



Call 2025

Guidelines for Project Coordinators of Transnational Research Projects

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Congratulations!

You have been selected as one of the QuantERA laureates. We are looking forward to meeting you during the **Strategic Conference: Impact of QuantERA 2016–2026 and Projects' Launch Event**, which will take place in **Basel, Switzerland**, on **28–29 September 2026**. Please save the date and [register](#)! You can find the agenda and practical information [here](#).

To ensure a smooth start to the project and its proper implementation, please read the following information carefully.

1. Project Start

We recommend starting QuantERA-funded projects **as soon as possible**, and no later than 30 September 2026. All partners of a consortium should strive to start their part of the project on approximately the same date. In justified cases, an individual project partner may formally start their activities later, without delaying the start of the entire consortium.

TO DO:



Please confirm the project start date by sending an email to quantera@ncn.gov.pl by **15 June 2026**.

2. Project Management & Consortium Agreement

The administrative and financial management of projects is overseen by the respective Research Funding Organisations, according to the respective national/regional rules and guidelines.

The project must follow the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers¹. The project should bear in mind gender balance, especially at the PhD level and early-career opportunities resulting from the funded projects and promote equal opportunities between women and men at all levels in the implementation of the research activities.

Each project is required to operate under a Consortium Agreement (CA) addressing at least the following topics:

- internal organisation and management of the consortium
- Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) arrangements
- data management²
- compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- settlement of internal disputes.

¹ See: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/hrexcellenceaward/european-charter-researchers>.

² More at part: 6. Open Access to Publications and Data Sharing

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! A Consortium Agreement signed by all project partners must be submitted to the QuantERA Coordination Office no later than three months after the project start date.

A signed CA is a condition for implementing the project in the QuantERA Programme. We encourage you to take into account the DESCAs (Development of a Simplified Consortium Agreement for Horizon Europe projects) model when creating the CA. The guidelines can be found at www.desca-agreement.eu. Please note that some Funding Agencies may require the CA to be signed before the national contract can be finalised. If you have any further questions, please contact your respective Funding Agency.

TO DO:



Please send the Consortium Agreement signed by all partners **no later than three months after the start of the project** to quantera@ncn.gov.pl.

3. Information about the Project

Information on QuantERA-funded projects will be made publicly available through the publication of project abstracts on QuantERA communication channels, including the **QuantERA website** (please see the examples [here](#)) and the **QuantERA Projects Catalogue: Call 2025** (please see the example from previous calls [here](#)).

TO DO:



Please provide us with materials we can include in the QuantERA website and the catalogue by sending an email to quantera@ncn.gov.pl by **15 June 2026**:

- ! a non-technical project abstract addressed to a general audience** (up to 2500 characters including spaces), with the indication of the main objective of your project
- high-quality graphics, photos, and illustrations related to your project (if available)
- high-quality logos of the institutions within which you conduct the research
- high-quality project logo (if available)
- project website address (if you have any)
- project profiles on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn, X, etc.), if you use any to promote your project

If the requested materials are not provided by the deadline, we will use the information included in the project proposal submitted in the Electronic Submission System as a *Non-confidential abstract or summary in English*.

In case the website or project logo are available after the deadline indicated above, please send them immediately in order to update the data on the QuantERA website.

Please note that all information related to the QuantERA funded projects will be published on our channels (indicated below). We warmly encourage you to follow our

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channels and share relevant posts using the hashtag #QuantERA.

Please remember to tag QuantERA in posts related to your project or the QuantERA Programme. We would be more than happy to share it on our channels:

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/quantera-eu/>

Website: <https://quantera.eu/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/QuanteraCoFund>

X: https://twitter.com/QuantERA_EU

4. Project Monitoring & Events

The QuantERA Consortium will conduct two monitoring surveys and request **two progress reports from each consortium: one at mid-term and one at the end of the project**. Both reports will be submitted through the online system. Information in this regard will be provided on an ongoing basis.

Project Coordinators are required to participate in **follow-up events** organised by QuantERA in order **to present the status and results of their projects**, exchange experiences with other consortia, and explore opportunities for future collaboration.

TO DO:



- **Secure the funds in the project budget for QuantERA events** (Launch Event, Mid-term Review Seminar and Final Review Seminar) in which you are obliged to participate.



- **Regarding the Call 2025 Launch Event**, taking place during the Strategic Conference in Basel 28-29 September 2026:

- **Please prepare the poster** for the obligatory kick-off poster session. Posters should be prepared in vertical A0 format (84.1 × 118.9 cm) and brought with you in printed form to the conference. The graphic file in PDF format should also be sent by email to: quantera@ncn.gov.pl by **28 September 2026** to be published on the Programme website.
- **Attend the workshop** dedicated to the projects funded under Call 2025.

