Collection of data and its display on the ERA-LEARN website

1.1. Introduction

ERA-LEARN collects data from both published sources and directly from networks in order to provide high level data on the ERA-LEARN website and as a source for analysis of P2P partnerships by both the EC and the ERA-LEARN team. This is used, for example, to prepare the ERA-LEARN Annual Report, to support the Country Report series and other strategic analysis as well as to provide aggregated data to national agencies and networks that they cannot source elsewhere.

1.2. Sources

The following sources are used to gather data:

- Network / call coordinators, via direct email contact
- Network / partnership websites
- Network / partnership newsletters and announcements

1.3. Types of data

In relation to calls, we collect data (via this form: Joint Call Data Collection Template) that includes:

- Name of network and joint call
- Thematic area
- Call dates
- Number of proposals submitted / successful
— Details of participating organisations, including committed budget to the call and the value of funding to be provided after evaluation (based on the full proposals of successful projects)
— Aim of the joint call
— Research fields covered by the joint call
— Type of research
— Target groups

In relation to the specific projects funded from the transnational joint calls, we collect data (via this form: [Projects Data Collection Template](#)) that includes:

— Name of call
— Project title and acronym
— Project abstract
— Start and end dates of the project
— Project website
— Details of each project beneficiary, including role, organisation, country, contact
— Details of the funding organisation supporting each beneficiary (if applicable)
— Total costs of project participation for each beneficiary*
— Total requested funding by each beneficiary*

*Note that the details for the total costs and requested funding by each beneficiary will come from the successfully evaluated full proposals, rather than waiting for all beneficiary contracts to be fully negotiated. We know that the values can and will change between the proposal stage and the end of the project and so, to be prudent, we seek to receive the data at this time when it is more convenient for the network and part of their current workstream.

The abovementioned data is provided directly from network coordinators/secretariat and is a contractual obligation for all ERA-NET Cofund calls and all other calls receiving EU co-funding.

1.4. Displayed on public website

The basic (non-confidential) data is displayed on the ERA-LEARN website [here](#) and linked to the call calendar. Only high-level data is displayed here to provide an overview of the funded projects and their participants.
1.5. *Not displayed / Used for other purposes*

All other (confidential) data is held securely by ERA-LEARN and accessible by only a small team within ERA-LEARN and the EC. The data collected (including confidential financial information) is only ever used in an aggregated format for specific analyses. This data also helps us to understand the leverage effect of the EU contribution and the scale of investment in R&I among the P2P community.

Note that ERA-LEARN does not receive (nor request) any data related to the scoring of proposals or the ranking list and so no analysis is available at this level.

1.6. *Quality and completeness*

It is clearly important to have data that is as accurate as possible in order to provide a clear, representative picture of the P2P landscape at any given time. Where data is not available, and for specific purposes, we may use informed estimates in order that the scale and diversity of the joint calls are fully apparent. These estimates will always be conservative and based on an average of the known datasets. We will clearly state where estimates have been used.

As at July 2020, for all calls that have been implemented since 2003 (some of which are still open), we have organisation specific details for 99% of them and committed budget data for all of them. For all H2020 calls that closed by the end of 2019, we have been provided with just over 80% of data related to the funding provided (committed) following successful evaluation of the projects. The majority of the gaps relate to calls that closed during 2019.

For all calls that closed by the end of 2019, ERA-LEARN has details of the number of projects funded for 84% of calls. For Horizon 2020, we know the specific number of projects funded for 82% of calls, again with many of these being from calls that closed during 2019. In relation to the receipt of project specific data that includes all beneficiaries, we have this data from 83% of calls funded within Horizon 2020.

We do not currently collect data on the specific proposals submitted to each call and so we cannot provide any analysis on the countries or organisations that are included in submitted proposals in comparison to those that were successfully evaluated. We understand that this is of interest to many networks and national agencies, but analysis at this level is not possible currently.