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MOBILITAS PLUS

PROGRAMME AIMS

The budget for Mobilitas Plus is 35 373 770 euros, 83.5% of which is covered by the European Regional Development Fund.

The programme aims to:

- improve the international visibility of Estonian research, business and higher education and Estonia's attractiveness as a destination country for study and research;
- strengthen the international competitiveness of Estonian researchers and research performing organisations, including companies;
- support opportunities for Estonian R&D institutions and companies to collaborate with transnational research organisations and networks, including **through synergy with Horizon 2020 actions**;
- expand international collaboration and professional development opportunities by improving intersectoral and international mobility and cooperation

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Euroopa Liit
Euroopa
Regionaalarengu Fond



Eesti
tuleviku heaks

*ETAg supports **science advisors in Sectoral Ministries**. These advisors are regularly trained and supervised by ETAg in H2020 and ERA activities to increase the capacity of the ministries to participate in these activities or fund them.*

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SUPPORT TO ERC APPLICANTS

*Up to 1,5 year support (~80 000 € per year) for any researcher working for an Estonian RTD institution, who has applied for an ERC grant and reached the second stage of evaluation, but still not received funding. So far **5 projects** have been funded.*



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TRAININGS AND STUDY VISITS

*We organize H2020 (mainly ERC) project writing trainings for Estonian researchers; send researchers to study visits to ERC grant holders; send researchers to interview training before they go to the ERC interview. So far **~50 researchers have participated** in trainings and study visits.*

Dr Renata Sõukand was the first researcher who was sent to an ERC interview training with the help of Mobilitas Plus and she received an ERC grant.



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SUPPORT TO EIT KIC PARTNERS

*30 000 € per year for up to two years. Funding for networking, travel, personnel costs. We are planning to expand this scheme. **3 projects have been funded so far.***



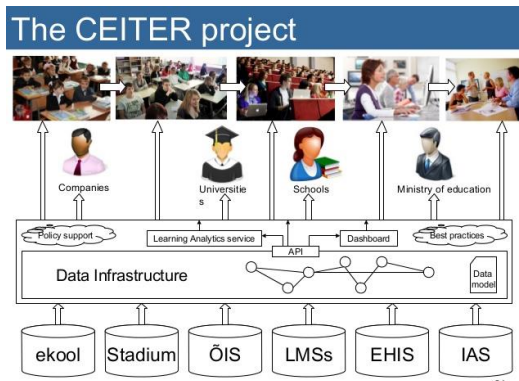
The **Estonian Genome Center** of the University of Tartu is a partner of **EIT Health**. From Mobilitas Plus they receive funds to cover some personnel and travel costs which help the researchers to fully benefit from EIT activities. The University of Tartu has so far received 10 times more funding from the KIC than they have paid as co-financing.

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SUPPORT TO ERA CHAIR PROJECTS

We fund up to 200 000 € of research costs (eg lab equipment and consumables) of any Estonian ERA Chair project beneficiary. 4 projects have been funded so far.

The aim of the ERA Chair project **CEITER** in Tallinn University is to change the learning paradigm towards more self-directed, creative and collaborative learning. 1:1 computing, digital learning resources, semantic web tools, linked data applications and interoperable cloud computing services will be used to build and evaluate tailored educational opportunities for every learner. The H2020 grant covers personnel costs and travel costs, but 200 000 € from Mobilitas Plus is used to create a learning analytics test environment.



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SUPPORT TO ERA NET PROJECTS

*We fund ERA NET calls which are not co-funded by the EC. We plan to fund ~30 projects (150 000 € per project). **6 projects have been funded so far and ~10 are in the pipeline.***

Two INNO INDIGO ERA-Net projects of the Estonian University of Life Sciences got funded from Mobilitas Plus. These projects are dealing with the development of an integrated process for conversion of biomass to affordable liquid biofuel and developing novel inhibitor-resistant lignocellulolytic enzymes from Indian fungal resources.

LINKS

<http://www.etag.ee/en/cooperation/eu-partnerships/> Strategic framework for Estonia's participation in the research, development and innovation partnerships of the European Union

<http://www.etag.ee/en/funding/partnership-funding/> ERA Chair, ERA-Net, EIT support schemes under Mobilitas Pluss

<http://www.etag.ee/en/funding/research-funding/grant-for-applying-for-an-erc-grant/> Support for applying for an ERC grant

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