OPEN CALL ANALYSIS

RCH JOINT CALL 2027

Climate-resilient cultural heritage research, paid by national funders

EUnita strategic translation

This is a research call paid through national funders, not one European grant. Twenty-eight funders in 25 countries have indicative commitments of €28.25 million (€36.5 million with a European Commission top-up) for transnational projects on climate-resilient cultural heritage. Each partner is paid by its own funder under national rules, so a consortium of at least three funded partners from three countries and three funders is built partner by partner. In Romania the Ministry of Culture (MC-UMP) funds only public bodies (research organisations, museums, heritage owners), €150,000 to €300,000 per partner for 24 months, while the Romanian eligible costs are still marked indicative. A pre-proposal of 20,000 characters is due on 11 January 2027; only invited consortia submit a full proposal. Reviewers score excellence, impact and implementation equally. In EUnita's reading, the first thing to settle is a consortium with a funded partner behind each of the three funders it needs.

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Deadline: 11 January 2027, 14:00 CET (15:00 in Romania)

Call budget: €28.25 million national, €36.5 million with EC top-up | Grant per project: no common figure; Romania €150,000 to €300,000 per partner | Opened 4 November 2026

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*This analysis interprets the official call documentation for applicants. It is not legal advice. The official texts are the Call Text of the RCH Joint Transnational Call 2027 with its Annex I (national and regional rules), the Guidance for Applicants and the pre-proposal template, published on the Heritage Research Hub and checked on 15 November 2026; where this analysis and an official text differ, the official text prevails. Labels used: **Confirmed** (stated in an official source), **EUnita interpretation** (our reading or recommendation), **Derived estimate** (our arithmetic on official figures).*

1. Decision summary: is this call for you?

The first joint call of the Resilient Cultural Heritage (RCH) partnership, a Horizon Europe co-funded European Partnership, funds transnational research projects on climate-resilient cultural heritage. Twenty-eight funders in 25 countries have indicative commitments of €28,254,469 (€36,512,611 with a European Commission top-up). There is no single grant: each partner is paid by its own national or regional funder under national rules. A consortium needs at least three funded partners from three countries and three funders. The first stage is a pre-proposal due on 11 January 2027 at 14:00 CET; invited consortia submit a full proposal by 16 June 2027 at 14:00 CEST. Romania takes part through the Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Culture (MC-UMP), with an indicative commitment of €2,000,000 for public bodies.

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Call	RCH Joint Transnational Call 2027, the first of the partnership: “Foundations for climate-resilient cultural heritage: Assessing and managing impact and risk, dealing with damage and loss”	Call text, cover; call page
Programme and manager	Horizon Europe Programme Co-fund Action, grant 101304744 (EC signature 15 July 2026; 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2035), coordinated by Fondation des Sciences du Patrimoine, Cergy, France. The call is run by a Joint Call Secretariat: the French National Research Agency (ANR) with the Spanish Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI); contact rch@anr.fr	CORDIS; call text p. 7; call page
Type of support	Co-funded transnational research projects. Each partner is a third party funded directly by its national funder; there is no consortium grant	Call text pp. 34–35
Call budget	€28,254,469 of indicative commitments from 28 funders; €36,512,611 including the EC top-up. The call page says 36M EUR	Call text p. 8; call page
Grant per project	No common figure and no ceiling. Each funder sets limits per partner. Romania: €150,000 to €300,000 per project partner	Call text pp. 22, 127
Duration	24 to 36 months in line with national rules; Romania 24 months. Start between December 2027 and the end of June 2028	Call text pp. 10, 22–23, 127
Applicants	Research organisations and universities, public bodies, NGOs and private companies, “according to national/regional regulations”; certain categories may not be eligible for funding by a specific funder	Call text p. 19
Consortium	At least three independent partners from three countries requesting funds from three funders; at most seven funded partners; at most two funded partners per country. Self-funded associated partners do not count	Call text pp. 19–21
Countries with a funder	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Türkiye, United Kingdom	Call text pp. 7–8
Procedure	Two stages on the EPSS platform: a pre-proposal, then a full proposal by invitation only, with a rebuttal stage, peer review panels and an ethics check	Call text pp. 23–33
Dates	Opened 4 November 2026; webinar 17 November 2026, 14:00 to 16:00 CET; pre-proposal deadline 11 January 2027, 14:00 CET; invitations expected from 21 April 2027; full-proposal deadline 16 June 2027, 14:00 CEST; selected projects published 15 October 2027	Call text cover, p. 10

Item	Confirmed position	Source
Status on 15 November 2026	Open: the call page shows opening 4 November 2026 and closing 11 January 2027	Call page
Romania	Funder MC-UMP, indicative commitment €2,000,000 (€2,584,555 with top-up). Eligible: public bodies "with activity in CH and/or CC" (public research organisations, public-owned museums, public owners or administrators of cultural heritage); universities and private bodies are not addressed. The list of eligible costs is marked indicative; funding rate and national document list not published	Call text pp. 8, 127–131

Good fit

- ✓ Romanian public research institutes, and public universities if MC-UMP confirms they count, with heritage science, conservation, risk or climate research and partners in other funded countries
- ✓ Public-owned museums and public owners or administrators of cultural heritage with a solid record of heritage projects
- ✓ Teams working on risk and impact assessment, preparedness, loss and damage, or governance of the heritage sector
- ✓ Groups that work with traditional, local or Indigenous knowledge together with communities
- ✓ Consortium builders who can name three funded partners from three countries and three funders
- ✓ Applicants who can wait for a start in December 2027 or later and settle the open Romanian points with MC-UMP

Not a fit

- ✗ Romanian companies, NGOs and private bodies expecting MC-UMP funds: Annex I names only public bodies and does not say whether others can be funded
- ✗ Organisations that already received a grant on the topic of the proposal from a local, national, EU or international funder (excluded in the Romanian annex)
- ✗ Public organisations without a solid background in implementing "CH and/or CC" projects (excluded in the Romanian annex)
- ✗ Single-country or single-organisation projects: only transnational consortia are funded
- ✗ Consortia with fewer than three funded partners from three countries and three funders
- ✗ Teams that need a project start before December 2027

EUnita verdict (interpretation)

A good fit for a Romanian public research institute, museum or heritage owner that already has a research question on the climate risks to heritage and can bring at least two partners whose own funders take part. It is a demanding and slow route: two stages, a pre-proposal of up to 20,000 characters, 28 sets of national rules and a start no earlier than December 2027. The Romanian money comes from MC-UMP on terms that are not yet complete: the annex gives €150,000 to €300,000 per partner and 24 months, but no funding rate, no document list and no payment schedule. The facts that decide fit are the Romanian eligibility wording, the consortium rule, and whether each partner's own funder will pay it. Open points: whether public universities or private bodies can be funded in Romania, how the EC top-up reaches partners, and what the Romanian national documents are.

