Member Organisations

Science Europe’s 37 Member Organisations from 27 European countries are among the most important public research organisations funding and performing scientific research in Europe today. This document introduces our members and our membership criteria.

Science Europe’s Member Organisations are highly recognised nationally and internationally. Together, they contribute approximately €18 billion to research per year. They join forces in Science Europe to support the best conditions for research and researchers. Science Europe’s initiatives and advocacy activities are based on the expertise and experience of our members. The Science Europe Office works closely with all members on a daily basis through mechanisms such as its Collaboration Groups, Task Forces, and Policy Networks and through the association’s primary bodies, the Governing Board and the General Assembly. Science Europe is fully funded by its members.

Criteria for Membership

Member organisations should:

- Have substantial and significant impact on their national research system and budget.
- Be primarily funded through national public funding.
- Have substantial operating independence from their national government.
Member Organisations

Austria

FWF
Austrian Science Fund
Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung
Austria's central funding organisation for basic research.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Belgium

F.R.S.-FNRS
Fund for Scientific Research
Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique
Responsible for supporting scientific research in the French-speaking region of Belgium.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

FWO
Research Foundation Flanders
Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
Supports fundamental and strategic basic research in the Dutch-speaking region of Belgium.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Bulgaria

BAS
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
БЪЛГАРСКА АКАДЕМИЯ НА НАУКИТЕ
The leading scientific, spiritual, and expert centre of Bulgaria, conducting research, training, and other activities.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION
Croatia

HRZZ
Croatian Science Foundation
Hrvatska zaklada za znanost
Promotes science, higher education, and technological development in Croatia to ensure economic development.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Czech Republic

GACR
Czech Science Foundation
Grantová agentura České republiky
Supports basic research in the Czech Republic and promotes international research collaboration.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Denmark

DFF
Independent Research Fund Denmark
Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond
Supports and promotes the most original ideas and initiatives within Danish research.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

DG
Danish National Research Foundation
Danmarks Grundforskningsfond
Funds frontline, curiosity-driven research of the highest quality across all scientific fields.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Estonia

ETAg
Estonian Research Council
Eesti Teadusagentuur
Responsible for concentrating R&D funding and supporting researchers in Estonia.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
Finland

ACADEMY OF FINLAND

AKA
Academy of Finland
Suomen Akatemia/Finlands Akademie
Funds high-quality scientific research in Finland and provides expertise in science and science policy.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

France

Agence Nationale de la Recherche

ANR
French National Research Agency
Agence Nationale de la Recherche
Tasked with funding project-based scientific research and stimulating innovation by promoting collaborative multidisciplinary projects.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Germany

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

DFG
German Research Foundation
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
The self-governing organisation for science and research in Germany, serving all branches of science and the humanities.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Leibniz Gemeinschaft

LEIBNIZ
Leibniz Association
Leibniz Gemeinschaft
Addresses issues of social, economic, and ecological relevance through knowledge-driven and applied basic research.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION

Max Planck Gesellschaft

MPG
Max Planck Society
Max Planck Gesellschaft
Conducts basic research in the service of the general public in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION
Iceland

RANNÍS
Iceland Centre for Research
Rannsóknamiðstöð Íslands
Supports research funding, innovation, education, and culture in Iceland.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Ireland

HRB
Health Research Board
An Bord Taighde Sláinte
Supports research and provides evidence to prevent illness, improve health, and transform patient care.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

IRC
Irish Research Council
An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn
Enables and sustains a vibrant research community by supporting excellent researchers across all disciplines and career stages.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

SFI
Science Foundation Ireland
Funds oriented basic and applied research in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Italy

INFN
National Institute for Nuclear Physics
Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare
A research agency dedicated to the study of the fundamental constituents of matter and the laws that govern them.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION
Latvia

LZP
Latvian Science Council
Latvijas Zinatnes Padome
Promotes the development and implementation of science and technology development policy in Latvia.

Lithuania

LMT
Research Council of Lithuania
Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba
Founded to fulfil the role of an expert institution to promote science and funding programmes for researchers in Lithuania.

Luxembourg

FNR
Luxembourg National Research Fund
Fonds National de la Recherche
 Funds research projects in various branches of science and the humanities while strengthening the link between science and society.

The Netherlands

NWO
Dutch Research Council
Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek
 Funds world-class scientific research that has scientific and societal impact with an emphasis on fundamental research.
Science Europe Member Organisations

Norway

RCN
Research Council of Norway
*Norges Forskningsråd*
Promotes research and innovation of high quality to generate knowledge in priority areas enabling Norway to deal with key challenges.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Poland

FNP
Foundation for Polish Science
*Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej*
Supports researchers in all fields of inquiry and assists innovative ventures and commercialisation of scientific discoveries and inventions.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

NCN
National Science Centre
*Narodowe Centrum Nauki*
Supports basic research and excellent research projects in all fields of science and the humanities.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Portugal

FCT
Foundation for Science and Technology
*Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia*
The national public agency to support science, technology, and innovation research in all areas of knowledge.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Romania

UEFISCDI
Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding of Romania
*Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării*
Manages project-based funding schemes to support the Romanian research, development, and innovation plan.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
Slovakia

APVV
Slovak Research and Development Agency
Agentúra na podporu výskumu a vývoja
Responsible for research and development promotion in all research fields, including international research cooperation.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Slovenia

ARRS
Slovenian Research Agency
Javna agencija za raziskovalno dejavnost Republike Slovenije
Provides the Slovenian scientific community with stable funding for scientific excellence.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Spain

AEI
Spanish State Research Agency
Agencia Estatal de Investigación
Promotes scientific and technical research through efficient allocation of public resources, monitoring of impact, and advice to the Spanish General State Administration.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

CSIC
Spanish National Research Council
Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
Develops and promotes research that will help bring about scientific and technological progress in Spain.
RESEARCH PERFORMING ORGANISATION

Sweden

FORTE
Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare
Forskningsrådet för hälsa, arbetsliv och välfärd
 Funds research on health, working life, and welfare paving the way for a more equal and sustainable society in the future.
RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION
Sweden

FORMAS
Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development
_Ett Forskningsråd för Hållbar Utveckling_
Funds research in the field of environment, agricultural sciences, and spatial planning making it easier for Sweden to achieve its environmental goals.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

VR
Swedish Research Council
_Vetenskapsrådet_
Funds research and research infrastructure in all scientific disciplines and works to increase understanding of the long-term societal benefits of research.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

Switzerland

SNSF
Swiss National Science Foundation
_Schweizerischer Nationalfonds/Fonds National Suisse_
Supports scientific research in all academic disciplines, from history to medicine and the engineering sciences.

RESEARCH FUNDING ORGANISATION

United Kingdom

UKRI
UK Research and Innovation
A new body that brings together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and Research England to support the best researchers in the UK.

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Science Europe is the association representing major public organisations that fund or perform excellent, ground-breaking research in Europe.

We bring together the expertise of some of the largest and best-known research organisations in the world to jointly push the frontiers of how scientific research is produced and delivers benefits to society.

We advocate science and the scientific community to help build the European Research Area and shape the global scientific agenda.

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