

HERA Joint Research Programme “Public Spaces” (HERA JRP PS)

Call for Proposals HERA JRP PS Knowledge Exchange activities

The HERA JRP PS has set aside up to 50.000 EUR in order to fund new Knowledge Exchange (KE) or public engagement activities where they facilitate KE. This call aims to encourage and facilitate a range of interactions and creative engagements between arts and humanities research and a variety of user communities including, third sector, cultural heritage institutions, business and commercial sector, public policy, voluntary and community groups and the general public. Awards will be made for new knowledge exchange activities that will add significant value to project outcomes and impact.

Proposed activities should be innovative and enhance the value and benefit of HERA-funded research projects in the “Public Spaces” programme by increasing the social benefit of humanities knowledge. Activities should have relevance for clearly defined stakeholders as well as adding value to the existing KE plans of individual projects. There is also the potential to combine activities across more than one Collaborative Research Project (CRP).

Scope

HERA JRP Knowledge Exchange activities are collaborative activities bringing together academic and non-academic partners (see https://heranet.info/assets/uploads/2019/09/Toolkit_27Nov2020.html)

Types of activity supported by this call might include (but are not exclusive to):

- New activities that build upon knowledge exchange and impacts already undertaken. These could include the development of new tools or resources based on research findings that enhance the collaboration between research teams and Associated Partners;
- Public engagement or active dissemination activities that involve KE with new user communities and audiences;
- Conferences and seminars for a policy/practice audience;
- The pursuit and development of new contacts with potential users;
- Feasibility studies to test the potential application of ideas emerging from the research in different policy, practice, or business contexts.
- KE activities that actively contribute to the development of unforeseen research opportunities

Please note that KE Awards will only support new activities not included in original budgets and/or project plans (or amended project plans due to COVID etc.). Equally, small research projects or knowledge exchange across disciplines that only involve representatives from academia **cannot** be funded under this call. Publication costs, including OA fees, cannot be funded under this call.

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants are Projects Leaders and Principal Investigators from HERA JRP PS funded projects. CRPs and partners can be involved in more than one proposal; however individual applicants can only **lead** one proposal. The applicant is the contact person responsible to the Handling Agency for the application and, if successful, for the financial and practical management of the activity, as well as the reporting. All costs must be approved by the HERA JRP Knowledge Exchange Strategy Group, which will assess and select the proposals to be funded.

Funding

The level of requested funding should be between 5.000 to 10.000 EUR. The total call budget is 50.000 EUR.

Eligible costs include direct costs such as personnel, travel, meeting costs, and equipment. Indirect costs such as overheads are not eligible for funding. Budgets should be costed in EURO.

Co-sponsorship

Co-funding/co-sponsorship of an activity is encouraged. Applicants must, however, obtain approval from HERA prior to making any firm commitment to co-sponsors.

Time scale

The activity must be started within 3 months after the award date (likely to be in November 2021). The final report demonstrating the results (impact) of the KE activities must be submitted at the same time as the closing CRP report.

Provisional timeline

10 September 2021	Submission deadline proposals
Sept-Oct 2021	Evaluation and selection
Oct-Nov 2021	Communication of funding decisions
December 2021-Nov 2022	KE activities
November 2022	Report submitted at the same time as final CRP report.

Selection process

Proposals will be evaluated by the HERA JRP PS Knowledge Exchange Strategy Group (KESG) according to the following selection criteria:

- 1) Added value to HERA JRP and KE activities already built into the individual HERA JRP PS projects**
- 2) Cultural, economic, social or policy relevance and clearly identified stakeholders from different countries**
- 3) Value for money and feasibility**

The HERA Handling Agency will inform the applicant of the outcome of their application in the second half of October 2021. If funding is approved, the applicant must accept the funding terms and conditions and provide his/her institution/organisation's bank details. Upon acceptance the applicant must send a signed hard copy of the Acceptance Form to the Handling Agency. **Upon receipt of this document the Handling Agency will make an advance payment (80% of the grant awarded) to the applicant's institution.**

A proposal should be submitted as a single PDF document to the HERA Handling Agency at hera@research.ie by 10 September 2021. The proposal (max 1000 words/2 sheets of A4)

- Name and institution of the main applicant, and title of the CRP
- Description of the proposed activity and a work plan with a time schedule (including the intended start date. Projects may commence from 1 December 2021)
- List of partners involved (both CRPs and non-academic partners) and description of the collaboration and the allocation of responsibilities.
- Explanation of the added value of the activity
- Specification of the social benefit/policy/cultural relevance of the proposed activity and the targeted stakeholders (be as specific as possible; mention names of institutions or people)
- Description of how the intended target groups will be reached and involved.
- Consideration of how the effectiveness of the KE activity will be evaluated.
- Appropriate mitigation in case of disruption caused by COVID-19.
- Budget table demonstrating the estimated costs (the budget table will not count towards the word and page limits of the proposal)
- Specification and justification of the requested funding, and (if applicable) specification of co-funding.