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**Background**

ERA.NET PLUS with Russia aims at enhancing coordination of research programmes carried out at national or regional level in the EU Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC) towards the target country Russia.

A joint call for transnational and scientifically excellent research projects in the funding lines “Innovation” and “Science & Technology” (S&T) has been successfully implemented in 2014-2016. As a result of the call, 63 projects (18 in Innovation/45 in S&T) were selected for funding with a total volume of EUR 20 million awarded by 25 funding parties and the EU.

Based on this success and great demand, a second joint call is now being implemented: The ERA.Net RUS Plus Call 2017 constitutes another crucial step in the development of a solid basis for a joint programmatic approach and instrument for funding activities between Russia and the EU MS/AC to be pursued further in the ERA.Net RUS Plus initiative and beyond.

**Joint Call Topics**

**Call line “Innovation”**

- No sub topics pre-defined

**Call line “Science & Technology”**

1. **Nanotechnologies**
   1.1 Advanced nano-sensors for Environment and Health
   1.2 Novel functional nanomaterials based on design and modelling

2. **Environment/climate change**
   2.1 Impact of climate change and extreme climate events on the environment
   2.2 Prevention and remediation of pollution of aquatic systems

3. **Health**
   3.1 Regenerative Medicine, Biomaterials and organ-on-a-chip-systems
   3.2 Drug discovery for cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases

4. **Social sciences and humanities**
   4.1 Demography, conflicts and security issues
   4.2 Traditional and non-traditional cultural values
   4.3 Opportunities for and challenges to regional development and social cohesion

5. **Robotics**
   5.1 Robotics Design and Human-Robot Interaction
   5.2 Robots in agriculture, medicine, industry, maritime and education

Please check our website www.eranet-rus.eu for further information, funding organisations per call line and their national contact points.

**Expected Impact**

ERA.Net RUS Plus will further enhance the EU-Russian partnership by stimulating research and innovation cooperation between EU MS/AC and Russia. Moreover, ERA.Net RUS Plus will significantly contribute towards completing the European Research Area (ERA) by further promoting and strengthening the ERA’s international cooperation dimension targeted at one of the most important partner countries in scientific, economic and political terms.

ERA.Net RUS Plus will therefore be the next important step in further linking Russia and its research communities to the European Research Area.

**Partners**

1. DLR Project Management Agency (Coordinator) DLR Germany
2. Austrian Research Promotion Agency FFG Austria
3. Centre for Social Innovation ZSI Austria
4. Research Foundation – Flanders FWO Belgium
5. Bulgaria National Science Fund BNSF Bulgaria