

## ERA-Net FAQ

### M-ERANet

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1. What is the maximum budget for the Irish partner? Is this the same for each Irish partner in the same consortia or is it the total for all Irish partners in the same consortia?

>> The maximum budget for the Irish portion of a proposal is €250,000 and this is irrespective of the number of Irish partners involved in the consortium and whether the Irish partner is the coordinator or not.

2. What are the eligible costs associated with the ERANet?

>> Salary-related costs (Partner cannot request a salary)

Small equipment costs

Travel

Direct running costs

Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs

Overheads (overhead is calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the application)

3. Does this include funding for industrial partners?

>> No, funding is for Irish researchers in eligible research bodies.

4. Is the budget increased for Irish participants who act as the Co-ordinator of the consortia?

>> No. The max budget is €250,000 and is irrespective of whether the Irish partner is the coordinator or not.

5. What is the name of the funding programme, FO and person contacted in FO?

>> Funding Programme = M-ERANet2; FO = Science Foundation Ireland; Person contacted in FO = Dr. Yvonne Halpin

6. Does this budget include overhead/indirect costs?

>> The maximum budget per Irish proposal is €250,000. This **does** include the overhead so this must be factored in (overhead is calculated as 30% of the direct costs, but excluding therefrom the cost of all equipment identified in the application).

7. Which areas will be supported from an Irish perspective?

>> All

8. What is the minimum number of partners required in a consortium?

>> In order for a consortium to be eligible, it must consist of a minimum of 3 partners (all requesting funding) from at least 2 different countries (at least 2 independent entities from 2 different EU Member States or associated countries) participating in the M-ERA.NET Call 2016.

9. What is the minimum number of Member States required to be involved?

>> at least 2 different EU Member States, or associated countries, participating in the M-ERA.NET Co-funded Call 2016

10. Where can I find further information on the eligibility criteria of Irish participants?

>> <http://www.sfi.ie/funding/funding-calls/eranet-on-research-on-mat/11-ERAnet-criteria-on-research.pdf>

11. Can PhDs be funded through this call?

>> As detailed in the Guide for Proposers document for the 2016 co-funded M-ERA.NET II call, the maximum project duration cannot exceed 36 months and no extension of the project duration is possible. As per Science Foundation Ireland's Grant Application and Budget Policy, it is the Foundation's preference to provide funding for four year PhD programmes. However, in this instance, as the maximum duration of awards funded through the M-ERA.NET II 2016 co-funded call cannot exceed 36 months, SFI will accept applications for funding which include three year PhD programmes. In these cases, where applications for funding advance from the pre-proposal to full-proposal stage of the review process, applicants will be required to provide the Foundation with a letter of commitment from the host institution confirming that the financial support required for a fourth year of PhD funding (stipend + fees), if required, will be the responsibility of said institution.

12. Do all Irish co-applicants on a proposal need to satisfy the SFI eligibility criteria?

>>Yes, all Irish applicants and co-applicants on a proposal must satisfy the SFI [eligibility criteria](#)

More FAQs for M-ERA.Net 2 are available [here](#).