondary Education organisation (HES) or as a Research organisation (REC) at the EU and then submit a substantiated request to NWO.

To be eligible for the 'Encouraging European Research' funding, these institutions should have acquired a European project grant within Horizon 2020. The institutions can only claim funds retroactively from the latest funding round. Each contract will be included once in the calculation of the grant in the context of the Encouraging European Research regulation.

All contracts agreed upon within Horizon 2020 are eligible for the stated regulation unless there is already co-funding from NWO or a Dutch government ministry. These contracts are excluded from the regulation.

In addition ERA-nets are excluded from the regulation as they use the received European funds for implementing and executing calls as well as funding awarded projects. These funded projects are not included in the EU contracts database (Ecorda) that is used for awarding funds from the Encouraging European Research regulation.

An overview of excluded Horizon 2020 instruments can be found in the annex of this brochure.

3.2 What can be awarded

The size of the grant in the context of the Encouraging European Research regulation, is a percentage of the funds acquired from Horizon 2020, at the conclusion of the contract. The percentage for the year 2018 has been set by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science at 9%.

3.3 When funds will be awarded

In November and December these funds are awarded by NWO to Dutch institutions that have received a European project grant within Horizon 2020 in the previous year.

4 Assessment procedure

4.1 Procedure

NWO will try to award these funds each year in mid-December to Dutch institutions that have received a European project grant within Horizon 2020 in the previous year. The support function for Horizon 2020 lies with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency. Each year at the end of October the Netherlands Enterprise Agency will receive a list from NWO with the names of the organisations that belong to the target group of the Encouraging European Research regulation. In November (if the EU contracts database has been updated by the EU), NWO will receive an overview from the Netherlands Enterprise Agency of the contracts received by the target group. For each new contract the Netherlands Enterprise Agency will give an overview of the size of the EU funds that the members of the target group have received. Based on this list, NWO will determine the total size of the EU funds acquired for each member of the target group. The award letters for the funds from the Encouraging European Research regulation will preferably be sent to the institutions within the same year.

5 Contact

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6 Annexe(s)

Excluded from the regulation 'Encouraging European Research' are Horizon 2020 instruments which are co-funded by NWO and/or a Dutch government ministry.¹

These are:

- JTI's: only JTI ECSEL (merger of former JTI ENIAC and JTI ARTEMIS)
- Art.185-initiatives (these are already excluded because they do not appear in the Ecorda database)
 - Eurostars
 - AAL
 - EMPIR
 - EDCTP
- ERA-Nets
- The projects awarded funding by NWO in the context of the European Co-funding regulation for the Top Sectors
 - JPI FACCE ERA-Net COFUND call "Sustainable Animal Production Systems" - JPI FACCE ERA-Net ICT-Agri2 Smart Farming and Food Security call "Farm management and Information Systems"
 - Participation ESFRI INSTRUCT (Integrated Structural Biology Infrastructure)
 - ERA-Net COFUND M-ERA-NET2 materials research and innovation
 - ERA-Net COFUND Biotechnologies
 - JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change COFUND
 - ERA-Net COFUND focused on Sustainable Process technology/Energy efficiency measures in NonSPIRE process industries
 - ERA-Net COFUND Smart Grids Plus for the second call
 - ERA-Net COFUND on Electromobility
 - ERA-Net COFUND on Nanomedicine
 - ERA-Net COFUND QUANT-ERA Quantum Technologies
 - ERA-Net CHIST-ERA Information and Communication Sciences and Technology call "Security and Privacy in Internet of Things"
 - JPI Urban Europe ERA-Net COFUND Urban Access
 - JPI Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (HDHL)
 - JPI More Years Better Life
 - NEURON ERA-Net COFUND call "External Insults to the Nervous System"
 - ERA-Net CoSysMed
 - NORFACE ERA-Net COFUND call "Dynamics of inequality across the life course" (DIAL)
 - JPI FACCE ERA-Net COFUND call "Sustainable Crop Production"
 - JPI Oceans ERA-Net COFUND on Marine Technologies
 - JPI Climate ERA-Net COFUND on Climate Services JPI Climate ERA-Net COFUND on Climate Services

¹ This overview is not complete and can be extended anytime. This concerns in particular the above instruments which are co-funded by NWO and/or a Dutch government ministry and therefore are excluded from the regulation Encouraging European Research

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