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Horizon Europe Coordination and Support Action

Linking Ukraine to the European Research Area

Joint Funding and Capacity Building Platform

for enhanced
Research and Innovation Cooperation

What is LUKE?

LUKE is a multilateral initiative by EU Member States and Horizon Europe-associated countries to strengthen Ukraine's research and innovation (R&I) ecosystem.

Key objectives:

- To organise a joint call for proposals to fund transnational R&I projects with Ukrainian participation.
- To enhance the country's scientific capacities.

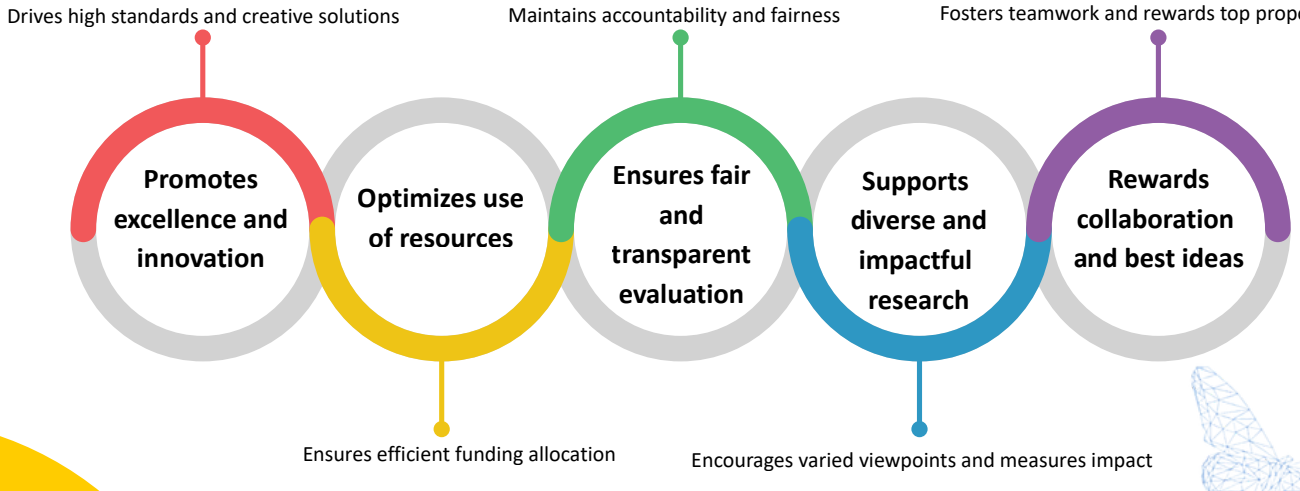
Project Timeline

Duration: 1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2028
Project budget: 1 999 870 EUR (for management and capacity-building)

Why is LUKE Important?

A robust R&I system is vital for Ukraine's post-war recovery and economic resilience. LUKE fosters collaboration, pools resources, and integrates Ukraine into the European Research Area (ERA).

The main advantages of the competitive research and innovation grant calls:



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OVERVIEW OF THE LUKE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Joint multilateral grant call



Identification of the call topics
Delphi survey | Citizen Visioning & foresight workshops



Preparation of the call
Call documents | Coordination structures



R&I funding agencies
Implementation Agreement | Resources for Ukrainian partners



Joint call. Evaluation. Monitoring & Assessment
Project proposals | Review by external experts | Quality control

Capacity building platform



Knowledge Hub
EU Policy | Technology Foresight | Research Management | Public Engagement Methods



From scientific idea to market
Science-business collaboration | Matchmaking | Accelerating market uptake | IP management | TTO development



Contribution to the EU-Ukraine Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)
Input to the SRIA for EU-Ukraine R&I cooperation | Policy Stakeholder Conference



LUKE Project Work Packages:
WP 1 “Identification, preparation and implementation of Joint Call”
WP 2 “Empowering Ukraine – think, decide, act”
WP 3 “Assessment of progress and results”
WP 4 “Communication, dissemination, exploitation”
WP 5 “Project coordination and management”

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LUKE PROJECT PARTNERS

Responsible for implementation of the capacity building

Project coordinator

DLR Projektträger

Germany

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Austria

DEMOCRACY X

TECHNOLOGY, SOCIETY & SUSTAINABILITY

Denmark

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Ukraine
Lithuania

Ukraine

Ukraine

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Ministries

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE OF UKRAINE

Ukraine

Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space

Germany

Romania

R&I Funding Agencies

NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF UKRAINE

Ukraine

T A C R

Czechia

FWF Austrian Science Fund

Austria

FFG Promoting Innovation.

Austria

Latvian Council of Science

Latvia

Estonian Research Council

Estonia

NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE POLAND

Poland

Romania

ANCD

Moldova

Georgia

TÜBİTAK

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Germany

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Georgia

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