



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Enlighten Your Research @ EaP

Why EYR@EaP?

Enlighten Your Research (EYR) is an internationally renowned program that encourages collaboration between researchers using specialised IT, network and e-infrastructure services. The [Eastern Partnership](#) (EaP) is implementing this program in 2017.

[EYR@EaP](#) is organised within [EaPConnect](#) in collaboration with a number of National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) in Europe. It targets at identifying research projects that could significantly benefit from enhanced or even global network connectivity. EYR@EaP aims to foster international collaboration with the objective to accelerate the research and discovery process.

To further promote the benefit of networking, we are challenging researchers to stretch the boundaries of their science in collaborating with research communities in other countries. We invite teams from the EaP and their partner countries to perform experiments with a high demand on the NREN's network infrastructure, its services and support.

How is the EYR@EaP program structured?

The EYR@EaP program awards selected projects with expert engineering support, consultation, and collaboration to guide and enhance researchers' workflows.

- **The first round** consists of researchers submitting proposals describing their work and what bottlenecks or problems they have within their research workflow. Then, the organizing NRENs select a shortlist of proposals to go through to the second round.
- **The final proposal** consists of a consultation team working with the main applicant to elaborate on technical, organizational, and financial requirements in a final proposal which is reviewed by engineers for technical feasibility with qualified teams from the first round.
- **Project approval:** A selection of final proposals is accepted into the EYR@EaP program.

What does an awarded project receive?

The EYR@EaP partner NRENs, along with any affiliate partners, will provide and develop high-quality e-infrastructure services for all higher education and research institutions in their respective countries.

The final selected EYR project proposals can receive the following services (but are not limited to this list) depending on their proposal request and technical requirements:

- Network services
- Cultural heritage digitization
- Cloud resources
- Computing resources in collaboration with PRACE and SURFsara

Additionally, the final selected projects will receive:

- Free attendance to the Eastern Partnership E-Science Conference in Minsk, Belarus (for the main applicant only) on 27-28 September 2017;
- Opportunity to present their research project at the EaP E-Science conference;
- Support and advice on end-to-end network connectivity and use of services;
- Commitment to an agreed level of (network) resource provisioning and support for 1 year.

What are e-infrastructure services?

e-Infrastructures are a collection of information systems used to process, store, or transport data connected seamlessly through computer networks (internet) and software, regardless of the systems' physical location. e-Infrastructure services allow users to easily perform a task (such as place data in a storage system) on the e-infrastructure usually through some type of user interface.

What is the timeline for this year's edition?

Time	Event
Tuesday, 7 February 2017	Call for Participation Opens for 1st round proposals
Friday, 7 April 2017	Deadline for 1st round proposals close
Monday, 8 May 2017	Notification of 1st round proposals are sent via email
May - June 2017	Consultation meetings with researchers and experts will be held
Monday, 3 July 2017	Final proposals are due
Tuesday, 1 August 2017	Awarded proposals are announced
December 2017 - December 2018	Awarded projects are implemented

What kind of projects can be submitted?

- **Research disciplines:** the program is open to any academic discipline.
- **Geographic Scope:** The projects may be international in scope (that is, involving more than 1 country). At least one of these countries must have an NREN that is part of the EYR@EaP Beneficiary Partners. The beneficiary partners can be found on the website: <https://www.eapconnect.eu/typeofpartner/beneficiary-partners/>.



Who can be on the project team?

- **Researchers:** the program is open to researchers at any level of expertise.
- **Team composition:** Each team must consist of a minimum of two researchers affiliated with different institutions in different participating countries, and respective network coordinators. The teams may be as large as necessary to accommodate project needs.

Which organizations are participating?

EYR@EaP is organized by the Beneficiary Partners and supported by the Associate Partners of EaPConnect: <https://www.eapconnect.eu/partner/>.

Where can I find additional information about the program?

We encourage you to reference all the materials on the [website](#), where you will be able to find information about the proposal process, the program terms and conditions, templates and guidelines of proposal documents.

I am a network engineer. Should I be the main applicant on the proposal?

The main applicant must be a researcher who takes part in the program on behalf of his or her institution. Additionally, the main applicant must be affiliated with a research institution that is connected to the organizing NRENs.

Visit the webpage <https://www.eapconnect.eu/partner/> for this information.

What are the main applicant's responsibilities?

The main applicant is the team member considered as the administrative contact. As such, he/she will be responsible for communicating with the EYR@EaP organizing committee, with other applicant institutions, and with all the members of the team, as defined in the draft and final proposals.

How many network coordinators are required?

For the draft proposal, it is sufficient to include one network coordinator per participating institute in the team, however, more than one may participate (and is appreciated).

What kind of resources may be required from the network coordinator?

The team member assigned to this task is responsible for ICT and/or communication with the ICT department within their own institute. Every participating institute should provide and name one network coordinator. If a network connection is required, the network coordinator must be able to approve its establishment within the institutes involved.

We have 3 projects that would benefit from advanced networking capabilities. Can we only submit one?

There is no limit on the number of proposals submitted - teams may submit multiple proposals.

How many proposals will I be required to submit throughout the program?



The program consists of two rounds and as such calls for the submission of two proposals. The first, draft proposal, is based on the online form made available on the program website and must be submitted by 7 April 2017. If your proposal is approved, your team will work with an assigned network engineer to develop and submit a second, final proposal, by 3 July 2017.

Is there a specific format that my proposal should follow?

Yes, your proposals should adhere to the guidelines described in the *Call for proposals* and the *Submission guidelines* that can be found, along with other document templates, on the [website](#) you can find and download all the documents needed. All proposals must be submitted in English.

Please note that applicants retain the intellectual property rights to their proposal. Further guidelines and criteria for elaborating the proposals in the second round will be communicated to the main applicant upon approval of the first round proposal.

Can more than one team from my institution participate?

Yes, several teams from the same institution can participate, provided each team submits a separate proposal.

What will be required from my institution?

Your institution must approve and support all proposals that you submit. Additionally, as part of the final proposal, the institutions of the participating researchers must ensure the availability of the required local infrastructure and facilities, and moreover ensure their cooperation in integrating the awarded services.

Are there any additional obligations after receiving the award?

The EYR@EaP organizing committee reserves the right to use the awarded proposals for publicity and promotion via different media channels. The awarded teams will cooperate with the organizing NRENs on publicity and communications and will act as ambassadors for e-Infrastructure services as demonstrated in their proposal, for example by giving presentations at conferences or taking part in interviews.

Can you tell me more about the selection process?

The EYR@EaP organizing committee will appoint a selection committee and will determine and undertake a diligent proposal selection. The selection committee acts in good faith in granting the awards, and reserves the right not to grant awards.

Decisions made by the EYR@EaP organizing committee regarding the interpretation of the Terms and Conditions and the awarding decisions are binding and final.

Disclaimer

- The participating teams are responsible for the content and nature of their submission to the EYR@EaP program.



- The participating teams are responsible for ensuring that no legal obligations, no rules of public order or decency and no rights of third parties are violated, according to the laws of the countries involved. They must also ensure that their submission results in no unlawful act and/or in no damage to others. Teams indemnify the organizing NRENs from any and all costs and damages that could result from infringing on these and other obligations.
- No rights can be derived from suggestions and instructional materials provided by the organizing NRENs regarding the EYR@EaP program.
- Under certain unforeseen circumstances, the organizing NRENs reserve the right to change the Terms and Conditions of the program at any time. The latest version of this document can be found on the website.