Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

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Structure of the Presentation

- Introduction / Eligibility Criteria
- ERA Chairs
- Twinning
Introduction

- **Aim:**
  To maximise investment in research and innovation in order to enable the European Research Area to function in a more streamlined and homogeneous way.

- **Eligible Member States:**
  “low RDI performing” Member States: Latvia, Croatia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia, Romania, Luxembourg, Poland, Bulgaria, Estonia, Portugal, Slovenia, **CYPRUS**, Czech Republic and Hungary.
ERA Chairs

WIDESPREAD-2-2014

- Attract and maintain high quality researchers and managers (ERA Chairs and their team) to universities and research organisations (in low performing MS and regions) to improve the excellence of the research of the host organisation and therefore modify the RTDI landscape

- How?

  ✓ Any scientific domain of research and innovation but expected to be in line with regional/national strategies for smart specialisation

  ✓ Proposal aimed at facilitating structural change in the institution

  ✓ full-time position / open and merit-based recruitment process / open to all EU and non-EU nationals / subject to monitoring by EC
ERA Chairs (2)

- **What will cover?** Appointment of the ERA Chair holder and a number of team members (salaries)
  - provide contribution towards measures aimed at facilitating structural changes in the institution, for **maximum period of 5 years**
  - Other possible costs that could be funded: trainings, meetings, publication and patenting costs, equipment

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The grant is not a measure to fund research *per se*!!!
ERA Chairs (3)

Tips:

- Applicant Organisation must include a presentation of the long-term science and innovation strategy of the institution, based on a SWOT analysis
- Clearly describe roles, responsibilities and obligations of ERA Chair holder
- Include open recruitment policy and gender balance
- Not required to conclude Consortium Agreement
ERA Chairs (4)

- **Call 2014 Details:**
  - **Budget:** ~ € 34 M
  - **Call Deadline:** 15 October 2014
  - **Project Size:** *max €2.5 M per proposal*
  - **Project Duration:** 5 years
  - **Type of Action:** Coordination and Support Action (Mono-Beneficiary)

**Total Budget for ERA Chairs in H2020:** ~ € 240 M
Twinning
H2020-TWINN-2015

What?
Strengthening a defined field of research of a knowledge institution (a research active University or a public or private non-profit research organisation) in a low-performing Member State or region through linking with AT LEAST TWO internationally-leading counterparts in Europe

How?
✓ explain how it will contribute to Smart Specialization Strategy of CY?
✓ outline the scientific strategy for scientific excellence and innovation capacity in a defined area of research
✓ outline scientific quality of the partners involved
Twinning (2)

- **Conditions**
  - **ONE** institution located in a Low Performing MS/region (COORDINATOR)
  - **A minimum of TWO additional partners** from **TWO DIFFERENT** MS or Associated Countries

- **What will cover?**
  - ✓ expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training
  - ✓ workshops & conference attendance
  - ✓ organisation of joint summer school type activities
  - ✓ dissemination and outreach activities

- **Equipment & researchers' salaries will NOT be funded.**
Twinning (3)

- **Call Details:**
  - **Budget:** ~ € 64 M
  - **Call Deadline:** 2 December 2014
  - **Project Size:** €1 M per proposal
  - **Project Duration:** 3 years
  - **Type of Action:** Coordination and Support Action

**Total Budget for Twinning in H2020:** ~ € 100 M
Twinning (4)

- **Successful FP7 Examples:**

- **OPENGENE (REGPOT-2009):** the Estonian Genome Center of Tartu (Estonia) has built successful networks with key partnering organisations on genomics from UK, the Netherlands, Finland and Germany.

- **STRONGER (REGPOT-2011):** the Pasteur Institute of French Guiana strengthened transdisciplinary research on infectious diseases. Partnerships with France, UK, USA, Brazil.
Useful Links

- www.research.org.cy
- http://horizon2020cyprus.blogspot.com/
- www.facebook.com/horizon2020cyprus