



EU-LIFE priorities for the implementation of the European Research Area

EU-LIFE welcomes the European Research Area Policy Agenda and congratulates the EC and Member States on the constructive dialogue within the 'Expert group on the ERA Forum'.

EU-LIFE fully supports the 20 actions within this policy agenda and as an active stakeholder contributing to the ERA FORUM, where we co-represent research performing organizations, has just delivered its commitments and comments, identifying the 12 priority actions where EU-LIFE will focus its main contribution.

EU-LIFE's 12 priorities for the ERA Agenda

Open science (Action 1); EU copyright, access and reuse of research data (action 2); Research assessment (action 3); Research careers (action 4); Gender equality and inclusiveness (action 5); Academic freedom (action 6); Knowledge valorisation (action 7); Research infrastructures (action 8); Empowering academic institutions (action 13); Citizen engagement in science (action 14); Widening access to excellence (action 16); Strategic capacity of public research organizations (action 17).

EU-LIFE and ERA

Since its creation in 2013, EU-LIFE is a strong supporter of the European Research Area and an active stakeholder supporting its policy and implementation. EU-LIFE has participated in the ERA stakeholders' platform and its "doers" groups since 2015, and has been having regular dialogue with the European Commission and the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC).

EU-LIFE is an organization focused on research institutes and its core values are shared with the values of the ERA. We promote and develop initiatives with respect to ERA, engaging our community of practice as real "ERA-at-work". We lead projects that make ERA a reality, building a common commitment towards gender equality and diversity in science, fair and transparent research evaluation, promotion of research careers at all levels, talent retention and mobility, professional technology transfer, high ethics standards, and open science. We do this by openly sharing information, developing guidelines and protocols, collaborative projects, exchange of students and staff among the 15 EU-LIFE members and associated partners in 15 European countries and by reaching out to national and European stakeholders.

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About EU-LIFE

EU-LIFE is an alliance of research centres whose mission is to support and strengthen European research excellence (www.eu-life.eu). EU-LIFE members are leading research institutes in their countries and internationally renowned for producing excellent research, widely transferring knowledge and nurturing talent. The basis for the foundation of EU-LIFE was the perception that there was a gap in the science policy landscape regarding the representation of independent research centres.

EU-LIFE Partners

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