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“Transnational cooperation  
for research consolidation  
through knowledge and  
innovation transfer” -  
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## Issue 1. Funding Opportunities



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The first issue of KnowReset Newsletter focuses on the EU funding finances programmes supporting regional development, education modernisation, research and innovation.

The Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund are the financial instruments of European Union (EU) regional policy, which is intended to narrow the development disparities among regions and Member States. The Funds participate fully, therefore, in pursuing the goal of economic, social and territorial cohesion. For the period 2007-2013, the budget allocated to regional policy amounts to around € 348 billion, comprising € 278 billion for the Structural Funds and € 70 billion for the Cohesion Fund. This represents 35% of the Community budget and is the second largest budget item.

The Erasmus+ programme runs from 2014-2020 and supports activities in education, training, youth and sport across all sectors of lifelong learning including higher education, further education, adult education, schools and youth activities. Erasmus+ aims to boost skills and employability as well as modernise education, training, and youth work across Europe. It has a budget of approximately 14.7 billion euros across Europe and will, over the next seven years, provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans, also supporting transnational partnerships between education, training and youth organisations.

Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020) – in addition to the private investment that this money will attract. It promises more breakthroughs, discoveries and world-firsts by taking great ideas from the lab to the market.

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## The National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2007-2014, PNII The Program Human Resources, The Subprogram “Young research teams”

The goal of the research projects for young research teams (Call Number PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4) is to support young researchers, with doctorates in the sciences, who are in the phase in which they are ready to start or in the process of consolidating a research team, after having established an independent research programme, obtaining significant results in their field. The subprogram is also open to those who are working abroad and interested in leading high level research projects in Romanian institutions.

The project objectives should consider:

- developing the abilities of young researchers and their capacity to manage their own research grants;
- consolidating young researchers in order to participate in interdisciplinary projects and obtain international performance;
- increasing the young researchers abilities to lead teams and administrate research grants;
- increasing the young researchers capacities in order to successfully participate in research, development and innovation programmes with international funding;
- increasing the number of researchers with international visible results.

The funding for these projects seeks to:

- obtain excellent scientific results reflected in an increase in the number of publications of high international impact, as well as an

increase in the number of patents applied in economy;

- increase the research capacity, including that obtained through the increase in the number of full-time researchers;
- increase the research capacity to successfully apply for European and international research funds.

**The duration is of minimum 12 months, and maximum 24 months.** The ceiling for the funding awarded for a project with a duration of **24 months** is **550,000 lei**.

At the time of the proposal submission the structure of the team should be specified, along with the number of full-time equivalent positions and their type. **The minimum structure of the project team** is the following:

- a project leader, holding a Ph.D. in Sciences, having a relevant scientific activity;
- a post-doctoral researcher;
- two Ph.D. students.

Submission of projects is done in one step, using the online submission platform [www.uefiscdi-direct.ro](http://www.uefiscdi-direct.ro). The proposal should be in Romanian and English, and the submission is required from an account created by the Project Manager.

The project proposals are received and verified by the UEFISCDI personnel, in order to comply with all the eligibility conditions for the host institution as well as for the project leader. The list of eligible

project proposals will be published on the UEFISCDI website - [www.uefiscdi.gov.ro](http://www.uefiscdi.gov.ro).

The eligible projects are evaluated by experts of national and international recognition. Each evaluator shall declare the impartiality and competence in the field to which the project proposal belongs submitted for evaluation and confidentiality.

Activity	Deadline
Call launched	12/11/2014
Proposal submission	17/12/2014
Eligibility results published	22/12/2014
Appeals to the eligibility results	05-07/01/2015
Final eligibility results published	08/01/2015
Evaluation of eligible proposals	09/01/2015 – 02/04/2015
Preliminary results published	03/04/2015
Appeals to the evaluation results	06-09/04/2015
Final results published	17/04/2015
Final list of selected projects published	22/04/2015
Contracts signed	24-30/04/2015
Projects start	04/05/2015

The **KnowReset Project** is currently implementing activities **A.1.3. Research teams integration** and **A.1.4. Development of mixed research teams**. These facilitate and support the integration of doctoral students in international scientific research teams in Economics and Social economics.

Through activities **A.6.1. Institutional consultancy in research** and **A.5.3. Research projects proposals for funding resources**, the project provides advisory support in order to realize competitive project proposals which support an increased capacity of the integration of Romanian research in the European Area of Research and Higher Education. The project teams offers a **consultancy programme in research** every **Tuesday**, between **14:00 and 16:00**, at the East-European Center for Research in Economics and Business – room P08, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, 16 J. H. Pestalozzi Street, 300115, Timisoara, Romania.

