Member Organisations

Science Europe’s 38 Member Organisations from 28 European countries are among the most important public research organisations funding and performing scientific research in Europe today. This document introduces our members and our membership criteria.

Science Europe’s Member Organisations are highly recognised nationally and internationally. Together, they contribute approximately €24 billion to research per year. They join forces in Science Europe to support the best conditions for research and researchers. Science Europe’s initiatives and advocacy activities are based on the expertise and experience of our members. The Science Europe Office works closely with all members on a daily basis through mechanisms such as its Collaboration Groups, Task Forces, and Policy Networks and through the association’s primary bodies, the Governing Board and the General Assembly. Science Europe is fully funded by its members.

Criteria for Membership

Member organisations should:

- Have substantial and significant impact on their national research system and budget.
- Be primarily funded through national public funding.
- Have substantial operating independence from their national government.
Member Organisations

Austria

FWF
Austrian Science Fund
Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung
Austria’s central funding organisation for basic research.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Belgium

F.R.S.-FNRS
Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS
Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS
Responsible for supporting scientific research in the French-speaking region of Belgium.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

FWO
Research Foundation Flanders
Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
Supports fundamental and strategic basic research in the Dutch-speaking region of Belgium.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Bulgaria

BAS
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
БЪЛГАРСКА АКАДЕМИЯ НА НАУКИТЕ
The leading scientific, spiritual, and expert centre of Bulgaria, conducting research, training, and other activities.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION
Croatia

HRZZ
Croatian Science Foundation
_Hrvatska zaklada za znanost_
Promotes science, higher education, and technological development in Croatia to ensure economic development.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Czech Republic

GACR
Czech Science Foundation
_Grantová agentura České republiky_
Supports basic research in the Czech Republic and promotes international research collaboration.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Denmark

DFF
Independent Research Fund Denmark
_Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond_
Supports and promotes the most original ideas and initiatives within Danish research.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

DG
Danish National Research Foundation
_Danmarks Grundforskningsfond_
Funds frontline, curiosity-driven research of the highest quality across all scientific fields.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Estonia

ETAg
Estonian Research Council
_Eesti Teadusagentuur_
Responsible for concentrating R&D funding and supporting researchers in Estonia.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
Finland

AKA
Academy of Finland
_Suomen Akatemia/Finlands Akademie_
Funds high-quality scientific research in Finland and provides expertise in science and science policy.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

France

ANR
French National Research Agency
_Agence Nationale de la Recherche_
Tasked with funding project-based scientific research and stimulating innovation by promoting collaborative multidisciplinary projects.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Germany

DFG
German Research Foundation
_Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft_
The self-governing organisation for science and research in Germany, serving all branches of science and the humanities.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

MPG
Max Planck Society
_Max Planck Gesellschaft_
Conducts basic research in the service of the general public in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION

Hungary

ELKH
Eötvös Loránd Research Network
_Eötvös Loránd Kutatási Hálózat_
Driven to explore and dedicated to promoting scientific research excellence; ELKH conducts basic and applied research in natural & life sciences, social sciences & the humanities.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION
Latvia

LZP
Latvian Council of Science
Latvijas Zinātņes padome
Promotes the development and implementation of science and technology development policy in Latvia.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Lithuania

LMT
Research Council of Lithuania
Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba
Founded to fulfil the role of an expert institution to promote science and funding programmes for researchers in Lithuania.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Luxembourg

FNR
Luxembourg National Research Fund
Fonds National de la Recherche
Funds research projects in various branches of science and the humanities while strengthening the link between science and society.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

The Netherlands

NWO
Dutch Research Council
Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
Funds world-class scientific research that has scientific and societal impact with an emphasis on fundamental research.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
Norway

RCN
Research Council of Norway
*Norges Forskningsråd*
Promotes research and innovation of high quality to generate knowledge in priority areas enabling Norway to deal with key challenges.

Poland

FNP
Foundation for Polish Science
*Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej*
Supports researchers in all fields of inquiry and assists innovative ventures and commercialisation of scientific discoveries and inventions.

Portugal

FCT
Foundation for Science and Technology
*Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*
The national public agency to support science, technology, and innovation research in all areas of knowledge.

Romania

UEFISCDI
Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding of Romania
*Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării*
Manages project-based funding schemes to support the Romanian research, development, and innovation plan.
Slovakia

**APVV**
Slovak Research and Development Agency
*Agentúra na podporu výskumu a vývoja*

Responsible for research and development promotion in all research fields, including international research cooperation.

**RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION**

Slovenia

**ARRS**
Slovenian Research Agency
*Javna agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost Republike Slovenije*

Provides the Slovenian scientific community with stable funding for scientific excellence.

**RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION**

Spain

**AEI**
Spanish State Research Agency
*Agencia Estatal de Investigación*

Promotes scientific and technical research through efficient allocation of public resources, monitoring of impact, and advice to the Spanish General State Administration.

**RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION**

**CSIC**
Spanish National Research Council
*Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas*

Develops and promotes research that will help bring about scientific and technological progress in Spain.

**RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION**

**ISCIII**
Carlos III Health Institute
*Instituto de Salud Carlos III*

ISCIII is the main public research entity funding, managing, and carrying out biomedical research in Spain.

**RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION**

**RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION**
Sweden

FORTE
Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare
Forskningsrådet för hälsa, arbetsliv och välfärd
Funds research on health, working life, and welfare paving the way for a more equal and sustainable society in the future.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

FORMAS
Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development
Ett Forskningsråd för Hållbar Utveckling
Funds research in the field of environment, agricultural sciences, and spatial planning making it easier for Sweden to achieve its environmental goals.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

VR
Swedish Research Council
 Vetenskapsrådet
Funds research and research infrastructure in all scientific disciplines and works to increase understanding of the long-term societal benefits of research.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Switzerland

SNSF
Swiss National Science Foundation
Schweizerischer Nationalfonds/Fonds National Suisse
Supports scientific research in all academic disciplines, from history to medicine and the engineering sciences.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

United Kingdom

UKRI
UK Research and Innovation
A new body that brings together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and Research England to support the best researchers in the UK.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
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We bring together the expertise of some of the largest and best-known research organisations in the world to jointly push the frontiers of how scientific research is produced and delivers benefits to society.

We advocate science and the scientific community to help build the European Research Area and shape the global scientific agenda.

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