

# FLAG-ERA: (the **FLAGSHIP ERA-NET**)

## Coordinating National and Regional Funding for the FET Flagships

**FLAG-ERA** gathers a critical number of regional and national funding organisations (NRFOs) in Europe with the goal of supporting the Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) Flagship concept and more specifically, the FET Flagship initiatives Graphene and Human Brain Project (HBP).

**FLAG-ERA** contributes to the construction of the two Flagship initiatives on graphene and human brain research, and also offers support to the four non-selected pilots to progress towards their goals with adapted means.

In order to enhance complementarities and synergies of regional, national and European research programmes and initiatives, the funding organisations share information on these programmes and initiatives, identify gaps and overlaps, and can thus adapt their thematic program and

launch new initiatives according to the identified needs. For instance, the funding organisations in **FLAG-ERA** can launch transnational calls enabling researchers from different countries to propose joint contributions to the Flagships.

In order to encourage the actual construction of the Flagships and take-up of their results, the funding organisations propose networking sessions for the research communities and other stakeholders, including industry

**FLAG-ERA** thus offers a platform to coordinate a wide range of sources of funding towards the realization of the very ambitious research goals of the FET Flagships.

**FLAG-ERA is an open network and warmly welcomes new members to its consortium.**

### FLAG-ERA goals and activities:

- Connect NRFOs with each core project through a liaison group
- Set up mechanisms to facilitate and encourage integration of nationally/regionally funded research into the Flagship work plans
- Maintain an inventory of funding and scientific landscapes
- Analyse overlaps & gaps to adapt national/regional research agendas
- Launch dedicated transnational initiatives, for instance joint calls, allowing researchers from several countries to join forces
- Network with potential new participants
- Disseminate project information to relevant stakeholders

### 22 founding members from 17 countries:

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|  Belgium      |  Poland          |
|  France      |  Portugal       |
|  Germany     |  Romania        |
|  Hungary     |  Spain          |
|  Ireland     |  Sweden         |
|  Israel      |  Switzerland    |
|  Italy       |  Turkey         |
|  Latvia      |  United Kingdom |
|  Netherlands |  |



*FLAG-ERA representatives meet in Brussels*

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