**PhD students, post-doctoral and researchers interested in participating with a project proposal for the Program Human Resources - The Subprogram “Young research teams” described above, can contact us through email at [project\\_see\\_knowreset@yahoo.ro](mailto:project_see_knowreset@yahoo.ro). More information on this Program is available at <http://goo.gl/6s8FoV>.**

## Sectoral Operational Programme “Increase in Economic Competitiveness” (POS CCE)

The Management Authority for POS CCE announces the publication for public consultation of the following Applicants Guides for the **Competitiveness Operational Programme (2014-2020)** – *Research, technological development and innovation (RDI) supporting economic competitiveness and business development*. Details of the programmes are available at [www.eufinantare.info](http://www.eufinantare.info).

Programme Operation	Objective	Grant value
POSCEE Operation 1.1.1. Innovation clusters – call to be launched	Increasing the research, development and innovation capacity in research areas of intelligent specialization, and also in healthcare, identified as a priority area of national interest.	The public funding grant of the project is between 4,500,000 lei and 30,000,000 lei. The value of the public funding grant will not exceed the equivalent in lei of 7,500,000 Euro or 5,000,000 Eur if the project contains innovation for clusters.
POSCEE Operation 1.2.1. Newly established and innovative enterprises – call to be launched	Encouraging private investment in research, development and innovation (RDI) by increasing the number of enterprises, through knowledge, skills and facilities, realizing RDI activities or collaborating with institutions of R&D and higher education that meet the needs of enterprises to solve market challenges and innovation stimulation.	2,640,000 lei for Bucharest and Ilfov regions and a maximum of 3,520,000 lei for other Romanian regions
POSCEE Operation 1.1.1. Investments in the enterprises' R&D departments – call to be launched	Encouraging the growth of research, development and innovation capacity through the development of companies R&D departments in order to increase the level of innovation and market competitiveness.	The public funding grant of the project is between 4,500,000 lei and 90,000,000 lei. The value of the public funding grant will not exceed the equivalent in lei of 5,000,000 Euro IN Bucharest, 15,000,000 Eur in the West region and Ilfov or 20,000,000 Euro in other Romanian regions.
POSCEE Operation 1.2.1. Research, development and innovation projects for Spin-offs and innovative Start-ups – call to be launched	Realization of new products, technologies/processes and/or services or significantly improved	The public funding grant of the project is of maximum 840,000 lei and it can not exceed the equivalent in lei of 200,000 Euro, at the time of signing the contract, over three consecutive fiscal years, whether the aid was granted or not out of national or community sources.
POSCEE Operation 1.1.4. Attracting personnel with advanced competencies from abroad for R&D capacity consolidation – call to be launched	Improving research and innovation (R&I) infrastructures and capacities to develop excellence in R&I, and promoting centers of competencies, in particular those of European interest.	The public funding grant of the project is of maximum 9,000,000 lei and it can not exceed the equivalent in lei of 2,000,000 Euro



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<http://www.eufinantare.info/>

<http://www.eufinantare.info/competitivitate-economica.html>

## Perspectives on European Structural and Investment Funds Programming Period 2014-2020

In August 2014 the European Commission adopted the '**Partnership Agreement**' (PA) with Romania on using EU Structural and Investment Funds for growth and jobs in **2014-2020**, concerning the following challenges and priorities relating to:

- promoting competitiveness and local development;
- sustainability of economic operators and improving regional attractiveness;
- Developing human capital, by increasing the employment rate and tertiary education attainment, but also tackling the severe social challenges and poverty levels, in particular for deprived or marginalised communities and in rural areas;
- Developing physical infrastructure, both in ICT and the transport sector, in order to increase the accessibility of Romanian regions and their attractiveness for investments;
- Encouraging sustainable and efficient use of natural resources through promotion of energy efficiency and a low carbon economy, protection of the environment and adaptation to climate change;
- Building a modern and professional public administration by means of a systemic reform aimed at overcoming the structural governance shortcomings.

In the programming period 2014-2020, the allocation of European funds for Romania is around €43 bn, of which €22.4 bn are allocated for Cohesion Policy (ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund).