2. Source verification and document status

Confirmed: every fact labelled Confirmed in this analysis was read in an official document or page of the partnership, the French agency that runs the secretariat, the Romanian funder, the European Commission or CORDIS, and checked on 15 November 2026. Aggregators and newsletters were used only as leads. The call page, the Romanian funder's page and the other pages were re-read on 15 November 2026 and had not changed since 14 November.

Material	Status	Use in this analysis
Call text of the Joint Transnational Call 2027 (164 PDF pages; Annex I national rules, printed pp. 40–154; Annex II contacts; Annex III ethics form)	Published on the Heritage Research Hub. No version or date printed; the file's server date is 10 November 2026, after the opening on 4 November. No change log was found	Conditions, consortium rules, evaluation, funder table and the Romanian entry (pp. 127–131)
Guidance for Applicants (12 pages)	Published; no version or date printed	How to apply, annexes, platform, data management
Pre-proposal template (31 pages)	Published; an indicative model of the online form in EPSS	Stage 1 content, limits and checklist
Pre-announcement (3 pages)	Published; says it is provisional and subject to change; the call text dates it 19 October 2026	Only to explain the figure "over EUR 27 million"
Call page on the Heritage Research Hub; launch news item	Current on 15 November 2026	Status, dates, budget (36M EUR), organisation in charge
EPSS sign-in page, https://epss.proposals.ee/rch/	Sign-in only; shows "RCH Call 1" and a technical help desk	Platform and help desk
Webinar registration forms	On 15 November 2026 the first form was full and pointed to a second form	Webinar of 17 November 2026
ANR call page (secretariat)	Current; still shows the pre-announcement wording	Organisation in charge, French stage-2 step
MC-UMP page on RCH (Romanian) and press release of 7 October 2026	Page says the call is published and that the English text is the official one; it holds no national rules. It also says, in general terms, that universities, museums, institutes and research teams from Romania will be able to access the partnership's transnational calls over the decade	Romanian funder; context only, the call text prevails
fonduri-cultura.ro, named in Annex I	Login platform; its public page shows a sign-in form, a cookie notice and a film-funding card of another body, and no RCH call	Romanian platform for the documents of selected projects
Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025, part 5 (Commission Decision C(2025) 2779 of 14 May 2025)	Parent topic HORIZON-CL2-2025-03-HERITAGE-01, which funds the partnership itself	Policy anchors
CORDIS record of grant 101304744; Funding & Tenders data file of the parent topic	Current; the topic opened on 15 May 2025 and closed on 15 October 2025	Identifiers; not the application route
Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (ARCHE, 93 pages)	Published 2025	Roadmap of later calls (pp. 56–62)
Full-proposal template; separate Romanian national guide; Romanian funding rate; stage-2 form; any FAQ or evaluation guide beyond the Guidance	Not published on the call page or the funder's page on 15 November 2026	Open points; see sections 9, 11 and 13

Where the official documents differ

- **Number of funders.** The call text introduction (p. 6) and the webinar registration forms say that 34 funding organisations from 30 countries have agreed to launch the call. The pre-announcement gives 34 from 30 as the size of the partnership and says that this first call involves 28 funders; the call text's funder table (pp. 7–8), Annex I and the launch news show 28 funders in 25 countries. We follow the table and Annex I: only those 28 have rules and budgets in the call.
- **Budget.** The pre-announcement and the ANR page give "an indicative total public funding of over EUR 27 million". The call text table gives €28,254,469 of indicative national commitments, which is consistent with that, and €36,512,611 with the European Commission top-up; the call page says 36M EUR and the launch news €36 million. These are the same call on two bases, without and with the top-up. We follow the call text table.
- **Opening date.** The pre-announcement and the ANR page say 26 October 2026 (indicative); the call text (p. 10) and the call page say 4 November 2026. We follow the call text and the call page.
- **Submission address.** The Guidance (p. 7) gives http://proposals.etag.ee/rch/, which shows an error page today; the call text, the template and the call page give https://epss.proposals.ee/rch/. We follow the latter.
- **Project duration for Romania.** The call text (pp. 22–23) says 24 to 36 months in line with national rules; the Romanian annex (p. 127) says 24 months. We follow the annex for the Romanian partner, because the call text refers to the national limits.
- **Romanian rules still provisional.** The call text is marked final. Annex I labels the Romanian list of eligible costs "indicative for the time-being. Will be further detailed/correlated in the final call text" (p. 128), and the rows "relevant documents" and "additional information" read "To be detailed correlated with the call text" (pp. 129–130). We use the annex as printed and treat the Romanian cost rules, document list and funding rate as provisional.
- **National dates.** Austria's funder asks for national applications on 12 January 2027 (14:00 CET) and 17 June 2027 (14:00 CEST), a day after the joint deadlines (p. 42). These are separate national steps, not a conflict.
- **Commitment letter of associated partners.** The call text (p. 20) and the Guidance (p. 11) make it an annex of the full proposal. The checklist of the pre-proposal template (p. 2) also mentions a signed commitment letter "uploaded as annex" for the pre-proposal, while the template's list of annexes (p. 31) has none. We follow the call text and the Guidance; the secretariat (rch@anr.fr) can say whether a letter or a draft is expected at stage 1.
- **Türkiye links.** The Türkiye annex points to the page of another partnership (Water4ALL) under "Useful links"; no Turkish RCH page was found.

