



HERA

Humanities in the European Research Area

**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.**

After registering and submitting my project idea and short CV do I get a formal confirmation?

No, you only get an automatic email confirming that you have entered your profile data in the system. To be eligible you still have to submit a short Project Idea and CV.

Applications without PDF-document will be discarded!

In order to check for/upload the document, go to the Registration tab in your profile (<http://www.b2match.eu/hera-up-mme/my/registration>) and login.

- If you can see your pdf-file there, you are successfully registered and will be considered for participating in the HERA JRP MME.
- If you have not yet uploaded your project idea and short CV you can still do that until 5/11. The upload button is at the bottom of the page. The Project Idea document template can be downloaded [here](#).

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.

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.

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 venue is mentioned on the website. More details will be communicated later.

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.

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).

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.

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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

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.

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

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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.

How public will my profile and application be?

As announced in the Terms of Service (p.1 of your registration), you agree to the following:

By registering for the HERA "Uses of the Past" Matchmaking Event, you agree that your project idea and contact details (name, institution, address, phone, email, photo) will be published on the website and in the event brochure, and distributed to all participants of the event in order to facilitate matchmaking.

During the event, photographs and/or videos may be taken for use on the website or in other publications. By attending the Matchmaking Event, you consent to the organizers using and publishing these images.

The idea of a matchmaking event is that researchers can find each other and for that the profile is an absolute necessity. However, your profile will only be used to facilitate the matchmaking (event) for HERA Uses of the Past and will not be published online publicly. Names & institutional affiliation of the successful participants (but not the project ideas) will be published on the HERA MME website after the event. If you are invited to the matchmaking event, the information will be visible for other invited, registered participants.

If you feel that you do not want to share the information for this purpose, we will of course immediately delete your profile and your application for the matchmaking event upon your request.

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.

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

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.

Can proposals include partners from outside Humanities?

Please note that the MME is related to the Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) Joint Research Programme Uses of the Past. The HERA JRP Uses of the past call will state that the proposals must be centred on Humanities research and it is expected that Humanities approaches form the majority of the proposal and that the results of the research will 'move on' knowledge in the Humanities.

There is some scope for other disciplinary approaches but the expectation is that these will add value to a Humanities research proposal. In a very competitive shortlisting process, a Humanities 'add on' to an overall proposal that is centered on other research disciplines is highly unlikely to fit the call criteria.

You also need to be mindful of national eligibility; most funders have an expectation that most of the researchers from their countries will be humanities based. We recognise that there are some slight differences of 'what is humanities' in the participating countries so you are advised to check national eligibility guidelines where you are unsure.

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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