Details on financial allocations to the 11 operational programs approved by the European Commission are presented below:

1. Large Infrastructure Operational Programme (Large infrastructure (LI) - transport, environment and energy) - €9.41 bn.
2. Regional programme (ERDF) - €6.7 bn
3. Programme for human capital (ESF) - €4.22 bn
4. Programme for competitiveness (ERDF) - €1.33 bn
5. Programme for administrative capacity (ESF) - €0.55 bn
6. Programme for technical assistance (ERDF) - €0.21 bn
7. The agricultural Sector Fund (EAFRD) - €10 bn
8. National Rural Development Programme (financed by EAFRD) - €8 bn
9. The European Maritime and Fisheries Programme (financed by EMFF) - €0.17 bn.

10. European Territorial Cooperation Programme (ETC) - €0.45 bn.

11. "Connecting Europe" Facility - €1.23 bn

The first programs that are expected to be launched are Programme for competitiveness (ERDF) and Programme for human capital (ESF), because these are programs whose official version have been submitted by the Ministry of European Funds (MEF) towards the European Commission through the computer system of communication - Structural Funds Communication (SFC 2014) during July 2014.

**Programme for technical assistance (ERDF) 2014-2020** was submitted by the Ministry of European Funds (MEF) on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and aims to ensure an efficient and effective implementation of European Structural and Investment Funds, in accordance with the principles and rules on partnership, programming, evaluation, communication, management, including financial management, monitoring and control on the basis of responsibilities shared between the Member States and the Commission. ERDF 2014-2020 is designed according to the new system architecture for coordination, management and control of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), namely involving four management authorities within the MEF and aims to support by technical assistance for the horizontal aspects of all operational programmes funded by ESIF, and for the three programs funded by ERDF/Cohesion Fund under the direct management of the MEF (LI and ERDF), to provide technical assistance to specific aspects of their implementation.

**Programme for competitiveness (ERDF) 2014-2020** was submitted by the Ministry of European Funds on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and supports strengthening research, technological development and innovation, and improve the use, quality and access to information and communication technologies for product development, services, business processes and social patterns and improving the business environment through the implementation of value chains on a large scale and, therefore, by creating links within and outside the country.

**Programme for human capital (ESF) 2014-2020** was submitted by the Ministry of European Funds on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and encourages employment and labour mobility, especially among youngsters and outside the labour market, encouraging entrepreneurship, promoting social inclusion and reducing

poverty and combating any form of discrimination, with the support of education, skills development and encouraging lifelong learning.

**Regional programme (ERDF) 2014-2020** was submitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to the European Commission by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP) and aims to increase economic competitiveness and improve living standards of local and regional communities through supporting project development business, infrastructure development in Romania and services.

**Programme for administrative capacity (ESF) 2014-2020** was submitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to the European Commission by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP) and aims to strengthen the administrative capacity of public institutions, to support a modern and competitive economy through competent and efficiently-managed human resources, efficient and transparent public expenditure management, adequate administrative and institutional structure and clear, simple and predictable operating procedures.

**Large Infrastructure Operational Programme (LI) 2014-2020** aims to develop infrastructure and improve regional accessibility in transportation (road, rail, air, naval, maritime, intermodal transport safety, customs); environment protection and promoting efficient use of resources (water and waste sector, waste management, biodiversity, climate change, disaster management and prevention) and promotion adaptation to environment changes, risk prevention and management, supporting the transition to low-carbon energy disposal in all sectors (renewable resources, cogeneration, distribution systems).

**National Rural Development Programme (financed by EAFRD) 2014-2020** responds to three of the development challenges set by the Partnership Agreement (PA) - Competitiveness and Local Development; People and society; Resources - and supports the strategic development of rural areas through strategic approach of restructuring and increase farm viability, sustainable management of natural resources and combating climate changes and diversification of economic activities, creating jobs, improving infrastructure and services in order to improve the quality of life in rural areas.



### The European Maritime and Fisheries Programme (financed by EMFF) 2014-2020

aims to encourage investments in aquaculture: new units, upgrading existing units, species diversification, improvement the potential aquaculture sites; promoting new sources of income within the sector (processing activities, marketing) and outside the sector (environmental activities, tourism, education); investment in fishing ports, shelters, jetties, first sales centers; improving working conditions related to health and safety on board fishing vessels on inland and marine waters; support for the establishment, organization and operation of producers chain - processors - merchants; diversify fisheries and aquaculture sector by supporting the creation of new small businesses and creating jobs in the specific field.

### European Territorial Cooperation Programme (ETC) 2014-2020

aims organizing three different programmes: Transfrontal cooperation - funding for projects involving regional and local authorities located on either side of a border, such as the Franco-German projects of promoting cross-border use of infrastructure; Transnational cooperation - funding for projects run by national entities, regional and local broader geographic areas such as countries and regions around the Baltic Sea or the Alps; Interregional cooperation - encourages sharing of best practices on innovation, energy efficiency, urban development etc.

