

Information for CERIC users requesting access to the Joint Research Centre (JRC) facilities

The present document aims to provide guidance to users requesting access to the Joint Research Centre (JRC) facilities through CERIC open access Calls for Proposals. Users are encouraged to read first the general [User Guide](#) publicly available on the CERIC website, containing practical information about CERIC Calls for Proposals. Access to the Joint Research Centre (JRC) facilities is subject to special conditions and requirements that are summarized below.

Who can apply for access to the JRC through CERIC

For access to the JRC Nanobiotechnology Laboratory, Electrolyser Testing Facility and Battery Energy Storage Testing Laboratory

Researchers and scientists from EU Member States and countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon Europe.

- EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden;

- Associated countries to Horizon Europe: the updated list is available [here](#). Regularly updated progress on association talks are available [here](#).

For access to the JRC EUFRAT Laboratories

Researchers and scientists from EU Member States and countries associated to the Euratom Research Programme.

- EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden;

- Associated countries to Euratom: the updated list is available [here](#).

Evaluation

The scientific evaluation of the proposals submitted for the access to the JRC will also take into consideration a number of specific strategic criteria defined by the JRC, namely:

- Uniqueness and availability of similar facilities in any of the User Institution's countries
- Previous use of the JRC Nanobiotechnology Laboratory by any User or User Institution
- Importance for European policies and Euratom
- Synergies and complementarities with ongoing research projects at European and National level.

Upon proposal submission via the CERIC VUO (Virtual Unified Office), the principal investigator will be requested to elaborate on the above-mentioned strategic criteria.

Research Infrastructure Access Agreement and User Access Agreement

The JRC will enter into agreements in line with its practices with the user institutions and users that access the JRC through CERIC calls for proposals.

Access to the JRC research infrastructure is regulated by a Research Infrastructure Access Agreement (RIIA), detailing the organization and management of the project and covering any necessary technical and legal aspects.

Physical access of users to the JRC will be regulated by the User Access Agreement (UAA), signed by the user. The agreement will cover legal aspects including intellectual property rights, confidentiality, third party liability, insurances, the documents to be provided by the user, and the rules of conduct on JRC sites.

Please consult also the page [Open access to JRC Research Infrastructures](#).

For further information please contact CERIC User Office: useroffice@ceric-eric.eu