Please note that additional reporting obligations may apply at the national/regional level, depending on the requirements of your respective Funding Agency and national/regional regulations.

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5. Acknowledgements

In accordance with the European Commission requirements, communication activities of the beneficiaries related to the action (including media relations, conferences, seminars, information material, such as brochures, leaflets, posters, presentations, etc., in electronic form, via traditional or social media, etc.), dissemination activities and any infrastructure, equipment, vehicles, supplies or major result funded through the Programme **must acknowledge EU support and display the European flag (emblem) and funding statement “Co-funded with European Union”** (translated into local languages, where appropriate).

When displayed in association with other logos (e.g. of beneficiaries or sponsors), the emblem must be displayed at least as prominently and visibly as the other logos. Whenever possible, the EU emblem should also be included in the acknowledgements section of scientific publications. If the policy of a scientific journal does not allow the inclusion of logos, and therefore the EU emblem cannot be displayed, QuantERA may request a short explanation confirming that its inclusion was not permitted.

The acknowledgement to be used in the publications is:

“This work has been supported by QuantERA [insert project acronym], by [insert the funding organisation and the grant number for that funding organisation], [insert the next funding organisation and the grant number for that funding organisation] and co-funded by the European Commission.”

In addition, the **QuantERA logo must also be included in publications and visual materials related to the project** (e.g. PowerPoint presentations, posters, websites, and other communication and dissemination materials). We also encourage the acknowledgement of the relevant Funding Agencies.

Please note that some Research Funding Organisations may have additional acknowledgement requirements. Individual grants should therefore be acknowledged in accordance with the rules of the respective Funding Agency.

TO DO:



Please **include the EU emblem together with the text “Co-funded with European Union” and the QuantERA logo** in all publications and visual materials related to your project (PowerPoint presentations, posters, websites, etc.).

6. Open Access to Publications and Data Sharing

QuantERA considers providing free online access to the published peer-reviewed articles to be the most effective way of ensuring that the work it supports can be used as the basis for further research.

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The project consortia are encouraged to adhere to the Horizon Europe regulation on Open Science provided it is in line with the national/regional requirements of the partners in the project.

The project consortia should agree upon and lay out publishing strategies and Data Management Plans in their Consortium Agreements at the beginning of the project and should aim for Open Access research data and publications, as well as Open Science best practices.

Journal articles should be archived in either **institutional or subject-specific repositories**. QuantERA recommends repositories registered in the Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR), such as www.arxiv.org.

Publications shall be licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution International Public Licence (CC BY) to maximise accessibility and reuse. For monographs and other long-text formats, CC BY-NC or CC BY-ND licenses may be used to exclude commercial uses and derivative works where appropriate. Metadata for all deposited publications shall be openly available under a Creative Commons Public Domain Dedication (CC0).

Research artefacts (data, software, etc.) should be shared on repositories fulfilling the **FAIR data principles**³.

Accordingly, please remember that you will be obligated, during the mid-term and final reporting periods, to submit a complete list of publications resulting from the project along with the respective DOI.

Please use the **Data Management Guidelines for QuantERA Research Projects** [here](#).

7. Compliance with EU obligations

Due to the obligations imposed on the QuantERA Consortium by the European Commission, the funded project partners are subject to the obligations defined in the standard provisions of Horizon Europe grants:

- EU regulations under the following Model Grant Agreement (MGA)⁴ Articles: 12 (conflict of interest), 13 (confidentiality and security), 14 (ethics), 17.2 (visibility), 18 (specific rules for carrying out action), 19 (information) and 20 (record-keeping),
- The exercise of rights by the bodies listed in Article 25 of MGA (e.g. granting authority, OLAF, Court of Auditors (ECA), etc.).

Additionally, all funded projects need to follow anti-discrimination rules and principles commonly shared by the EU (notably concerning racism, incitement to violence,

³ See: <https://www.go-fair.org/fair-principles>.

⁴ The Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MAG) available here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/fundingtenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/agr-contr/general-mga_horizon-euratom_en.pdf

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discrimination based on religion, gender or sexual orientation). The specific obligations of the project consortia partners will, where applicable, be laid down in individual contracts with the respective national or regional funders.

8. Ethical issues

Please note that all activities raising ethical issues should be reported to the QuantERA Programme before their beginning along with:

- any ethics committee opinion required under national law
- any notification or authorization for activities raising ethical issues required under national law.

In case of any questions and comments the main contact point in the Call Secretariat is:

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You can also contact the Programme Coordinator:

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