### “Connecting Europe” Facility 2014-2020

supports strategic infrastructure projects for transportation, energy and in order to improve the competitiveness of the European economy, to promote the interconnection and interoperability of national, regional and local networks, and access to such networks, thus supporting the development of a Digital Single Market.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/thefunds/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/thefunds/index_en.cfm)

## Financing perspectives under the Erasmus Plus Programme

The European Union has developed a new programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport for 2014-2020 with a total budget of 14.7 billion Euros, called Erasmus+.

Erasmus+ programme aims to contribute to skills development and employability by providing opportunities for education, training, youth and sport activities. Although the programme is focused on training and modernization of education, it will also fund transnational partnerships between different organizations and institutions of education, training and youth, in order to cooperate and build bridges between the educational system and labour market in order to facilitate covering the necessary skills` deficit.

Erasmus+ brings together in an integrated approach, seven EU programmes in education, training, youth and sport:

- Lifelong Learning;
- Youth in Action;
- Erasmus Mundus;
- Tempus; Alfa;
- Edulink;
- Bilateral Cooperation with Industrialised Countries programmes.

Covered areas		Opportunities
Education and training	School Education	<i>opportunities for staff and institutions</i>
	Vocational Education and Training	<i>opportunities for students, apprentices, trainees, teachers, institutions and enterprises</i>
	Higher Education	<i>opportunities for students, staff, institutions and enterprises</i>
	Adult Education	<i>opportunities for staff, institutions and enterprises</i>
	European Integration	<i>opportunities for teachers, researchers and institutions</i>
Youth		<i>opportunities for youth workers involved in personal, educational and social development of youth</i>
Sport		<i>opportunities for sports and organizing large-scale sporting events</i>
<b>Programme Guide 2015:</b> <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmusplus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf">http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmusplus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf</a>		

**Centralized Projects** - Projects are submitted to the *Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency*

Section Funding	Description	Deadlines
<b>Knowledge Alliances</b>	Structural designed transnational projects and results-oriented, especially made between academics and business. They are open to any discipline, for any field and focus on cross-sectoral cooperation.	26/02/2015
<b>Sector skills alliances</b>	Transnational projects oriented towards trends in a particular economic sector or necessary skills in a particular professional field	26/02/2015
<b>Capacity building in the field of youth</b>	Capacity building in the field of youth supports transnational projects promoting cooperation among active organizations in the youth field (youth organizations and/or public institutions) in program countries and partner countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>for Youth: - 03/04/2015 - 02/09/2015</li> <li>for Higher Education - 10/02/2015</li> </ul>
<b>Large scale European Voluntary service events</b>	Large scale European Voluntary service events in the youth, culture or sport fields, like World Summit Youth, thematic events within the European Capitals of Culture, European Youth Capitals, European sport championships etc.	03/04/2015
<b>Jean Monnet</b>	Jean Monnet aims to promote excellence in teaching and research and to create a dialogue between academics and policy makers.	<i>Departments, modules, centers of excellence, institutional support, networks, projects - 26/02/2015</i>
<b>Joint master degrees</b>	A Joint master degree is an international study program conducted by a consortium of higher education institutions and, where appropriate, other stakeholders with relevant expertise, integrated into their curricula.	<i>Erasmus Mundus Joint master degrees - 04/03/2015</i>  <i>Capacity building in the field of higher education - 10/02/2015</i>
<b>Support for Policy Reform</b>	Support for Policy Reform projects towards achieving the Europe 2020 objectives, strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (Education and Training 2020) and European Youth Strategy through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↳ studies, collection of information and data in education, training and youth</li> <li>↳ prospective initiatives to anticipate innovative policies and train their implementation</li> <li>↳ cooperation with international organizations (such as the OECD and Council of Europe)</li> </ul>	-
<b>Sport</b>	Sports projects supporting basic sport and grassroots sport. This is achieved by two actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↳ <b>Collaborative partnerships</b> - Networks aimed to develop, transfer and implement innovative practices in areas related to the sport field or sports in order to combat doping, prevent corruption, violence, racism and intolerance in sport and to implement European policies in the field of sport</li> <li>↳ <b>Not-for-profit European sport events</b> - Financial support for the organization of large-scale sporting events that attract participants from at least 12 different countries of the program.</li> </ul>	<i>Collaborative partnerships in the sport field and Not-for-profit European sport events related to the European Week of Sport 2015 – 22/01/2015</i>  <i>Collaborative partnerships in the sport field and Not-for-profit European sport events not related to the European Week of Sport 2015 – 14/05/2015</i>