3. What the call funds

Confirmed: the call aims to lay the foundations for research on climate-resilient cultural heritage by connecting heritage research with research on climate and environmental change, with integrated and inclusive preparedness, management and governance strategies, and with local, traditional and scientific knowledge (call text p. 11). Joint research must work towards integrated risk assessment methods that inform long-term planning for resilience, management and governance of cultural heritage (call page).

The four sub-themes

A proposal must address at least one of four complementary sub-themes and may combine several. All sub-themes are assessed by the same Peer Review Panel and compete for the same funding (call text pp. 14–18, 24). All four are open in Romania (p. 127), except that Egypt's funder covers only sub-themes 1, 2 and 4 (p. 70).

1. **Risk and impact assessment and cultural heritage risk preparedness and management.** Examples named in the text: assessing unavoidable loss and damage from climate effects and climate action; compound and cascading risks; interoperable vulnerability ranking and risk assessment methods; combining digital tools with stakeholder-generated data; projecting risks and visualising impacts; and strategies already used by governments, local bodies and civil society.
2. **Managing loss and damage of cultural heritage impacted by climate change-induced natural hazards.** Examples: emergency response during and after a hazard; approaches to unavoidable loss; supporting communities, including the emotional and social side of loss; decision-making for heritage at risk; and options such as virtual reality, digitisation, relocation, replication, letting go and managed retreat.
3. **Traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge systems and practices as resources and frameworks for societal resilience in the context of climate change.** Examples: supporting the continuity of endangered languages and traditions; making traditional knowledge explicit for policymakers and heritage managers; training and education in traditional crafts; and recognising local ecological practices as heritage.
4. **Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector.** Examples: the environmental impact of heritage management, conservation and maintenance; governance and management plans, risk frameworks and standards, including curated decay and climate neutrality; the sustainability of heritage traditions and digital heritage; the role of heritage in climate policy; and cases where heritage hinders climate adaptation.

The points under each sub-theme are described as a non-exhaustive overview of possible research perspectives and outcomes (call text p. 14; call page).

What projects are expected to deliver

- Tools to assess and monitor climate risks and environmental impact on heritage, to project and visualise the impact of climate action, and to compare risk management options.
- Decision-support systems and strategies for public authorities and local communities to prepare for natural hazards and to manage loss and damage.
- Scalable and transferable adaptation and mitigation strategies from integrated heritage and climate research, including traditional and local knowledge and citizen-science data.
- Policy recommendations for the management, governance and protection of heritage at risk, grounded in quantitative design data, standard methods and robust impact assessment (call text pp. 13–14).

Conditions on the research

- Projects must be interdisciplinary and cross-sector, bringing together social sciences and humanities, climate science, heritage practitioners, authorities and communities. Other partners may be cultural and creative industries and galleries, libraries, archives and museums (call text pp. 11, 18).
- Proposals draw on stakeholders' experience, build on existing research and initiatives, and should show transdisciplinary co-creation of knowledge. Participation of local communities, Indigenous Peoples, heritage custodians, businesses and citizens is expected where relevant (call page).
- The research need not take place in a participating country, but proposals must show equitable partnership principles (call text p. 13).
- Digital technologies, modelling, artificial intelligence and virtual reality may be used; projects must show environmentally responsible research practice (call text p. 12).
- Results should be scalable beyond the local context, and findings from broader research should be translated back to local situations (call page).

- The Guidance asks projects to consider alignment with the research infrastructures E-RIHS, ECHOES and IRISCC (Guidance p. 5).

Policy anchors

- The call text names the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus (p. 6) and two research strands: the impact of climate and environmental change on heritage and adaptation strategies, and the role of heritage, including traditional and local knowledge, in informing policy for a resilient society (p. 7).
- The parent Horizon Europe topic names expected impact 8 (realising the full potential of cultural heritage) and expected impact 21 (advancing science for a fair transition to a climate-neutral and resilient society), the European Climate Law and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism (Work Programme 2025, part 5, pp. 65 and 67).
- The partnership's roadmap of calls in its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda lists this call first, as "Laying the foundations: risk and impact assessment and management" (pp. 56–57).

4. Boundaries: avoid the wrong door

What the call does not do

- **It is not a single grant.** Each partner is funded by its own funder under national rules; the consortium receives no common budget (call text pp. 34–35).
- **It does not fund single-country projects.** Only transnational projects are eligible (p. 21).
- **It does not invite every fitting pre-proposal.** Pre-proposals that do not fit the sub-themes and objectives are not invited to stage 2, whatever their scientific quality (p. 25).
- **It does not accept double funding or double applications** for the same research; other evaluation processes must be declared (p. 22).
- **Some people and entities are out.** Entities under EU restrictive measures are not eligible in any capacity (p. 20); experts who helped prepare the call and members of the evaluation committee are not eligible (p. 21).
- **It is not the route to the partnership's own grant.** The Funding & Tenders topic HORIZON-CL2-2025-03-HERITAGE-01 (EUR 60 million) opened on 15 May 2025 and closed on 15 October 2025; four proposals were submitted and one was retained.
- **Romania does not fund every Romanian organisation.** The annex excludes public organisations without a solid background in implementing "CH and/or CC" projects and those that already received a grant on the topic of the proposal (pp. 127–131).

Neighbouring routes

No other open call was verified as a better door for the same applicants on 15 November 2026. The Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the partnership suggests the themes of later joint calls; these are suggestions, to be adapted after the first calls (pp. 56–62). No later call is announced in the documents read.

