Stepping up: The next Austrian ERA Action Plan 2026-2028

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In a nutshell: How ERA works – ”Basics”

- Basis in the **EU treaties**: Articles 179/1 and 182/5 TFEU
- **Shared competence**: both EU and Member States can legislate and implement
- Principles, priorities and governance laid down in the **Pact for Research and Innovation in Europe** (Council recommendation, 2021)
- Concrete actions/policies defined in the **ERA Policy Agenda** (Council recommendation for a three-year-period, voluntary basis)
- National implementation – In Austria: Nationaler ERA Aktionsplan (**ERA-NAP**)

In a nutshell: How ERA works – ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027

- Designed in co-creation between EC, Member States and Stakeholders
- Adopted by the Council of the EU in May 2025

11 ERA Structural Policies
Enabling open science via sharing and re-use of data
Sustainability, accessibility, resilience of research infrastructures
Strengthening gender equality and inclusiveness in the ERA
Making research careers more attractive and sustainable
Reforming research assessment
Upscaling knowledge valorisation capacities and activities
Implementing the Global Approach to R&I
Strategic energy technology (SET) plan
Improving the articulation between R&I and higher education
Enhancing trust in science
Improve EU access to excellence

8 ERA Actions
Applying equity in open science
Advancing the European Science for Policy ecosystem
Facilitating and accelerating responsible AI in science
Enhancing research security
Industrial transformation and competitive sustainability
Accelerating new approach methodologies (NAMs)
European approach to integrity and ethics in R&I
Empowering R&I: A new era in research management

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Genesis:

Basis: ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027, Austrian RTI Strategy 2030

Focus: Advancing the Austrian FTI System and Institutions closely aligned with European developments and in cooperation with European partners

Design: Co-creation with the Austrian ERA Stakeholder Forum (public administration + stakeholder)

Structure: 5 Fields of action (Handlungsfelder), 15 Initiatives

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Field of Action 1:

Strengthen Framework- and Working Conditions for Researchers

Initiative 1.1. Inclusive Gender Equality
Initiative 1.2. Setting attractive framework conditions for carreers in science and research
Initiative 1.3. Reforming Research Assessment
Initiative 1.4. Professionalising Research Management

Field of Action 2:

Promote Openness, Infrastructures and Key Technologies in the RTI-System

Initiative 2.1. Equity in Open Science
Initiative 2.2. Research- and Technology Infrastructures
Initiative 2.3. AI in Science
Initiative 2.4. Strategic Energy Technology Plan

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Field of Action 3:

Strengthen International Cooperation and Research Security

Initiative 3.1. International Cooperation in Science, Research and Innovation
Initiative 3.2. Strengthen Research Security

Field of Action 4:

Enable Knowledge Transfer to Industry and Society

Initiative 4.1. Knowledge Valorisation
Initiative 4.2. Science for Policy Ecosystem

Field of Action 5:

For a responsible and value-based Research Policy

Initiative 5.1. Integrity and Ethics in Research
Initiative 5.2. Trust in Science
Initiative 5.3. New Approach Methodologies

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