**Decentralized Projects -** Projects are submitted to the *National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training*

Section Funding	Description	Budget	Deadlines
<b>Mobility projects</b>	Institutional projects that imply activities involving partners from several countries (trans-national)	Romania`s budget allocated for the year 2015 has not yet been established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 04/02/2015 – for Youth</li> <li>• 04/03/2015 – for Adult Education, Vocational Education and Training, School and Higher Education</li> <li>• 30/04/2015 - for Youth</li> <li>• 01/10/2015 - for Youth</li> </ul>
<b>Strategic Partnership</b>	Projects that create "bridges" linking partners from several countries in order to increase international cooperation by developing quality, innovative educational products	Romania`s budget allocated for the year 2015 has not yet been established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30/04/2015 – for all areas</li> <li>• 01/10/2015 - for Youth</li> </ul>
<b>Support for policy reform of education, training and youth</b>	Projects that finance activities that support structured dialogue in the form of meetings between young people and youth policy representatives.	Romania`s budget allocated for the year 2015 has not yet been established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 04/02/2015 - for Youth: Mobility projects, Strategic Partnership, Structured Dialogue</li> <li>• 04/03/2015 – for School and Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education: Mobility projects</li> <li>• 30/04/2015 - for School and Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education: Strategic Partnership</li> <li>• 30/04/2015 - for Youth: Mobility projects, Strategic Partnership, Structured Dialogue</li> <li>• 01/10/2015 - for Youth: Mobility projects, Strategic Partnership, Structured Dialogue</li> </ul>



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<http://erasmus-plus.ro/>

## Perspectives under European Union Research and Innovation Programme „Horizon 2020”

In addition to the European Structural and Investment Funds, the European Union has allocated a seven years budget worth 70 billion Euros for the „Horizon 2020” Programme - the largest European Union Research and Innovation programme pursuing to finance projects able to carry out the technical, scientific, educational and social objectives, undertaken by the Member States through the „Europe 2020” strategy. The programme provides predetermined amounts/sums for each Member State; therefore projects in all EU Member States must compete in to obtain financial support under the „Horizon 2020” programme. The „Horizon 2020” programme, aimed to support research and development in the period 2014 - 2020 is based on three pillars:

<b>Pillar I</b> <b>Excellent Science</b>	European Research Council
	Future and Emerging Technologies
	Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
	Research infrastructures
<b>Pillar II</b> <b>Industrial Leadership</b>	Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies(LEIT)
	Access to risk finance
	Innovation in SMEs
<b>Pillar III</b> <b>Societal Challenges</b>	Health, demographic change and wellbeing
	Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research
	Secure, clean and efficient energy
	Smart, green and integrated transport
	Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
	Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies
	Secure societies - Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens
<b>Spreading excellence and widening participation</b>	Teaming of excellent research institutions and low performing RDI regions
	Twinning of research institutions
	ERA chairs
	Policy Support Facility (PSF)
	Supporting access to international networks for excellent researchers and innovators who lack sufficient involvement in European and international networks
	Strengthening the administrative and operational capacity of transnational networks of National Contact Points
<b>Science with and for Society</b>	Make scientific and technological careers attractive to young students, and foster sustainable interaction between schools, research institutions, industry and civil society organizations
	Promote gender equality in particular by supporting structural change in the organization of research institutions and in the content and design of research activities
	Integrate society in science and innovation issues, policies and activities in order to integrate citizens' interests and values and to increase the quality, relevance, social acceptability and sustainability of research and innovation outcomes in various fields of activity from social innovation to areas such as biotechnology and nanotechnology
	Encourage citizens to engage in science through formal and informal science education and promote the diffusion of science-based activities, namely in science centers and through other appropriate channels
	Develop the accessibility and the use of the results of publicly-funded research
	Develop the governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation by all stakeholders (researchers, public authorities, industry and civil society organizations), which is sensitive to society needs and demands, promote an ethics framework for research and innovation
	Take due and proportional precautions in research and innovation activities by anticipating and assessing potential environmental, health and safety impacts
	Improve knowledge on science communication in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of interactions between scientists, general media and the public



