

PRESENTATION OF THE THREE ERA CHAIRS PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

AGENDA

ERA Chairs in Bulgaria: Contribution to the Society and Challenges in the Future
Tuesday, 29 September 2026, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)
1 15 November Str., Sofia

09:00–10:30 | POLICY ROUND TABLE
Hall 207

Strategies for Sustainable Research in Bulgaria under the ERA Chair Model

Round-table discussion focusing on: criteria for assessing the impact of activities implemented under the ERA Chair model; funding opportunities and sources for continued research activities; long-term sustainability of the research teams and infrastructure established through projects initially supported by the Horizon Europe Programme and perspectives for strengthening Bulgaria's research capacity and international cooperation.

Participants: Invited representatives of the research community, policymakers, public sector decision-makers, and other key stakeholders (20 – 25 persons)

10:30–12:15 | PLENARY SESSION AND ERA CHAIR PROJECT PRESENTATIONS
Marin Drinov Hall

Opening Remarks – Prof. Evelina Slavcheva, President of BAS, Minister of Education and Science (Tbc),
Federica Roffi, Deputy Head of Unit REA C3, Widening Participation & Spreading Excellence, European Executive Research Agency BUILDING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

PRESENTATION OF THE ERA CHAIR PROJECTS

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DISCUSSION

ERA Chairs as a model for strengthening research excellence, international visibility, and sustainable research capacity in Bulgaria and the European Research Area

12:15–13:30 | EXHIBITION & COCKTAIL

Central Foyer

Exhibition presenting the three Horizon Europe ERA Chair projects, followed by networking and a cocktail