Suggested call (SRIA roadmap)	Theme as written in the roadmap	Page
1 (this call)	Laying the foundations: risk and impact assessment and management	p. 57
2	Adapting to climate and global changes	p. 58
3	Generating innovative solutions for climate action from the cultural heritage sector	p. 59

Suggested call (SRIA roadmap)	Theme as written in the roadmap	Page
4	(Re)activating traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge and practices	p. 60
5	Living in times of climate change: cultural heritage as a contributor to quality of life	p. 61
6	Making cultural heritage a resource for a sustainable future	p. 62

The roadmap suggests six calls and leaves room for a seventh, shorter call (p. 56); the partnership summary and the Hub page speak of seven joint calls. Resubmission of an unselected pre-proposal or full proposal to a later RCH call is allowed (Guidance p. 9).

5. Budget, competition and expected number of grants

Confirmed: the funder table of the call text (pp. 7–8) lists 28 funders with indicative commitments totalling €28,254,469 and a “total call budget (with EC top up)” of €36,512,611. The call page rounds the total to 36M EUR. No target number of projects, no expected grant per project and no maximum proposal budget are published.

Funder	Commitment / with EC top-up (EUR)	Limit per partner or project, as printed	Annex I
Austria, FWF	2,000,000 / 2,584,555	Min €200,000 and max €450,000 per project submitted to FWF, incl. 5% general costs	40–44
Belgium, BELSPO	575,000 / 743,059	€325,000 for KIK-IRPA partners; €250,000 for RBINS partners	45–47
Belgium (Flanders), FWO	700,000 / 904,594	€350,000 per project or consortium, incl. overhead	48–52
Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels), F.R.S.-FNRS	300,000 / 387,683	Max €300,000	53–55
Bulgaria, BNSF	900,000 / 1,163,050	Min €60,000, max €300,000	56–59
Croatia, MSEY	500,000 / 646,139	€125,000 (1 to 4 projects anticipated)	60–62
Czech Republic, AVCR	400,000 / 516,911	Max €200,000 per project	63–65
Denmark, DAFSHE	1,000,000 / 1,292,277	Up to €400,000 per subproject incl. overhead; €500,000 if several Danish subprojects	66–69
Egypt, STDF	1,000,000 / 1,292,277	Up to €200,000; €250,000 if the Egyptian partner coordinates	70–74
Estonia, ETAG	300,000 / 387,683	€300,000 with an Estonian Lead PI; €150,000 shared by Estonian partners	75–80
Finland, AKA	1,500,000 / 1,938,416	Max €300,000 partner; €400,000 coordinator	81–83
France, ANR	1,700,000 / 2,196,872	Min €15,000; max €250,000 partner, €350,000 Lead PI; €400,000 for 2 partners, €450,000 for 2 partners incl. the Lead PI	84–88
Germany, DLR-PT / BMFTR	3,500,000 / 4,522,971	€100,000 to €500,000 per project or partner incl. flat rate; max two German partners	89–92

Funder	Commitment / with EC top-up (EUR)	Limit per partner or project, as printed	Annex I
Ireland, Research Ireland	550,000 / 710,753	Max €300,000 per partner	93–96
Netherlands, NWO	2,000,000 / 2,584,555	€400,000 per application for all Dutch applicants together	97–104
Latvia, LZP	600,000 / 775,366	Max €100,000 per project year; max two Latvian partners	105–107
Lithuania, LMT	300,000 / 387,683	€150,000 partner; €200,000 coordinator or two partners; €250,000 coordinator and one partner	108–110
Malta, Xjenza Malta	500,000 / 646,139	Max €500,000	111–113
Moldova, ANCD	100,000 / 129,228	Max €50,000 per project	114–118
Norway, RCN	1,500,000 / 1,938,416	Max €375,000 per proposal	119–122
Poland, NCN	1,000,000 / 1,292,277	No minimum or maximum stated	123–126
Romania, MC-UMP	2,000,000 / 2,584,555	€150,000 to €300,000 per project partner; 24 months	127–131
Slovakia, CVTI SR	800,000 / 1,033,822	Min €100,000, max €300,000 per partner; €350,000 coordinator; €450,000 for two Slovak partners; up to €15,000 more for a patent, trademark or design application or an indexed journal publication	132–136
Slovakia, SAS	120,000 / 155,073	€120,000	137–138
Spain, AEI	1,000,000 / 1,292,277	Direct costs: €140,000 for one AEI partner; €220,000 for an AEI coordinator; €260,000 for a coordinator and one AEI partner; plus 25% indirect costs	139–142
Sweden, SRC	909,469 / 1,175,286	Min SEK 1.2 million per Swedish partner; max SEK 3.5 million for Swedish partners (two PIs at most); SEK 5.0 million with a Swedish coordinator	143–145
Türkiye, TÜBİTAK	500,000 / 646,139	€200,000 per project (excl. incentive premium and overhead); €100,000 per public or HEI partner, €200,000 per private partner	146–150
United Kingdom, AHRC / UKRI	2,000,000 / 2,584,555	Up to €300,000 full economic cost for UK elements; AHRC funds 80% (€240,000)	151–154
Total, 28 funders	28,254,469 / 36,512,611		pp. 7–8

Derived estimate: all 28 rows sum exactly to both totals. The top-up is €8,258,142 in total, and every row carries the same factor, 1.29228 (about 29.2% on each commitment). The call text does not say how the top-up reaches partners, and no funder says whether it raises its caps.

Where Romania stands

- Confirmed: MC-UMP has an indicative commitment of €2,000,000, or €2,584,555 with the top-up (call text p. 8). The Romanian communiqué of 7 October 2026 describes Romania as the sixth financial contributor of the whole partnership, with an eligible budget of about €8.99 million; that figure concerns the partnership, not this call.
- Derived estimate: €2,000,000 is 7.08% of the national commitments. Germany has the largest commitment (€3,500,000); Austria, the Netherlands, Romania and the United Kingdom follow with €2,000,000 each.
- Derived estimate: divided by the Romanian maximum of €300,000 and minimum of €150,000, the commitment allows roughly 6 to 13 whole Romanian partner grants in the entire call. This leaves

out the top-up and the limit of two funded partners per country in a consortium, and it is not a forecast of the number of grants.