Future calls for Pillar I - Excellent Science		
European Research Council	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Call for proposals to identify and implement novel ways to highlight the work funded by the ERC and reach out a wider public - Coordination and Support Action</li> <li>2. Call for proposals for ERC Starting Grant</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 16/12/2014</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 03/02/2015</li> </ol>
Future and Emerging Technologies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FET-Proactive - Towards Exascale High Performance Computing</li> <li>2. FET-Open - novel ideas for radically new technologies</li> <li>3. FET-Open - Novel Ideas for Radically New Technologies</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 25/11/2014</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 29/09/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 29/09/2015</li> </ol>
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions	Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks	Deadline Date 13/01/2015
European Research Infrastructures, including e-Infrastructures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing new world-class research infrastructures</li> <li>2. Support to innovation, human resources, policy and international cooperation</li> <li>3. E-Infrastructures</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 14/01/2015</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 14/01/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 14/01/2015</li> </ol>
Future calls for Pillar II - Industrial Leadership		
Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ICT 2014 - Information and Communications Technologies</li> <li>2. Call for Factories of the Future</li> <li>3. Call for Energy-efficient Buildings</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 25/11/2014</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 09/12/2014</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 09/12/2014</li> </ol>
Access to risk finance	No open call	-
Innovation in SMEs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peer learning of innovation agencies</li> <li>2. Horizon 2020 dedicated SME Instrument - Phase 1 2014</li> <li>3. Horizon 2020 dedicated SME Instrument - Phase 2 2014</li> <li>4. Enhancing SME innovation capacity by providing better innovation support</li> <li>5. Capitalising the Full Potential of On-line Collaboration</li> <li>6. Cluster Facilitated Projects for New Industrial Chains</li> <li>7. Horizon 2020 dedicated SME Instrument - Phase 1 2015</li> <li>8. Horizon 2020 dedicated SME Instrument - Phase 2 2015</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 16/12/2014</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 17/12/2014</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 17/12/2014</li> <li>4. Deadline Date 01/01/2015</li> <li>5. Deadline Date 10/03/2015</li> <li>6. Deadline Date 30/04/2015</li> <li>7. Deadline Date 16/12/2015</li> <li>8. Deadline Date 16/12/2015</li> </ol>
Future calls for Pillar III - Societal Challenges		
Health, demographic change and wellbeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health Co-ordination activities</li> <li>2. Personalizing Health and Care</li> <li>3. Health Co-ordination Activities</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 15/04/2015</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 21/04/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 21/04/2015</li> </ol>
Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blue Growth: Unlocking the potential of Seas and Oceans</li> <li>2. Innovative, Sustainable and inclusive Bio-economy</li> <li>3. Sustainable Food Security</li> <li>4. Blue Growth: Unlocking the potential of Seas and Oceans</li> <li>5. Innovative, Sustainable and inclusive Bio-economy</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 24/02/2015</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 24/02/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 24/02/2015</li> <li>4. Deadline Date 11/06/2015</li> <li>5. Deadline Date 11/06/2015</li> </ol>
Secure, clean and efficient energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Energy Efficiency - PPP EeB and SPIRE topics</li> <li>2. Call – Smart Cities and Communities</li> <li>3. Call for competitive low-carbon energy</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 09/12/2014</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 03/03/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 03/03/2015</li> </ol>
Smart, green and integrated transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mobility for growth 2014-2015</li> <li>2. Mobility for growth 2014-2015</li> <li>3. Mobility for growth 2014-2015</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deadline Date 31/03/2015</li> <li>2. Deadline Date 31/03/2015</li> <li>3. Deadline Date 27/08/2015</li> </ol>

Future calls for Pillar III - Societal Challenges		
<b>Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waste: A Resource to Recycle, Reuse and Recover Raw Materials</li> <li>2. Water Innovation: Boosting its value for Europe</li> <li>3. Growing a Low Carbon, Resource Efficient Economy with a Sustainable Supply of Raw Materials</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Deadline Date</i> 10/03/2015</li> <li>2. <i>Deadline Date</i> 10/03/2015</li> <li>3. <i>Deadline Date</i> 10/03/2015</li> </ol>
<b>Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reflective Societies: Cultural Heritage and European Identities</li> <li>2. Europe as a Global Actor</li> <li>3. Overcoming the Crisis: New Ideas, Strategies and Governance Structures for Europe</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Deadline Date</i> 07/01/2015</li> <li>2. <i>Deadline Date</i> 07/01/2015</li> <li>3. <i>Deadline Date</i> 07/01/2015</li> </ol>
<b>Secure societies - Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens</b>	Digital Security: Cyber security, Privacy and Trust	<i>Deadline Date</i> 27/08/2015

Future calls for Spreading excellence and widening participation		
Twinning of research institutions	Call for twinning	<i>Deadline Date</i> 17/05/2015

