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To
EERA Council Members
via Email

November 2025

**Election of the EERA President, March 2026
(mandate from September 2027 – Sept 2031)**

Marit Hoveid's term as EERA President will end in September 2027 and Council has established an election committee in August 2025 to initiate and oversee arrangements for the election of someone who will hold the office for the period September 2027– September 2031. Although the term of office does not formally start until September 2027, the new President is to be elected in March 2026 in order to have an induction period as a shadowing officer, starting in September 2026.

The members of the Election Committee are

Chair of the election committee: Lucian Ciolan, lucian.ciolan@unibuc.ro

Members of committee: Anna Aleksanyan anna.aleksanyan@ysu.am & Maria P. Figueiredo mariapfigueiredo@gmail.com

The Committee welcomes nominations for this post from members of Council.

Eligibility:

- Any member of one of the educational research associations that are members of EERA may be nominated;
- Any member of Council (including office holders and co-opted members) may put forward a nomination;
- Only representatives of EERA member associations are eligible to vote (Officers, candidate members and co-opted members are not eligible to vote).
- The current President is not eligible to serve for a second term under the constitution (§ 6, paragraph 6).

Nominations require the following:

- The names of the two members of Council who are putting forward the nomination
- A statement of no more than 300 words in support of the nomination (indicating e.g. what the person will bring to the job, relevant experience and skills)
- A statement by the nominated person agreeing to accept the nomination

Timetable and procedure:

- Nominations should reach the by 17.00 hours GMT on 01 February 2026. election committee via the Chair Lucian Ciolan, lucian.ciolan@unibuc.ro
- Nominations will be acknowledged.
- The names and details of the nominees will be forwarded to Council members along with the agenda and papers for the Council meeting no later than 4 weeks prior to the council meeting.
- The election will take place by secret ballot at the Council meeting on 20 - 21 March 2026 or, if the meeting cannot take place in person as a paper ballot before an online Council meeting. The results will be declared at the meeting. Only accredited representatives of member associations (i.e. the representatives listed on the annual nomination form that was sent to EERA Office) who are present are entitled to vote.
- If accredited representatives are unable to attend the meeting, they can authorise other Council members to vote on behalf them. Such an authorisation has to be sent to the attention of the EERA Office.
- The person elected will be the one that achieves a majority of the votes cast. If there are more than two candidates we shall use the single transferable vote system (so that votes for the candidate with the least votes are transferred according to the second choice preference of electors).

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Annex:

President - Role and responsibility

Overall

The key function of the President is to enable, in collaboration with the Executive Board, the EERA Council to make strategic decisions and plans in relation to EERA's long-term goals and the scientific and political context. The President also has overall responsibility for executing Council's decisions.

Specific responsibilities:

- The President is responsible to Council for the overall activities of EERA and the maintenance of EERA's regulations (in collaboration with the Executive Board);
- Identifies and connects to relevant external scientific, administrative and political stakeholders when preparing strategic decisions for Council;
- Acts as EERA Representative to the world at large in collaboration with the Executive Board;

- Prepares for and chairs Council and Executive Board meetings. This includes responsibility for writing the agenda, minutes and reports in cooperation with the Executive Board and with support from the EERA Office Manager. It includes establishing working groups with members of Council and/or external experts.
- Cultivates the relations with Council members and thus with member associations. This encompasses negotiations with potential member associations;
- Is responsible for the general planning and running of ECERs (together with the Executive Board and the LOCs);
- Develops strategic plans and activities that target the emerging researchers' professional development (in collaboration with the Executive Board and relevant members of Council, e.g. Emerging Researcher Groups' representative and Network Representative on Council).