

## Open call: Research – external stakeholder collaboration

Dear Researcher,

You may have heard of the European Reform University Alliance (ERUA and RE:ERUA), and now we want to hear from you!

The [ReERUA project focuses on “Research and Engagement for the European Reform University Alliance”](#). It is the research unit linked to ERUA, the Alliance of European Reform Universities within the [European Universities Initiative](#). Roskilde University has the role to drive Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) within ERUA, understood as engagement with all sectors of society and citizens through research that promotes good governance, mutual learning, agreed practices and multi-actor and public engagement initiatives in research and innovation. Shortly said, we investigate research and innovation from the perspective of participatory and inclusive societal engagement.

As part of our work in Re:ERUA we build upon collaborative research ideas and practices by our colleagues within the Alliance. We therefore encourage you to get together with at least one other ERUA partner and showcase how you do research that involves collaboration with external stakeholders – from civil society, public sector, business sector and/ or citizens. No matter the topic of research, our focus is on learning from you in developing innovative collaborative research methodologies.

We invite you to suggest a small pilot research experiment or to invite an Alliance partner to join an already running research project focusing on social innovation and societal engagement.

Researchers of *all levels of experience* and from the entire Alliance are encouraged to apply.

One experiment will be selected to be conducted in the fall 2022, further two collaborative experiments will run in the spring 2023. In total three proposals will be selected. This call is directed the fall project. The aims of the collaborative experiments are to:

1. explore sites of potential collaboration where new forms of responsible research focusing on societal engagement and innovation can take place.
2. describe already pioneering projects of responsible research for RE:ERUA in order to potentially scale its methodologies to the entire alliance.

The methodologies and outcomes of the experiments and projects will be described and published in collaboration with the RE:ERUA research team at Roskilde University, supported by its Board members and Expert group researchers. Collaborative methods and collaboration with external stakeholders are the focus of this initiative, as we wish to increase knowledge about collaborative research methodologies in the alliance.

In order to apply for funding the following criteria must be fulfilled:

### Criteria of selection

1. At least two alliance partners are involved;
2. The research experiment involves an external stakeholder, preferably a representative from civil society;
3. The research experiment describes its aim of social change and/or social innovation;
4. The research experiment is innovative in its collaborative research methodologies;
5. It describes its take on responsibility (e.g., transparency, responsiveness, anticipation, inclusion, reflexivity);

6. The application reflects on how partners/research projects can learn from its approach.

## Selection and evaluation process

The applications will be examined and evaluated by our selection committee, which consists of the RE:ERUA board members and the RUC research wp3 team. In the evaluation process members of the board will estimate to what degree the applications live up to the described criteria of selection. These considerations will be shared internally between the selection committee where the top three project-applications will be passed on to the RUC wp3 team of RE-ERUA. Based on criteria on feasibility, learning, and innovative ambition, we will choose the selected pilot project for the fall 2022.

## Timeframe

**Deadline for applications is the 29<sup>th</sup> of August at 12:00 CET 2022.**

**15<sup>th</sup> of September:** applications will be distributed amongst the board members.

**20<sup>th</sup> of September:** the board members will enter their rating of the top three projects in a common evaluation matrix.

**21<sup>st</sup> of September:** final selection for autumn 2022 pilot project by the RUC Re:ERUA team.

Please send the application no later than the 29th of August 2022 with a max of 3 pages, by using the template in the bottom of this invitation and send it as a PDF to Team leader Katia Dupret on [katia@ruc.dk](mailto:katia@ruc.dk)

## Funding

In case of funding the applicants commit to engage in a reflexive and documented process facilitated by the WP3 team of how their project can be of value and inspiration to other projects in the Alliance. The WP3 team will visit the project – please suggest a suitable time for this in your application.

Available funding is €10,000 per project, covering transport for project participants, accommodation, and a symbolic payment to external partners participating in the project. The time frame of the project should take no longer than three weeks.

## Inspiration

The experimental collaborative research projects are aimed to be multi-disciplinary. Some *additional* keywords that may help you to consider your collaborative project as relevant are:

- Empowerment, Embodied ethics
- User involvement, Citizen science
- Social, ethical, universal design
- Sustainability from a broad sense of the term.
- Social entrepreneurship, responsible entrepreneurship, societal entrepreneurship
- Social change, transformative change, Commons, ecosystems
- Democratic use of technology, AI to create social change
- Sustainable and social impact
- Involvement of external stakeholders in your research projects in both methodology and outputs from civil society and the business sector and public institutions

All the best from the RE:ERUA WP3 board and WP3 research team in responsible research and social innovation, University of Roskilde, Department of People and Technology

On behalf of the wp3 RE:ERUA group,

Assoc. Prof. Katia Dupret, Post doc. Jennifer Eschweiler

## Application template

RE:ERUA collaboration on pilot experiments for conducting responsible research (max. 3. Pages) in a PDF. Application deadline is the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. To be sent to [Katia@ruc.dk](mailto:Katia@ruc.dk)

<p><b>1. Who are the alliance partners involved in the pilot collaboration? Please indicate university, department, research unit, name, and position</b></p>
<p><b>2. Please write a brief description of the overall purpose of the research project and its main research question.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Who are the external stakeholders (preferably from civil society) involved in the pilot collaboration? Please indicate organization, contact person, contact details, role in the collaboration and main aim of the collaboration</b></p>
<p><b>4. What is the social change and/or social innovation aimed for with the pilot collaboration? How is it aimed to be operationalized?</b></p>
<p><b>5. What are the collaborative research methodologies used/developed?</b></p>
<p><b>6. In what way is the pilot research collaboration responsible?</b> You may use commonly used criteria of responsibility in research that are : transparency, responsiveness, anticipation, inclusion, reflexivity. We prefer that you explain few dimensions more concretely, rather than all in superficial manners).</p>
<p><b>7. What are the expected take-aways from the pilot experiment? I.e., what is the learning and beneficiary outputs for the collaborating partners. (e.g., development of new research methodologies with the focus on collaboration, initiation of a collaborative bigger research project, joint academic writing on stakeholder involvement)</b></p>
<p><b>8. Timeline (Fall 2022, or Spring 2023) (Please include how you think the RUC wp3 team can visit)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Budget (broken down into travelling, accommodation, remuneration for researchers and external stakeholders etc.)</b></p>