

Call for Applications: Funding for EELISA Research Retreats in 2026

Objectives

Are you a researcher at FAU interested in exchanging research ideas with colleagues from EELISA and other partner institutions, expanding your European network, and initiating new research collaborations? Would you like to organize **a research retreat, a workshop or a conference of up to three days** to discuss your latest research results and ideas for new projects with EELISA and other European partners? Then, this call is your opportunity to get your EELISA research retreat funded! EELISA at FAU launches the Call for EELISA Research Retreats in 2026 with **a total budget of €18,000** funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The aim of this call is to **facilitate new European research collaborations and the preparation of European research proposals** under Horizon Europe and other European or international calls for researchers from all faculties at FAU.

Eligibility

The call is **open to all researchers at FAU** – no matter if early career researcher or full professor – who wish to invite researchers from at least one EELISA partner institution (i. e., [UPM](#) in Madrid, [PSL](#) in Paris, [ENPC](#) in Paris, [ZHAW](#) in Zurich, [SNS](#) in Pisa, [SSSA](#) in Pisa, [BME](#) in Budapest, [UNSTPB](#) in Bucharest, and [ITU](#) in Istanbul) to a research retreat at FAU. Additionally, researchers from other institutions may be invited as well.

About the EELISA research retreats, the budget, and eligible costs

Typically, an EELISA research retreat is a three-day event that **brings together researchers** from FAU, at least one EELISA partner institution, and, if desired, other institutions, to meet on-site at FAU to present their work, exchange ideas, and discuss new research projects. With this call, we aim to fund up to six EELISA research retreats, with **an average budget of €3,000 per retreat** (depending on the size of your EELISA research retreat, you may apply for up to €6,000 or less than €3,000). The funding provided is only for **workshop materials, catering, and room rental**. The “Bewirtungsrichtlinie” applies (see <https://www.intern.fau.de/haushalt-und-finanzen/haushaltswesen/haushaltsrecht/>). The travel and accommodation costs of the researchers invited from other EELISA institutions should be paid by the EELISA partners’ local EELISA offices. Travel and accommodation costs of researchers from non-EELISA institutions cannot be covered by EELISA.

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Application procedure and deadline

Applicants should send the **completed [application form](#)** (which can also be downloaded here: <https://www.eelisa.fau.de/call-for-eelisa-research-retreats/>) in one PDF file via email to eelisa@fau.de. The call is open throughout the whole year, but the EELISA research retreats funded under this call must take place in 2026.

Evaluation criteria

For the evaluation of the proposals to be funded two evaluation criteria will be applied: (1.) The capacity of the workshop to **boost connections among EELISA researchers** and (2.) the **potential of the workshop to trigger new research collaborations**, including new research proposals under Horizon Europe and other European or international calls.

Timeline for successful proposals

Applicants will usually be informed within two weeks if their proposal is accepted and what will be the amount of funding they can receive. The EELISA research retreats have to take place **between 1 January and 31 December 2026**. The eligible costs will be reimbursed in the amount of the invoices to be submitted together with the "[Abrechnungsformular für Bewirtungskosten](#)" to eelisa@fau.de after the EELISA research retreat by **31 December 2026** at the latest.

Note: Finding researchers at EELISA partner institutions

EELISA is a large European university alliance with about 20,000 researchers in almost all disciplines. In addition to FAU, EELISA includes one of Europe's leading universities ([PSL](#) in Paris), small elite institutions ([ENPC](#) in Paris and [SNS](#) and [SSSA](#) in Pisa), and technical universities ([UPM](#) in Madrid, [ZHAW](#) in Zurich, [BME](#) in Budapest, [UNSTPB](#) in Bucharest, and [ITU](#) in Istanbul). We recommend that you visit the websites of these institutions to find partners for the EELISA research retreats who can be contacted directly. You may also have a look at the [EELISA Communities](#) on the [EELISA Digital Campus](#). In case of questions or if you need help, please contact eelisa@fau.de.