Competition

Not published: the number of expected projects, the number of applicants or pre-proposals, success rates and score thresholds. This is the first joint call of the partnership, so there is no earlier result to compare. After stage 1, the steering committee decides which pre-proposals are invited on the panel ranking and the available national budgets (call text p. 25). When several proposals have an equal overall score and the budget cannot fund them all, the first tie-break aims to allocate as much of the budget as possible and to involve all funders in the funded projects (p. 33).

6. What has been funded before

Confirmed: nothing has been funded under this scheme. This is the first joint transnational call of the partnership (call text p. 6), and the Hub page on the joint calls shows no funded project, no partner involved and no euros awarded.

The partnership's own grant is a different matter. It was selected from the Horizon Europe Cluster 2 partnerships call: the Funding & Tenders record shows four proposals submitted and one retained, with an evaluation notice of 23 December 2025. Those figures describe the competition for the partnership grant, not the competition for this call, and are of no use for estimating success here.

Not published: applicant numbers, success rates and results of any earlier RCH joint call. The Work Programme names projects selected under earlier Horizon Europe Cluster 2 heritage topics (2021, green technologies and materials; 2022, effects of climate change and natural hazards; 2023, remote monitoring) as ones the partnership should link with (Work Programme 2025, part 5, p. 70). They are separate projects, not results of this call.

7. Who should apply, and with which ideas

EUnita interpretation: the call suits teams that can show a research question on how climate and environmental change damage heritage, or how heritage can help societies adapt, and that can name partners whose own funders take part. In Romania the fundable applicants are public bodies, so the natural Romanian applicants are the ones in the table below.

Romanian applicant	Position in the Romanian annex	Idea that fits the sub-themes
Public research organisations in "CH and/or CC"	Named as eligible (p. 127). Must have a solid background in such projects and no earlier grant on the topic of the proposal	Risk and vulnerability assessment of a heritage type; monitoring and projection tools; decision support for managers (sub-theme 1)
Public-owned museums	Named as eligible	Preparedness and emergency response for collections and buildings; options for managing loss and damage (sub-theme 2)
Public organisations that own or administer cultural heritage (EUnita interpretation: for example a local authority or a heritage site manager)	Named as eligible	Management and governance plans and standards that integrate climate risk; heritage that hinders adaptation (sub-theme 4)

Romanian applicant	Position in the Romanian annex	Idea that fits the sub-themes
Public universities	Not named in Annex I, which does not say whether they count as public research organisations. MC-UMP's own page says, in general terms, that universities, museums, institutes and research teams from Romania will be able to access the partnership's calls over the decade; this does not settle this call	Confirm status with MC-UMP first, or partner with an eligible body; research-led ideas in any sub-theme
NGOs, companies, private bodies and community groups	Not named in Annex I, which does not say whether they can be funded. Unless MC-UMP confirms otherwise, plan for a self-funded associated partner role; another country's funder may fund them if its rules allow	Co-creation with communities and traditional knowledge holders (sub-theme 3); pilot sites and users for tools

Consortium design

- Build the funded core first: three independent partners from three countries with three different funders, each eligible for its own funder in Annex I.
- Check each partner's national caps and legal forms in Annex I (section 5). A partner its funder will not pay becomes an associated partner and does not count towards the minimum.
- Add self-funded associated partners where they bring expertise, sites or communities; there is no limit on their number (ANR page), but each needs a commitment letter at stage 2.
- Mix disciplines. The text expects social sciences and humanities, climate science and practitioners to work together, and asks for equitable partnership principles (call text pp. 11, 13).
- A consortium with fewer than seven funded partners may add one more funded partner at stage 2 under the widening measure, only from the funders and countries on a list sent with the invitation (call text p. 22).

8. Eligibility checklist

Marks: ✓ a condition stated in the official documents; ✗ a stop; ? not decided by the documents. Page numbers are those printed in the call text.

✓	Transnational consortium of at least three independent legal entities from three different countries, each requesting funds from a different participating funder and eligible for it (p. 21).
✓	At most seven funded partners and at most two funded partners from the same country; some funders allow one (pp. 19, 21).
✓	The Lead PI and every funded PI are eligible for their funder; associated partners cannot be Lead PI. The Lead PI and its host institution cannot change during the process (pp. 20–21, 26).
✓	A Participant Identification Code (PIC) for every partner, including associated partners (p. 20).
✓	Each PI in at most two proposals as partner, including at most one as Lead PI (p. 19).
✓	Public bodies, research organisations and higher education establishments (including private ones) from Member States and Associated Countries that take part as beneficiaries or affiliated entities have a gender equality plan at grant signature and for the duration of the grant (p. 21).
✓	The Romanian partner is a public body with activity in "CH and/or CC": a public research organisation, a public-owned museum, or a public organisation that owns or administers cultural heritage (Annex I, p. 127).
✓	The Romanian partner requests €150,000 to €300,000 for a 24-month project, within one of the four sub-themes (p. 127).

✗	A Romanian public organisation without a solid background in implementing “CH and/or CC” projects is excluded (p. 127).
✗	A Romanian public organisation that already received a grant related to the topic of the proposal from a local, national, EU or international funder is excluded (p. 127).
✗	Entities under EU restrictive measures are not eligible; double funding and double applications for the same research are not allowed (pp. 20, 22).
?	Whether a public university counts as a public research organisation in Romania: not stated.
?	Whether private universities, NGOs or companies can receive MC-UMP funds: not stated; the annex names only public bodies.
?	What “CH and/or CC” means: the call text does not define the abbreviations.
?	The list of Romanian national documents and the date they are due: not published; the annex speaks only of documents of selected projects (p. 127).

9. How the money works

Confirmed: each partner is funded directly by its own national or regional funder under national rules. Partners are third parties of the funders under the Horizon Europe grant agreement and commit to Articles 12, 13, 14, 17.2, 18, 19 and 20 of its Annotated Grant Agreement. There is no consortium grant; funding and administrative matters are bilateral between each partner and its funder (call text pp. 34–35).

