FLAG-ERA JTC2021 Funded Projects - Important Information

Start date

- The earliest date at which projects can start is December 2021
- The latest date at which projects can start is April 2022. Please contact the FLAG-ERA Joint Call Secretariat if you are in a particular case with reasons preventing you to start the project before April 2022.
- All partners of a consortium should agree on a common start date, which is communicated to the FLAG-ERA Joint Call Secretariat, and request funding in agreement with this common start date, to ensure that the collaborative research can be conducted as planned.

Signature of a consortium agreement

As was indicated in the Call Announcement it is requested that each project operates under a consortium agreement addressing the following topics at least:

- internal organisation and management of the consortium

- intellectual Property arrangements

- settlement of internal disputes

This document has to be signed by all partners at the latest three months after project's start and sent to FLAG-ERA Joint Call Secretariat. Please note that some Funding Agencies require that the Consortium Agreement is signed before the contract can be finalized. If you have further queries, please, contact your national Funding Agency.

The consortium agreement is written by the consortium of the project, without FLAG-ERA's intervention. You can start from the DESCA 2020 model (http://www.desca-2020.eu/) usually used for Horizon 2020 projects, and modify it to fit your needs.

Acknowledgment of FLAG-ERA in publications

Any publications resulting from FLAG-ERA funded projects must acknowledge FLAG-ERA, and an electronic copy must be sent to the FLAG-ERA Joint Call Secretariat. Granting open access to publications and data is encouraged (related costs are eligible, in the framework of the respective funding organisation regulations).

You can acknowledge the support of FLAG-ERA in your publications as follows: "This work was supported by the FLAG-ERA grant [insert project acronym], by [insert the funding organisation and the grant number for that funding organisation], [insert the next funding organisation and the grant number for that funding organisation], etc....". The number of cited funding organisations will depend on the number of project partners that contributed to the publication.

Open-access publications

FLAG-ERA is strongly recommending Open Access publication of projects results.

Ethical Issues

Please note that all activities raising ethical issues following the recommendations provided in the European Commission Ethics Self-Assessment Guidelines (http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/ethics/h2020_hi_ethics-self-assess_en.pdf) should be reported to the FLAG-ERA Joint Call Secretariat before their beginning. Please send to the call secretariat:

- any ethics committee opinion required under national law and

- any notification or authorization for activities raising ethical issues required under national law.

- a note describing the actions or measures referring to the ethics issues raised, if applicable

These documents will be attached to your proposal as an addendum.

Data management plans

For the project partners that must prepare a Data Management Plan (DMP), FLAG-ERA would welcome the initiative of making it a trans-national project's Data Management Plan (instead of a national DMP).

FLAG-ERA project implementation monitoring

FLAG-ERA will monitor the progress and implementation of funded projects. Periodic reports should be sent yearly (in December) to the Joint Call Secretariat and the format should follow the FLAG-ERA JTC2019 Project Periodic Report - Template that will be put online shortly.

FLAG-ERA JTC2021 Kick off meeting

An online kick off meeting will be organized on March 21st and 22nd, 2022. Participation of project coordinators to this event is mandatory and participation of project partners is strongly encouraged.

More information will be provided on the FLAG-ERA website.