TRAVEL GRANT CALL FOR PARTNER COUNTRY NCPs to attend the

II RICH Europe Symposium: Maximising synergies in Science and Innovation through Research Infrastructures

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1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The 'Global Service Facility in Support of the Global Approach in Research and Innovation' aims at integrating NCPs from third countries into EU training and/or matchmaking events of international cooperation available to their counterparts in EU Member States and Associated Countries under Horizon Europe.

2. WHAT KIND OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE FUNDED?

This call focuses on funding the participation of official third country NCPs for Research Infrastructures to the NCP symposium organised by RICH Europe, the European Network of National Contact Points for Research Infrastructures in Horizon Europe.

Each travel grant encompasses:

- Flight Ticket (Economy)
- Hotel costs (maximum € 148 per night)
- Daily allowances (€ 98 per day)

The flight ticket will be provided as e-ticket and the hotel will be booked by the Service Facility in advance. Daily allowances will be reimbursed after the event. The reimbursement may take **up to 8 weeks** due to administrative processes.

3. MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE CALL

The management, coordination and evaluation of the Travel Grant Call will be implemented by the Service Facility Team in collaboration with the respective NCP network projects.

The submission of applications is followed by an internal evaluation procedure. Only proposals fulfilling the eligibility criteria will be evaluated. The rules for submission of the applications are given below.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Legal status of Applicants:

- Applicants must be representatives of official third country NCPs. The nomination by their countries' responsible institution (e.g. Ministry) is required.
- The applicants must be **NCPs for Research Infrastructures**.

5. Selection Criteria

- The main assessment criterion for your application will be your prospects for establishing efficient & sustainable partnerships within the NCP network.
- We also invite you to include a regionally and/or thematically reasoned vision on your future engagement in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon Europe".

6. TIMETABLE

Deadline for submission of applications: **04 December 2025**

Applicants will be informed about their selection no later than **12 December 2025**.

7. HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS, FURTHER INFORMATION & COUNSELLING

Please complete the provided Application Form and send it by e-mail to: ncp@servicefacility.eu

Contact persons: Anneken Reise & Matthias Wurch

Please attach your short CV (maximum 3 pages).

Please find further information here: Second Symposium for Research Infrastructures - Rich Europe

For any further information or questions, feel free to contact us at the same e-mail address.