Romania: what Annex I says (pp. 127–131)

Item	Annex I position	Status
Funder and commitment	MC-UMP; indicative commitment €2,000,000 (€2,584,555 with the EC top-up)	Confirmed
Grant per partner	€150,000 minimum to €300,000 maximum per project partner; duration 24 months	Confirmed
Funding rate	Not stated	Not published
Direct costs	Personnel (monthly wages with taxes and contributions; temporary workers without a labour contract); travel (transport, accommodation, daily allowances, local travel; travel insurance only where the European Health Card is not accepted); goods and services (stationery and small office equipment within RON 5,000 excl. VAT, publication and dissemination, meetings and conferences within limits for public bodies, forum and conference costs and outside speakers, patents, translation, hosting, postage, software licences, short-term rental of premises for the project)	Labelled “indicative for the time-being”
Subcontracting	Only works or services that are not project management or administration (except accounting) and not the core of the research; items “under 5000 EUR limit (VAT excluded)” and described in the proposal (whether the limit is per item, per contract or in total is not stated); total at most 20% of personnel, travel and goods and services costs	Labelled indicative; basis of the limit not stated
Indirect costs	At most 10% of direct costs	Labelled indicative
Ineligible costs	“according the general rules provisioned in the Call”; double funding forbidden (the same cost may not be funded from two public sources)	Labelled indicative

Item	Annex I position	Status
Contract	MC-UMP signs a grant agreement with each Romanian beneficiary entitled to a grant	Confirmed
Payments and advances	No schedule is published. No payment may be requested until the Consortium Agreement involving the beneficiary is signed and submitted to MC-UMP through the platform used for submission	Schedule not published
National submission	"Yes." to "Submission of the proposal at national/regional level": the national requested support documents of selected projects are uploaded on https://fonduri-cultura.ro/. Documents and dates not listed	Not published
VAT treatment	Not stated	Not published

Confirmed: the annex also says the academic title "researcher" is not compulsory for the leading staff of the applicant, and that "relevant documents" and "additional information" are "to be detailed correlated with the call text". The Romanian contacts are Ionica Pirvu (ionica.pirvu@umpcultura.ro) and Mihaela Terchila (mihaela.terchila@umpcultura.ro) (pp. 127, 131).

Funding rates elsewhere

The call sets no common rate or eligible-cost list. Examples printed in Annex I: Croatia 70% for private and 100% for public bodies; Finland up to 70% of full costs; Türkiye 75% for SMEs, 60% for large companies and 100% for public bodies and universities; the United Kingdom's AHRC 80% of full economic cost; Spain's AEI adds 25% indirect costs to its direct-cost limits. A consortium budget therefore has to be built partner by partner.

After the award

- A Consortium Agreement is mandatory and is drafted by the Lead PI; the signed version goes to the secretariat no later than three months after the scientific start date (p. 35).
- A Data Management Plan goes to the secretariat within three months after the scientific start, with an updated plan at the final report (p. 36).
- The Lead PI sends mid-term and final scientific reports in English; partners also report to their national funders where required; attendance at project symposia is mandatory; changes to the work plan or consortium are reported promptly (pp. 36–37).
- Publications must be open access, and a budget for this must be in the proposal; free publication on Open Research Europe is possible (p. 38).
- Results must be disseminated, with the acknowledgement "Resilient Cultural Heritage (GA N 101304744 of the EU Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme)". The EU emblem may not be appropriated, and branding guidance is given to grant holders (p. 37).

10. Evaluation

Confirmed: peer review runs in two stages, each with a Peer Review Panel (PRP). At least three reviewers assess each proposal; at stage 1 they are nominated by the funders. Reviewers work independently and confidentially, and an Independent Observer reports to the European Commission (call text pp. 24–25, 27–28). The JCS checks the transnational criteria and each funder checks its national rules in parallel (pp. 22, 24, 27).

Scoring

- Scores run from 0 to 5 (0 failure, 1 poor, 2 fair, 3 good, 4 very good, 5 excellent) and are given for each main criterion as a whole, not for each sub-criterion (pp. 28–30).

- Excellence, impact and quality and efficiency of implementation are weighted equally (p. 30). The call text refers to a threshold (p. 29: a significant weakness “will lower the score below threshold”) but publishes no numeric value.
- Each reviewer scores each criterion; the panel then agrees the final score per criterion.

Stage	What is assessed	Source
Stage 1: fit	Fit to the aim and scope of the call and its sub-themes. A pre-proposal that does not fit is not invited	Call text pp. 25, 30
Stage 1: excellence	Objectives, research questions and hypotheses; ambition beyond the state of the art; methodology and design, including the gender dimension	Call text p. 30
Stage 1: impact	Credibility of the pathways to the expected outcomes and impacts of the sub-themes	Call text p. 30
Stage 1: implementation	Capacity and role of each participant; complementarity of the consortium	Call text p. 30
Stage 2: excellence	Objectives and ambition; methodology including gender and open science; research data and citizen engagement	Call text pp. 30–31
Stage 2: impact	Pathways to outcomes; dissemination and communication; long-term sustainability and environmental impact	Call text pp. 30–31
Stage 2: implementation	Consortium; work plan, time schedule, risk and effort; monitoring and impact evaluation; management, governance, innovation management and ethics	Call text pp. 30–31

Procedure and decisions

- Stage 1: the PRP meets on 15 to 17 March 2027. The steering committee (CSC) of the funders decides which pre-proposals are invited, on the panel ranking and the available national budgets, and applicants receive the consensus report. Invitations are expected from 21 April 2027 (pp. 10, 25).
- Stage 2: the rebuttal is optional, open from 27 August to 3 September 2027, and limited to factual errors or reviewers’ questions; the work plan cannot change. The PRP meets on 8 to 10 September 2027 (pp. 10, 28).
- Ethics: an ethical self-assessment is mandatory (Annex III) and an ethics evaluation follows for proposals recommended for funding (p. 32).
- Decisions: the CSC recommends projects on the PRP ranking and ethics clearance; each funder takes the final decision for its partners, subject to its budget. Selected projects are published on 15 October 2027 (pp. 10, 28, 32).
- If a partner is ineligible for its funder, the whole proposal is rejected when the consortium then fails the transnational rules or when that partner is the Lead PI (pp. 22, 27).

