

## Experiences and tools

<b>Title:</b>	<b>era.gv.at / ERA Portal Austria</b>
<b>Topic:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Practices for fostering higher participation in EU research funding programmes</li> <li>2. Upgrading the system of Research and Innovation</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Practices for fostering higher participation in EU research funding programmes</li> </ol>
<b>Country:</b>	AUSTRIA
<b>Geographic level (regional or national)</b>	National
<b>Organisation</b> (Please include here the name and some background information).	Centre for Social Innovation on behalf of the (former) Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research (now Ministry of Science, Research and Economy).
<b>What were the aims of the experience/tool?</b>	ERA Portal Austria is a knowledge-sharing platform providing information on EU-related research policy and its implementation in Austria and in Europe. In this context it supports decision-making by providing strategic intelligence. In addition, ERA Portal Austria serves as a promotion platform for Austrian initiatives in Europe.
<b>In which part of the decision tree is the experience (see image at the end of the document)</b>	Within the decision tree, this measure belongs to pre-call intelligence, but not so much on the side of (potential) applicants but on the side of STI policy-making.
<b>Who were the beneficiaries or the target group?</b>	The beneficiaries are policy-makers and policy-delivery services (e.g. agencies) dealing with ERA from Austria but also from abroad as well as Austrian and international researchers from academia and industry. Within Austria several protected sub-groups have been installed under era.gv.at to coordinate the Austrian ERA governance across the different ministries (and agencies) in Austria dealing with the field of science, technology and innovation.

<p><b>Description of the experience of using the best practice:</b> (Describe the operating experience with particular focus on the evolution of its development, end user experience).</p>	<p>era.gv.at is a comprehensive webportal, which is programmed by IT-experts working at the Centre for Social Innovation. The editorial work is coordinated within the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (0.5 full-time equivalents for IT-services and 0.75 full-time equivalents for coordination work plus several editorial contributors from other ministries and agencies).</p> <p>The webportal informs about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy fields (e.g. excellent science, research infrastructures, key enabling technologies, societal challenges, knowledge transfer, international cooperation, gender aspects, innovation - SMEs, and regional dimension)</li> <li>• Initiatives and programmes (e.g. Europe 2020, Innovation Union, Austrian RTI Strategy, ERA, Horizon 2020, multilateral research networks such as JPIs, ERA-NETs, Art. 185 initiatives, ETPs, JTIs, SET-Plan and EIT)</li> <li>• Governance (e.g. European Council, Competitiveness Council, ERAC, High Level Group for Joint Programming, Strategic Forum for International S&amp;T Cooperation, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures, Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility, Knowledge Transfer Group, Helsinki Group, Horizon 2020 Programme Committees, ERA Observatory Austria)</li> <li>• Strategic Intelligence (Austrian EU Performance Monitoring for RTI, Evaluation, Monitoring, Studies, ERA Monitoring Mechanism, ERAWATCH, State Aid Rules for R&amp;I)</li> <li>• Services (e.g. what's up, Events, interactive diagrams, a Helpdesk for the Austrian RTI community providing answers to individual inquiries on ERA related matters, e-Mail alert, contact etc.)</li> </ul>
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<p><b>What is the period during which the experience/tool has been carried out?</b></p>	<p>era.gv.at started its operations in 2001 and has accompanied the entire 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> European Framework Programme. It has been prolonged to cover HORIZON 2020 and the years 2013-2020.</p>
<p><b>What were the results of this best practice? (Please provide any charts, data, statistics, etc. showing the results of the implementation).</b></p>	<p>Several assessments by clients of era.gv.at have been carried out. They state that era.gv.at is a valuable information tool about ERA and its instruments and about the Austrian position towards ERA.</p> <p>In the meanwhile it is used as the central knowledge management system for coordinating the national Austrian ERA governance system.</p>
<p><b>What is needed for the experience/tool to be successfully replicated?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• political will for a “national” ERA governance structure</li> <li>• around 2 full-time equivalents to programme and maintain such a comprehensive web-portal and to collect, analyse and present information (editorial work)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Please include any references or bibliography here:</b></p>	<p>era.gv.at can be accessed under <a href="http://era.gv.at/">http://era.gv.at/</a></p>

## The Decision Tree for Participating in Horizon 2020



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