**Application for the TIER2 Reproducibility Network Award**

**Description**

The international project TIER2 aims to empower Reproducibility Networks (RNs) by fostering the creation of three new RNs in Horizon Europe “Widening Participation” countries. As a result of the [first open call](https://tier2-project.eu/news/ier2-announces-awardees-reproducibility-network-open-call) in 2023, two consortia from Georgia and Ukraine received monetary awards for establishing RNs in their home countries.

Via this second open call, consortia can now apply for the third award of 5,000 Euros to fund an initial meeting to establish an RN in their country. The granted award money may be used for expenses directly related to the establishment meeting, including travel expenses, venue costs, setting up of a website, advertisement, technical setup, and consumables. The establishment event should take place within one year of receiving the award. Awardees will need to submit a short final report at the end of the award period, demonstrating their outputs (i.e., events, publications, websites), and reflecting on their success to address equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in their established Reproducibility Network.

Please consult our [FAQ sheet](https://tier2-project.eu/award-faqs) for more information. For any questions about the application process, please contact Friederike Kohrs at friederike-elisabeth.kohrs@charite.de.

**Target population**

* Networks or consortia of 2 or more initiatives (from minimum 2 institutions or universities) are eligible to apply
* Applicants need to be based in Horizon Europe [“Widening Participation” countries](https://rea.ec.europa.eu/horizon-europe-widening-who-should-apply_en).

**Evaluation**

An independent review board will assess applications based on the following criteria:

* Part 1: Applicants and Initiatives Characteristics (10%)
* Part 2: Motivation Behind and Description of Planned Reproducibility Network (40%)
* Part 3: Embedding and Feasibility (25%)
* Part 4: Dissemination and Impact (25%)

During the evaluation process, reviewers will not be aware of the names, genders, or other identifying characteristics of applicants.

**Evaluation Rubric:**

The application will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

**Applicants and Initiatives Characteristics** (total = 10%)

* Applicants provide information on how they (plan to) address equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI)in their own initiatives/institutes as well as in the Reproducibility Network.

**Motivation and Description** (total = 40%)

* The motivation behind the application is clear.
* Applicants provide a thorough summary of background information relevant for the proposed Reproducibility Network and establishment meeting.
* Applicants provide a clear and detailed description of how they would use the award money.

**Embedding and Feasibility** (total = 25%)

* Barriers and limitations to the establishment of a Reproducibility Network are discussed realistically.
* The proposed meeting expenses appear to be feasible and, where relevant, are based on concrete sources.
* Applicants explain how their time management will fit with existing work commitments.

**Dissemination and Impact** (total = 25%)

* Relevant stakeholders have been identified. The impact on them is described realistically.
* Applicants have a variety of activities planned to promote the Reproducibility Network and strengthen reproducible research and open science in their country.
* The dissemination strategy appears to be feasible.

**Part 1: Applicants and Initiatives Characteristics**

**Country:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**1.** **Institute**

**Name of designated initiative speaker:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Institute or Affiliation:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Position (PhD student or equivalent, postdoc, group leader, professor, etc.):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are you part of a reproducibility or Open Science initiative?** [ ] yes[ ] no

**If yes, which one?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**2. Institute**

**Name of designated initiative speaker:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Institute or Affiliation:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Position (PhD student or equivalent, postdoc, group leader, professor, etc.):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are you part of a reproducibility or Open Science initiative?** [ ] yes[ ] no

**If yes, which one?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**3. Institute** (*optional*)

**Name of designated initiative speaker:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Email:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Institute or Affiliation:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Position (PhD student or equivalent, postdoc, group leader, professor, etc.):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Are you part of a reproducibility or Open Science initiative?** [ ] yes[ ] no

**If yes, which one?** Click or tap here to enter text.

**TIER2 is committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and having a balance of all genders in its activities. Further, we value representation from all career stages. How have you addressed EDI, such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, and career stage, in your initiatives or institutes and plan to address this in the Reproducibility Network?** (*maximum 150 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Where did you learn about the award?** (*optional*)

[ ] TIER2 website

[ ] Colleagues

[ ] Social Media (e.g. Twitter, Mastadon, LinkedIn)

[ ]  Other: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Part 2: Motivation and Description**

1. **Personal Motivation: Why are you interested in improving research culture and practice by forming a Reproducibility Network? Please describe your experience with reproducible research and Open Science practices.** (*maximum 300 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Briefly explain the need for a Reproducibility Network in your country and the goals of this Reproducibility Network.** (*maximum 400 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Please outline your proposal for a meeting or kick-off event to establish a Reproducibility Network.** (*no word limit*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Part 3: Embedding and Feasibility**

1. **Which important barriers or limitations do you anticipate for the establishment of a Reproducibility Network?** (*maximum 200 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **How do you plan to divide your time (that of all applicants) between your research/work commitments and establishing the Reproducibility Network?** (*maximum 100 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Please outline budget estimates for the proposed establishment meeting, using the table below. Where possible, explain estimates.**

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| **Expense**  | **Estimated Costs (in €) and explanations**  |
| 1. example expense |  …€ Explanation of 1. example expense (incl. source for estimate) |
| … | … |

**Part 4: Dissemination and Impact**

1. **Please briefly describe strategies for the dissemination of your Reproducibility Network establishment meeting.** (*maximum 150 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Please provide a short overview of activities planned in the proposed Reproducibility Network.** (*maximum 300 words*)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Please explain how different stakeholders\* will realistically benefit from the establishment meeting and Reproducibility Network. How will you measure this impact?** (*maximum 300 words*)

*\*Stakeholders are defined as individuals or groups that are directly involved or affected by the Reproducibility Network. These could include researchers within your own groups, institutions, funders, publishers, etc.*

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**References** (*optional; maximum 10 references*)

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