Tie-breaks and redress

When several projects with an equal overall score cannot all be awarded because of budgetary constraints, the steering committee prioritises, in this order (call text p. 33):

1. Maximising the total output in terms of total funded budget in the call and number of funders involved. The aim is to allocate as much of the budget as possible and that all funders are involved in the funded projects.
2. The highest excellence score, if the first principle cannot lead to an optimum selection with the highest budget allocation.
3. The highest number of countries and regions involved, and diversity in the consortium.
4. Gender balance among the PIs of the consortium.

5. The number of Widening Countries involved. The call text does not list them. The Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025, part 11 (p. 5), names Romania among the “widening countries” of its own widening component; the call text does not say that this list applies here, so confirm with the secretariat.

Redress is by email to rch@anr.fr from the Lead PI within ten calendar days of the outcome email, once per proposal and stage. The secretariat acknowledges within seven calendar days and decides within six weeks of the appeal deadline. It reviews procedure only, not the science (pp. 33–34).

EUnita interpretation: what the scoring rules imply

Because each criterion has the same weight and no threshold is published, a weak work plan or an unbalanced consortium can offset a strong idea. The first tie-break is a portfolio rule: it aims to use the whole budget and to involve every funder. It does not say that a larger proposal budget wins, so a budget should not be inflated for it; partners that their funders can actually pay matter more than a long list of associated partners.

11. Application package and timeline

Confirmed: applications go through EPSS at https://epss.proposals.ee/rch/ (sign-in; the Lead PI creates the proposal). The language is English. Content is entered online and annexes go up as one PDF; links are not allowed; text beyond the limits is removed. Each partner, including associated partners, must log in to EPSS before the deadline to confirm its participation. Proposals not submitted through EPSS by the deadline are ineligible, and documents other than those requested do not reach the reviewers (call text pp. 23, 26; Guidance pp. 8–9; template p. 1).

Stage 1: pre-proposal

- General information: title; acronym of up to 15 characters; duration of 24 to 36 months; scientific abstract of 500 to 2,500 characters; popular science summary of 500 to 1,500 characters; five to seven keywords; sub-theme or sub-themes; disciplines; other evaluation processes (template pp. 3–5).
- Consortium: each PI and organisation, PIC and team members (template).
- **Project description: up to 20,000 characters including spaces** (template pp. 3–5, 25).
- Financial plan per partner: person-months, personnel, consumables, equipment, travel, other direct costs, overheads and subcontracting, requested and in kind (template pp. 27–30).
- A brief CV of each PI, with fields of up to 1,000 characters (template p. 31).
- One PDF of annexes: a list of references (one page), a one-page visual summary and the ethical self-assessment; the UKRI finance form if a UK partner asks for AHRC funds (Guidance p. 11; template p. 31).

Stage 2: full proposal, invited consortia only

- The full-proposal template is sent only to invited consortia and is not published (call text p. 3).
- Annexes: list of references (one page), a work-plan diagram of up to two pages, commitment letters signed by the director of each associated partner (mandatory if there are any), and the UKRI finance form (Guidance p. 11). The template’s checklist (p. 2) also mentions a commitment letter at stage 1; see section 2.
- The sub-themes and objectives of the pre-proposal are binding; content may change if the overall objectives, scope and core concept stay. The consortium may change only for force majeure, on the panel’s recommendation or at the steering committee’s request, and requests must come at least one week before the deadline (call text pp. 25–26).

National steps

Some funders require a national submission or registration in addition to EPSS (Annex I). Examples: Austria (FWF, both stages, with its own dates), France (ANR parallel registration at stage 2), Bulgaria (a national form), Sweden (a parallel application in the funder's system, mandatory for eligibility), Poland (within seven days of the joint full-proposal deadline), Spain (a national proposal to the AEI within one week after the joint deadline; failing to submit it is a breach of the eligibility conditions and the proposal is deemed not submitted), Slovakia (a separate national application after the international funding recommendation), the French-speaking Belgian funder (within 5 working days of the general deadline), Flanders (an administrative application) and Romania (documents of selected projects on fonduri-cultura.ro). Norway and Lithuania require no national proposal before the funding decision (call text pp. 41–42, 48, 53, 56, 84, 108, 119, 123–127, 135, 140–141, 143–145).

Timeline

Date	Event	Source
19 October 2026	Pre-announcement	Call text p. 10
4 November 2026	Call opens	Call text p. 10; call page
17 November 2026	Information webinar, 14:00 to 16:00 CET, online	Call text p. 24
11 January 2027	Pre-proposal deadline, 14:00 CET (15:00 in Romania)	Call text cover, p. 23
12 January 2027	Austria: national application deadline, 14:00 CET	Call text p. 42
15 to 17 March 2027	Peer Review Panel, stage 1	Call text p. 10
From 21 April 2027	Invitations to submit full proposals expected	Call text pp. 10, 23
16 June 2027	Full-proposal deadline, 14:00 CEST (15:00 in Romania), invited consortia only	Call text cover, p. 26
17 June 2027	Austria: national application deadline, 14:00 CEST	Call text p. 42
27 August to 3 September 2027	Rebuttal stage	Call text pp. 10, 28
8 to 10 September 2027	Peer Review Panel, stage 2	Call text p. 10
15 October 2027	Selected projects published	Call text p. 10
December 2027 to end of June 2028	Project start window (earliest December 2027, latest end of June 2028)	Call text pp. 10, 35
Early July 2028	Kick-off webinar for funded projects	Call text p. 10

Derived estimate: 14:00 CET is 15:00 in Romania in January, and 14:00 CEST is 15:00 in Romania in June, because Romania is one hour ahead of Central European time. Not published: the opening time of the platform, a recording of the webinar, and any Romanian national deadline.

12. Risks and red flags

Ordered by importance. Each item is labelled by the strength of its evidence.

1. **The Romanian rules are provisional.** Confirmed: Annex I labels the Romanian list of eligible costs "indicative for the time-being" and two rows "To be detailed correlated with the call text"; the funding rate, the national document list, the payment schedule and the VAT treatment are not published, and the MC-UMP page holds no national guide.

