

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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This document gathers all questions received by the Coordinator since the signature of the Grant Agreement. It will be updated regularly. New questions will be added at the top of the document to facilitate the reading.

If you have any remaining questions, please forward them to the Coordinator: louise.theodon@andra.fr

New questions (since July 2024)

D-1 (Consortium) - Can a new Associated Partner be included in a work package? What is the related process and schedule?

Any addition of a Party (Beneficiary, Affiliated Entity and Associated Partner) requires an Amendment to the Grant Agreement that should be approved by the General Assembly. A proper justification about the role of this partner must be provided (what input / what task etc)

E -1 (Deliverables) - What is the difference between green and white papers (deliverables of the Strategic Studies)?

A green paper is a consensus view that stimulate discussion on topics that are of interest for the European Union. They typically contain proposal that serve as a basis for a debate or a consultation process. A white paper is a proposal for action in a specific area. In some cases, they follow on from a green paper.

C-2 What is the EURAD-2 second wave and its respective timeline?

Depending on available top-up budget new work packages will be included in the partnership, they constitute the so-called second wave. It is expected that the work packages will started in October 1st, 2026. The definition of the process will be proposed by the Bureau by end of October 2025 and the selection of the WPs will be done by April 2026.

C-3 Will there be a mobility programme part of EURAD-2?

Yes it is expected that a mobility programme will be launched by the Knowledge Management WP by early 2025. Further information will be communicated to the whole Consortium as soon as available.

A-7 When will the Consortium Agreement be signed?

The process of signature will be launched by the end of November 2024. It is expected that all signatures should be completed by the end of 2024.



B-3 When will we know the amount of the top-up budget for the last 3 years (2026-2029) of the partnership?

The value should be known by the end of 2025. It is anticipated that it will be of 20 M€ as indicated by the EC Policy Officer during EURAD-2 first General Assembly.

B-4 How can we secure the financing for a PhD as we only know the budget for the first two years ?

Once the top-up budget is known, an Amendment will be made to include second wave activities which foresees continuing of the technical R&D WPs for the full duration, as listed originally in the project proposal. In the meantime, budget transfers between organisations are allowed to "secure" funding for a PhD or post-doc position. Such transfers must be agreed upon by the involved organisations and the WP Leader, and the details must be submitted to the secretariat for inclusion in an Amendment.

A - Contractual documents

A-1 What is the official start date of EURAD-2?

EURAD-2 will officially start on October 1st, 2024. This means that expenses will be eligible from this date. The kick-off meeting will take place from 23 to 24 October, 2024 in Ghent (Belgium).

A-2 What is the official project duration?

EURAD-2 will last 60 months.

A-3 I have noticed an error in the Grant Agreement, how can we fix it?

A first Amendment will be submitted for approval at the first General Assembly (23 October 2024), so you can send any modifications needed to the Coordinator via the secretariat email: secretariat@ejp-eurad.eu

A-4 My organisation is not in the Consortium and wants to join the EURAD-2 Consortium?

Interested parties can be in the End User Group or Stakeholder Group. They should join their respective Colleges to be kept informed of future (wave 2) funding preparations within EURAD-2.

A-5 What if I know someone who wants to be an End-user Group or Stakeholder Group member?

This information will be collected by the Coordinator in October 2024.

A-6 What if we know someone else internationally who is interested to be a potential Associated Partner?

This Associated Partner must get in touch with the WP leader and keep the Coordinator in CC. Such additions will be handled with the first Amendment.

B- Budget / Financing

B-1 What are the reporting periods?

The programme will have 5 reporting periods, one each year.

B-2 When will we receive money from the European Commission?

The European Commission will transfer a pre-financing to the Coordinator one month after the start of the programme. According to the Grant Agreement, the pre-financing will be of 6 400 000€ to be redistributed between the partners. The proposed re-distribution will be presented at the first General Assembly for approval.

C-Other

C-1 Can a WP kick-off meeting be held online?

Yes, it is possible especially if this avoids delaying the kick-off for 2/3 months after the official start date.