

FAQ: Answers to the questions on the LTA Erasmus+ Research Hub highlighted by national agencies

1. What kinds of duties should we have if we joined the LTA (provide data on research where our NA worked as a coordinator, participate in in-person meetings, etc)?

Partners joining the LTA are expected to:

- Provide research metadata and results using the standardised Excel template developed within the LTA (describing studies conducted or coordinated by your NA).
- Participate in partners' meetings (usually 2 per year).
- Engage in methodological/conceptual discussions, e.g. refining categories or improving the template.
- Contribute to co-creation activities, such as workshops on platform functionalities, AI development or harmonisation of research practices.
- What's important: Due to different partner organizations' capabilities, scope of their involvement in the network's activities may vary, but all types of national agencies are highly welcome to join the project. Moreover, new partner NAs may join the network at every stage of the LTA implementation

2. Should partners contribute financially to the LTA (is the LTA co-financing by partners)? If yes, approximately how much is the sum of co-financing per year?

At this stage there is no requirement for co-financing from partner NAs. Polish NA does not plan any financial transfers between the Partner national agencies nor financial contribution to the activities undertaken by the coordinating agency.

3. How often should we provide data on research? Only when the research have totally finished?

Partners are supposed to contribute data/filled out templates during the evidence collection rounds (2 per year: winter-spring and summer-autumn rounds).

However, NAs do not need to wait until research is fully finished. If a study is near completion, and there are e.g., partial reports based on the first stage of the project, you may already submit the outcomes and update it later if needed.

4. How many partner meetings do you plan per year? How many NA staff members should participate in one partner meeting from an NA?

The current plan includes two partners' meetings per year: one in spring, one in autumn (the 2026 autumn meeting will be aligned with the "Evidence-based approach 2026" conference in Warsaw).

There is no formal limit to the number of participants per NA. Typically, 1 - 2 NA's representatives join (researchers, analysts, TCA officers, project managers). It is possible to cover the travel costs from the TCA budget, as we assume all the participants always have an active role in the meetings (they take part in the workshops and – especially during spring meetings – present the update on their NAs' research activities).

5. What benefits do partners gain from participating in the LTA (except for having access to the database?)

In addition to access to the database, partner NAs benefit from:

- Participation in an international research network involving 10+ National Agencies, SALTO Resource Centres, the RAY Network and the European Commission.
- Support in harmonising research approaches and peer learning – participation in the network provides access to methodologies, tools and outcomes developed and validated by other NAs.
- Involvement in co-creating the online platform (scheduled for 2026–2027) and the forthcoming AI-based conversational assistant. The AI chatbot will be trained, among others, on the results provided by partners through the excell templates, giving each partner NA access to a tool that can retrieve and summarize findings from studies conducted across the network – including those produced by the NA itself.
- Increased visibility of the NA's research outputs at European level – the Polish NA is in contact with the European Commission to ensure the sustainability and visibility of the project and the network beyond 2027.

6. Will partners receive the whole database and could they use for their own international purposes?

Yes, partners will have access to the full evidence database. The database (recommendations and results browser) will be part of the public online platform developed in 2026–2027.

7. What is the final goal of the LTA?

The main goal of the Erasmus+ Research Hub is to create a transnational research network and a structured, comparable evidence ecosystem for Erasmus+ research across Europe. The initiative focuses on:

- Harmonising research practices within the NA network, ensuring methodological coherence and improving comparability of studies across countries and sectors.
- Supporting evidence-informed decision-making at national and European levels, by synthesising findings, identifying trends and making insights easily accessible to practitioners policymakers and researchers.

- Developing an **online platform and an AI-based tool** that will enable fast, user-friendly retrieval of evidence, findings and recommendations (the launch planned for 2026–2027).