2. **Eligible in the consortium is not the same as fundable.** Confirmed: MC-UMP names only public bodies “with activity in CH and/or CC”, excludes bodies without a solid background and bodies that already hold a grant on the topic, and says nothing on public universities or private bodies. If a partner’s funder rejects it and that partner is the Lead PI, or the consortium falls below three funded partners from three funders, or in any other circumstance that makes the proposal ineligible under the call or national rules, the proposal is rejected.
3. **One way in.** Confirmed: the pre-proposal is the only entry; full proposals are by invitation. Sub-themes and objectives are binding afterwards, the consortium can change only in narrow cases, and the Lead PI and host institution cannot change.
4. **Scarce money.** Derived estimate: the Romanian commitment funds roughly 6 to 13 partner grants in the whole call. Not published: the number of projects, success rates, threshold values. For equal scores the first tie-break aims to spend as much of the budget as possible and to involve all funders.
5. **A national step outside the joint platform.** Confirmed: Romania answers “Yes.” to “Submission of the proposal at national/regional level” without a date; other funders have their own dates: Austria’s fall one day after the joint deadlines, and Spain requires a national proposal within one week after the joint deadline, or the proposal is deemed not submitted.
6. **Payment is tied to the Consortium Agreement.** Confirmed: no payment may be requested from MC-UMP until the Consortium Agreement is signed and submitted to it; the agreement is due to the secretariat no later than three months after the scientific start.
7. **Caps in Romania.** Confirmed: indirect costs at most 10% of direct costs; subcontracting at most 20% of personnel, travel and goods and services, never core research or management; Annex I says items must be “under 5000 EUR limit (VAT excluded)” without saying whether that is per item, per contract or in total.
8. **The documents are not consistent on two points.** Confirmed: the call text introduction and the webinar forms speak of 34 funders from 30 countries, while the pre-announcement, the funder table and Annex I give 28 funders in 25 countries for this call; the budget is given on two bases, about €28.25 million of indicative national commitments (“over EUR 27 million” fits it) and €36.5 million with the top-up. The Guidance also gives a submission address that shows an error page today.
9. **Undefined terms.** Confirmed: “CH and/or CC” and “Widening Countries” are not defined in the call text. The widening measure itself is defined (p. 22): an optional extra funded partner at stage 2, only from funders on a list sent with the invitation.
10. **Helpdesk scope.** Confirmed: the call text names the EPSS help desk for technical questions about submission. Eligibility is checked by the funders and the secretariat, and the call text sends applicants to their national contact point for eligibility questions.
11. **Commitment letter timing.** Confirmed: the call text and the Guidance place the associated-partner commitment letter with the full proposal; the pre-proposal template’s checklist (p. 2) also mentions one at stage 1.
12. **Late start.** Confirmed: the earliest project start is December 2027 and the latest is the end of June 2028 (call text p. 10).

Red flags before committing

- A Romanian partner that cannot show a solid background in implementing “CH and/or CC” projects, or that already holds a grant on the same topic.
- A consortium whose third funded partner depends on a funder that has not confirmed the partner’s eligibility.
- A budget built on one assumed funding rate: the Romanian rate is not published and other funders differ.
- A plan that relies on private partners receiving MC-UMP money: Annex I names only public bodies, and MC-UMP has not confirmed that others can be funded.

13. EUnita recommendations

1. **Ask MC-UMP the open questions first.** Write to the contacts named in Annex I (Ionica Pirvu, Mihaela Terchila; call text pp. 127 and 131). Ask for the funding rate, the list of national documents and their dates, how the EC top-up applies, whether public universities and private bodies can be funded, whether the €5,000 subcontracting limit is per item, per contract or in total, and what “a solid background” and “already received a grant related to the topic” mean in practice. Keep the written answer.
2. **Settle the funded core.** Name three funded partners from three countries and three funders, and check each in its Annex I entry (section 5): legal form, sub-theme, caps and national filing.
3. **Choose the sub-theme and the Lead PI with care.** Both are binding at stage 2. Choose the sub-theme where the consortium has its strongest evidence and users.
4. **Write the pre-proposal as the real project.** Use the template’s order, stay within 20,000 characters including spaces, and answer the three criteria: excellence, impact and implementation. Show equitable partnership principles and the gender dimension in the methodology.
5. **Build the budget partner by partner.** Take each funder’s costs and caps from Annex I, and treat the Romanian cost rules as provisional until MC-UMP confirms them.
6. **Prepare the paperwork early.** PICs for every partner, gender equality plans where required, the commitment letters of associated partners for stage 2, and every PI’s sign-in to EPSS to confirm participation before the deadline.
7. **Mind the national dates.** Check each partner’s national step against the joint deadline of 11 January 2027, 14:00 CET (15:00 in Romania).
8. **Send each question to the right address.** General questions go to the secretariat (rch@anr.fr), eligibility questions to the national contact point, and technical questions about submission to the EPSS help desk. The information webinar is dated 17 November 2026 (14:00 to 16:00 CET) and ends with a Q&A session.

Unresolved points

- Romania: funding rate, national documents and their dates, payment or advance schedule, VAT treatment, and the national deadline, if any: not published.
- Whether public universities count as public research organisations, and whether any non-public body can receive MC-UMP funds: not stated.
- The meaning of “CH and/or CC” in the Romanian entry: not defined.
- How the EC top-up on Romania’s commitment (derived: €584,555) reaches Romanian partners, and whether it changes the caps: not stated.
- The number of projects expected, the number of invitations to stage 2 and any score threshold: not published.
- The funders in the widening measure and the list of Widening Countries: not published. The Work Programme 2025, part 11, names Romania among the widening countries of its own component; whether that list applies to the tie-break is not stated.
- Whether the associated-partner commitment letter is wanted at stage 1 (pre-proposal template checklist) or only with the full proposal (call text, Guidance).
- The full-proposal template, and the stage-2 rules for the Romanian national documents: not published.

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