

## **QuantERA Projects' Extensions Requests Procedure**

In response to the long-term COVID-19 impact on research activities and in order to give possibility for Research Funding Organizations (RFOs) to grant maternity leaves in accordance to national laws, and following the consultations with the European Commission, the QuantERA Consortium has decided to provide the option to request extensions of QuantERA-funded projects, when deemed necessary.

All QuantERA projects funded under Call 2021 must be completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 at the latest.

- Please note that the <u>final decision on the extension lies within the authority of the respective Research Funding Organization</u> and must be granted formally on the national/ regional level.
- In order to validly apply for an extension of your QuantERA project, please adhere to the <u>national/regional regulations</u> and adopt the following international procedure:
  - The requested extension must be agreed by the Project Leader (PL) and the other members of the project consortium;
  - The Project Leader justifies the extension request in a letter and send it via e-mail to the Call Secretariat (ANR and NCN in copy). All consortium partners should request the same extension from their respective agencies, in order for the project to end as much as possible at the same time in all countries;
  - Exceptional cases where this is not possible should be discussed with the Call Secretariat.

In case of any questions, please contact the QuantERA Call Secretariat:

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