Future calls for Science with and for Society		
<b>Make scientific and technological careers attractive to young students, and foster sustainable interaction between schools, research institutions, industry and civil society organizations</b>	Call for making science education and careers attractive for young people	<i>Deadline Date</i> 16/09/2015
<b>Integrate society in science and innovation issues, policies and activities in order to integrate citizens' interests and values and to increase the quality, relevance, social acceptability and sustainability of research and innovation outcomes in various fields of activity from social innovation to areas such as biotechnology and nanotechnology</b>	Call for integrating society in science and innovation	<i>Deadline Date</i> 16/09/2015
<b>Promote gender equality in particular by supporting structural change in the organization of research institutions and in the content and design of research activities</b>	Call for promoting gender equality in research and innovation	<i>Deadline Date</i> 16/09/2015
<b>Develop the governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation by all stakeholders (researchers, public authorities, industry and civil society organizations), which is sensitive to society needs and demands, promote an ethics framework for research and innovation</b>	Call for developing governance for the advancement of responsible research and innovation	<i>Deadline Date</i> 16/09/2015

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## Financing Perspectives under Other Projects

Grants with given deadlines for projects:

Project type	Description	Budget	Deadline
<b>Transportation 2014 – projects of common interest in the Trans-European transport networks</b>	The European Commission has launched the call for proposals (2014) of the "Europe Interconnection Mechanism" (EIM) 2014-2020 - transport component. Financial support is provided for the implementation of projects of common interest in the form of study grants and/or work. This call for proposals aims to assist in completing the TEN-T Core Network and its Corridors by 2030.	930,000,000 Euro	26/02/2015
<b>ERC Frontier Research Grants</b>	ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators (PIs) at the career stage at which they are starting or consolidating their own independent research team or programme. Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal. This action is open to researchers of any nationality who intend to conduct their research activity in any EU Member State or Associated Country.	ERC Starting Grants: 1,500,000 Euro ERC Consolidator Grants: 2,000,000 Euro	<i>ERC Starting Grants – 03/02/2015</i> <i>ERC Consolidator Grants: 12/03/2015</i>
<b>International Funding for Youth and Youth Activities</b>	The European Youth Foundation (EYF) provides financial support to the following types of activities undertaken by NGOs and youth networks and other NGOs involved in areas relevant to policy and youth work of the Council of Europe	10,000 Euro	<i>01/10/2015 – Structural Grant for 2016-2017 (NGOs/international networks)</i>
<b>EEA Grants funded by the Fund for Bilateral Relations</b>	This fund supports bilateral cooperation initiatives between Romania and donor states entities (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein): ↳ <i>Measure I: Support for travel</i> – in order to develop bilateral relations, identify and visit potential partners and to discuss opportunities for future collaboration; ↳ <i>Measure II: Priority Sectors</i> - finances projects/actions, individually or partnership, collaboration, best practice exchange, transfer of knowledge and best practice between beneficiaries and entities from donor states, other beneficiary states and Romania.	736,000 Euro	31/12/2015
<b>Romania-France framework for research collaboration – call 5</b>	Under the agreement signed between the Ministry of National Education - MEN (Romania) and the 'Agence Nationale de la Recherche' - ANR (France), the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) together with ANR launches the fifth competition dedicated to joint research projects. The competition is open to the following thematic areas: ↳ ELI (Extreme Light Infrastructure); ↳ DANUBIUS Research Infrastructure	unspecified	18/11/2014
<b>Facilitating EU transnational tourism flows for seniors and young people in the low and medium seasons</b>	The main aim of this call is to strengthen competitiveness of the European tourism sector by encouraging the extension of the tourism season and by increasing internal mobility of seniors and young people.	1,800,000 Euro	15/01/2015
<b>ERA-MBT: First transnational call for research projects within ERA-Marine-Biotech</b>	The main purpose of the call is to stimulate joint European research and development activities in marine biotechnology		<i>Evaluation pre proposals: 10/12/2014</i> <i>Deadline full proposal: 30/04/2015</i> <i>Evaluation end date: 31/08/2015</i>
<b>ERANETMED JOINT CALL ON Renewable Energies, Water Resources and their connections for the Mediterranean Region</b>	Renewable energies, water resources and their nexus are important challenges in the Mediterranean region and face common constraints and issues, while trans-national research addressed to these challenges is still highly fragmented and requires a strong co-ordination and joint-effort of countries to enhance effective and high impact research as well as innovation		31/01/2015

