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HERA JRP Uses of the Past Matchmaking Event - application to attend: Frequently asked questions

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Can all Researchers apply?

No – this event is only open to researchers based in the countries which have committed to co-fund the HERA Joint Research Programme Uses of the Past. These countries are **Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK.**

Where and when will the HERA JRP Matchmaking Event take place?

The Matchmaking event will take place in Estonia in Tallinn on 29 January 2015. The exact venue details will be communicated after the selection process.

More details about the HERA JRP Matchmaking event will be available on the HERA website soon. www.heranet.info

What are the differences with the previous HERA JRP and the previous Match Making Event.

- The thematic focus for the HERA JRP is Uses of the Past.
- The number of participating countries has increased to 23. New countries are the Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Spain and Switzerland.
- For the new HERA JRP call you are required to build a consortium of at least four partners based in at least four countries co-funding the HERA Joint Research Programme Uses of the Past.¹
- The application process for this call is handled by the HERA JRP UP Handling Agency at NWO (hera@nwo.nl).

Who is this HERA JRP Matchmaking event meant for: researchers or administrators?

The event is aimed at researchers considering applying for research funding under the HERA Joint Research Programme (HERA JRP) "Uses of the Past". The event will enable participants to meet potential collaborators from across Europe and explore common interests, as well as get information on the application procedures.

How do I register to attend?

As we expect a high demand for this event there will be a selection process.

In order to be considered you will need to complete the application form and upload a short description of your project idea, available via the HERA website, and submit this by **5 November 2014**. National representatives from the HERA JRP Board will be responsible for selecting their countries' participants if there is an oversubscription.

¹ Note that a final decision about the required consortium size has not yet been made by the HERA JRP UP Board.

Is there a specific research theme for this new HERA Joint Research Programme?

Yes - The HERA Joint Research Programme (HERA JRP) focuses on a specific theme: "Uses of the Past". The detailed thematic text will be incorporated in the HERA JRP Uses of the Past Call for Proposals which will be published in January 2015. A short summary of the concept and context of the Uses of the Past theme is available on the website of this call (www.b2match.eu/hera-up-mme).

How many places are available?

A total of 300 places are available. Allocation of places has been made to each country involved in the HERA JRP Uses of the Past based on their financial contribution. Some additional places have been made available to countries which are participating in a HERA Joint research Programme for the first time – the Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Spain and Switzerland.

Country		Number of available travel grants
Austria	AT	8
Belgium	BE	10
Croatia	HR	6
Czech Republic	CZ	8
Denmark	DK	7
Estonia	EE	6
Finland	FI	6
Germany	DE	30
Iceland	IS	6
Ireland	IE	6
Italy	IT	38
Latvia	LV	8
Lithuania	LT	6
Luxembourg	LU	6
Netherlands	NL	16
Norway	NO	10
Poland	PL	9
Portugal	PT	6
Slovenia	SI	6
Spain	ES	30
Sweden	SE	10
Switzerland	SW	15
United Kingdom	UK	30

Will there be financial support available to attend the meeting?

Yes, all those selected to attend will be able to claim up to €350 (with receipts) to attend the meeting.

Can I join the event at my own costs?

No, only those researchers who have been selected by the HERA JRP Board will be able to attend the event.

I already have partner(s). Can we submit an application together?

No, the application should be individual. In case your project idea is selected, financial support can be given to you only.

If I am not selected, can I still submit an application to the HERA JRP call?

Yes – attendance at the matchmaking event is not a prerequisite to applying to the HERA Joint Research Programme Uses of the Past.

Researchers who have not submitted an Expression of Interest to participate in the MME can of course also submit an application in the call for transnational research proposals that will be opened in January.

If I am selected, do I have to submit an application to the HERA JRP call?

No, in fact the MME is just an opportunity to find new partners you may want to collaborate with or just to get inspiration. There will also be information available about other European calls you may want to submit proposals to.

Currently, I only have partners in countries that are not participating in the Call. Does that mean I need to find new partners in other countries?

Yes, if you want to submit in the HERA JRP call you are required to build a consortium of at least four partners based in at least four countries co-funding the HERA Joint Research Programme Uses of the Past.²

Do I need to indicate with which partners I intend to apply for funding under the HERA JRP Uses of the Past Call for Proposals?

No - at this early stage, we do not need to know which partners you will choose to collaborate with, and the event itself will give you an opportunity to meet other researchers.

What is meant by "uploading a project idea" (800 words)?

At this early stage, we need no detailed description of your research plans. We are asking for an indication of the research project you envisage, to ensure that your ideas fit the framework of the theme "Uses of the Past". You also need to articulate the novelty and originality of your proposed research and the European added value of trans-national collaboration.

If selected, when do I find out? And, do I need to do any preparation for the meeting?

The selection process will take place in November, and we plan to communicate the results in the first half of December 2014. If you are planning to coordinate a project you can submit a poster which can be shown in Tallinn. Further instructions will be available in December. At that moment we will also publish a separate internet-based partner search tool for all interested researchers to use to find international researchers to collaborate with.

Why are you organising this MME call before the full details of the application process have been published?

As applicants will be required to submit joint applications involving participants from at least four² eligible countries we want to give researchers plenty of time to explore and build solid partnerships.

Can you give any details of the call?

The HERA JRP Uses of the Past application process will be a two-stage process with applicants required to submit an Outline Proposal. Shortlisted applications will then be invited to submit a Full Proposal. The tentative timetable for the full process is as follows:

- Call documentation published –January 2015
- Deadline for submitting Outline Proposals – April 2015
- Decisions on Outline Proposals communicated - July 2015
- Deadline for Full Proposals (if selected) – October 2015
- Decision on application – early February 2016
- Expected start date – June-September 2016

² Note that a final decision about the required consortium size has not yet been made by the HERA JRP UP Board.

The total value of the call is expected to be approximately €23 M, with individual collaborative research projects able to apply for up to €1.2 M across all partners.

Other questions

If you have any other questions you can contact your national contact person (see list below). For questions about the application system, please contact NWO (hera@nwo.nl).

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