Support for Funding Applications
EATRIS offers a range of services to help researchers develop a robust translational research plan and form a world class research consortium. The services listed here can be provided for any funding call supporting translational research, including but not limited to Horizon Europe (e.g. Health cluster, European Innovation Council, Marie Skłodowska Curie), the Innovative Health Initiative, ERA-NETs, European Joint Programmes and European Partnerships as well as calls published by national funders and charities.

WHAT CAN EATRIS HELP WITH?

1. FORMING A CONSORTIUM
2. LETTER OF SUPPORT
3. JOINING AS A PARTNER
4. LEADING FLAGSHIP PROJECTS
EATRIS can help you find the right European academic partner for your consortium thanks to a comprehensive database of high-end capabilities and expertise of 115+ top-tier member institutions. This service is offered free of charge to any party interested. If you are interested in this service, please fill in this form or contact us directly.

Our team will provide you with a report listing the potential matches among EATRIS members. It will then be down to you to liaise with the EATRIS institution.

If you are a member of our infrastructure, EATRIS can also help you identify companies, charities or patient organisations for your consortium.

Contact us for more information.

EATRIS can provide coordinators based at EATRIS institutions with a letter of support for their proposal, provided the following criteria are met:

▪ The scope of the proposal must be translational and of high scientific quality;
▪ The proposal must be in line with EATRIS mission: “To support researchers in developing their biomedical discoveries into novel translational tools and interventions for better health outcomes for society”;
▪ The consortium must be multidisciplinary with laboratory and clinical expertise represented; and when relevant, industry and/or patient organisations included as partners;
▪ The consortium must include institutions leading in their field and/or close collaborators of EATRIS (academic members or strategic partners);

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The proposal must commit to compliance with FAIR principles and include data management plan as a project’s deliverable.

To request a letter of support, please send the latest draft of your proposal (or a 3-pager including the composition of the consortium, a summary of the concept and foreseen impact) a minimum of four weeks before proposal submission.

This service is exclusively for EATRIS members. However, please feel free to contact us if you are not an EATRIS member and seek our support.

Where relevant, EATRIS can participate in research funding proposals as partner providing various services. EATRIS member institutions can also be involved and join as affiliated entities to EATRIS, delivering complementary scientific expertise on preclinical and early clinical development of therapeutics, vaccines and diagnostics, with the support of enabling technologies such as biomarkers and imaging and tracing.

For this level of participation, the following criteria apply:
- Proposals must meet the criteria listed below for ‘letter of support’;
- EATRIS participation would clearly add value to the consortium and the proposal is consistent with the EATRIS project portfolio;
- At least one EATRIS member institution participates in the proposal as partner or as entity affiliated with EATRIS. *If the proposal is coordinated by an EATRIS institution, this criteria is considered as fulfilled.*
- The consortium is looking for a “standard” type of services. For example, innovation management, regulatory expertise, early Health Technology Assessment support, sustainability planning, industry partnering or access to training opportunities.
As a partner, EATRIS can provide the following services:

3A. Innovation Management and industry partnering

Activities can include:
- Design of the dissemination and exploitation plan of the project;
- Definition and implementation of a monitoring plan to capture intellectual property protection needs;
- Identification of industry partnering opportunities for co-development and/or out-licensing;
- Follow-up financing opportunities.

Example: The RECOGNISED project
3B. Regulatory support

EATRIS will leverage expertise from EATRIS institutions and perform dedicated tasks or work packages providing regulatory support by:
- Assessing the project’s regulatory strategy and feasibility;
- Interacting with the relevant regulatory authorities;
- Answering any regulatory question arising during the project’s lifetime;
- Ensuring the project fulfils all regulatory requirements.

*Example: TRANSVAC-2 project*

3C. Translational optimisation

Activities can include:
- Monitoring of the project to deliver a timely evaluation of the translational potential of the results generated during the project;
- Full translational assessment to define follow-up validation route;
- Early HTA support.

3D. Training

EATRIS can provide training activities, tailor-made to the needs of your research proposal, for example on:
- How to assess the translational potential of your project;
- How to develop collaboration with industry;
- An introduction to translational medicine (particularly relevant for PhD students and postdocs).

Based on the needs of your project, the training formats might include e-learning, virtual workshops or face-to-face or a mix of those. EATRIS launched its own e-learning platform, *TransMed Academy*, openly accessible to anyone interested in translational research. If you are interested in integrating this learning solution in your proposal, please get in touch with *Rebecca Ludwig*. 
From time to time, EATRIS will take a leading role in supporting the development and management of proposals coming from EATRIS member institutes, and identified as key potential contributions to the EATRIS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda.

The proposal must fulfil the criteria mentioned above and the following:
- The proposal idea is in line with EATRIS mission and with EATRIS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda 2019-2022;
- The proposal is coordinated by an EATRIS institution;
- The proposal serves the research community by addressing systemic inefficiencies in medical research;
- The infrastructure can rely on strong expertise of many member institutions;
- The proposal is disruptive and will have a high impact on improving the translational research ecosystem, and therefore on the European Research Area.

Example: EU PEARL

CONTACT
If you have any questions or would like to make use of these services, please email Anne-Charlotte Fauvel at annecharlottefauvel@eatris.eu or visit eatris.eu/services/support-for-funding-applications for more information.