## Grants without given deadlines for projects:

Project type	Description	Budget	Deadline
<b>Programme UNCTAD / EMPRETEC Romania 2014</b>	The programme aims to encourage and stimulate the creation and development of SMEs. EMPRETEC represents an integrated training programme, which offers for entrepreneurs training and technical assistance and institutional framework for the development of entrepreneurial abilities and increasing local and international market competitiveness of small and medium enterprises.	500,000 lei	<i>Submission starting with: 15/10/2014</i>
<b>Funding programmes dedicated to abroad Romanians</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Policy Department for Relations with Romanians Abroad launched dedicated funding programs for Romanians living abroad: 1. Culture – “Constantin Brancusi” 2. Mass-media – “Mihai Eminescu” 3. Education – “Nicolae Iorga” 4. Spirituality and tradition – “Andrei Saguna” 5. Civil society – “Dimitrie Gusti”	unspecified	<i>continuous</i>
<b>Software donations programme TechSoup Romania</b>	TechSoup Romania provides access to software, training and learning resources for NGOs	access software products & online trainings participation	<i>continuous</i>
<b>Programme Romania HUB – Romania, country of young entrepreneurs</b>	Romania HUB – Romania, country of young entrepreneurs is an integrated program of assistance, entrepreneurial training, mentoring, public-private consultations that provides for the business environment, youth, students, entrepreneurs and potential entrepreneurs, information, support, technical assistance and counselling, as well as an institutional framework for the development of entrepreneurial capacities and increase local and international market competitiveness of small and medium enterprises.	unspecified	<i>continuous</i>
<b>Europe for Citizens 2014-2020</b>	The programme Europe for Citizens 2014-2020 contributes to the understanding by the European Union` s citizens its history and diversity, namely promoting European citizenship and improvement of civic participation and democratic Union.	185,468,000 Euro	<i>2014-2020</i>
<b>EEA Grants: Scholarships and Inter-Institutional Cooperation in Higher Education</b>	The scope of the programme `Scholarships and Inter-Institutional Cooperation in Higher Education` is to support students of any degree study and staff from Romanian universities in order to achieve transnational mobilities in Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland (donor states). Active only Measure I - Preparatory Visits	41,000 Euro	<i>Applications for preparatory visits are accepted on a rolling deadline mode, but sending at least six weeks before the date of the visit must be the rule.</i>
<b>COST Action</b>	COST is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, allowing the coordination of nationally-funded research on a European level: 1. Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS) - ex: BM1401 2. Chemistry and Molecular Sciences & Technologies (CMST) - ex: CM1401 3. Earth System Science & Environmental Management (ESSEM) - ex: ES1401 4. Food and Agriculture (FA) - ex: FA1401 5. Forests, their Products and Services (FPS) - ex: FP1401 6. Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH) - ex: IS1401 7. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) - ex: IC1401 8. Materials, Physics and Nanosciences (MPNS) - ex: MP1401 9. Transport and Urban Development (TUD) - ex: TU1401 + Trans-Domain Proposals (TDP) - ex: TD1401	unspecified	<i>continuous</i>

## Know Reset project aim

**KnowReset** is an **Inter-institutional cooperation project** included in the Programme **Scholarships and inter-institutional cooperation in higher education**, financed by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014. Its goal is *the creation and development of a transnational incubator for advanced, exploratory and interdisciplinary research in the socio-economic environment*, increasing and strengthening the institutional cooperation between Romania and Iceland at the level of higher education sector and research institutes, in order to support innovation and improvement of educational offer, teaching and research, transferring innovative approaches between partner institutions, approaches oriented to human capital development in order to meet the need for international competitiveness. The project also considers social sustainability issues, in order to combat discrimination and improve the situation of Roma population through: acquiring lessons through the partnership, performing visits aiming to initiate projects that address social sustainability issues, raising the awareness of education; taking effective measures to ensure that government officials do not discriminate in the conduct of their public duties, and participating in debates with representatives of disadvantaged groups, including advocacy; information on heterogeneous education possibilities.

All project activities and results are presented on the project website, available in both languages, English and Romanian.



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*Through the EEA Grants and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute to reducing social and economic disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with the beneficiary countries in Europe. The three countries cooperate closely with the EU through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA).*

*For the period 2009-14, the EEA Grants and Norway Grants amount to €1.79 billion. Norway contributes around 97% of the total funding. Grants are available for NGOs, research and academic institutions, and the public and private sectors in the 12 newest EU member states, Greece, Portugal and Spain. There is broad cooperation with donor state entities, and activities may be implemented until 2016.*

*Key areas of support are environmental protection and climate change, research and scholarships, civil society, health and children, gender equality, justice and cultural heritage.*



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