



2nd EU-LEVEL REPORT

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 4 PRIORITY AREAS OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA 2023/2024



ERA PRIORITY 3

Access to excellence & innovation



BUILD REGIONAL AND NATIONAL R&I ECOSYSTEMS

- Launched **25 Excellence Hubs** to connect researchers, businesses, and local actors in Widening Countries
- Supported 148 regions through **Regional Innovation Valleys**



IMPROVE EU-WIDE ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

- Facilitated national R&I collaboration via **ERA Forum's 'Access to Excellence' sub-group**
- Funded 200 projects to boost R&I capabilities in less research-intensive regions through **Horizon Widening Actions**

ENHANCE PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS' STRATEGIC CAPACITY



- Assessed EU-wide research management (RM) landscape via **RM ROADMAP** and **CARDEA**
- Developed a Career and **Competence Framework** for RM roles
- Established a **network of 116 RM ambassadors**
- Launched a new **mutual learning platform**

NEXT STEPS

- Support weaker regions
- Align planning and execution of R&I and Cohesion Policy tools
- Enhance multi-level coordination and effectively implement synergies
- Increase awareness of research management
- Secure long-term sustainability of RM frameworks
- Strengthen capacity building in Widening countries



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