



2025

# Korea-EU Research Centre



# About KERC

## A Bridgehead to enhance Korea-EU R&D Cooperation

Korea-EU Research Centre (KERC) was established in 2013 with a mission to promote the R&I cooperation between Korea and the EU. The KERC serves as a platform to facilitate policy and research collaboration.

## Main Roles

### 1 Korean R&I Liaison Office to the EU

KERC functions as one of overseas offices of the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF), and work closely with the Ministry of Science and ICT (MSIT).



### 2 Horizon Europe Office & NCP Coordinator

KERC is the Korean Horizon Europe Office based in Europe. It supports the entire lifecycle of Horizon Europe and coordinates National Contact Point (NCP) activities.



### 3 National Strategic R&D Center Coordinator

KERC coordinates National Strategic R&D Centres across Europe to provide a single access point for Korean researchers seeking collaboration with European partners. It will coordinate efforts among six leading organizations, bring together information and resources, initiate joint activities, and promote key outcomes.



## Strategy Areas

#### Information Sharing

KERC provides curated insights on R&I policies and trends to support evidence-based Korea-EU cooperation.

#### Networking

We connect researchers, institutions, and policymakers to foster strong, cross-regional research partnerships.

#### Path-finding

KERC helps identify joint R&I opportunities and guides access to funding, mobility, and collaboration schemes.

#### Facilitating

We coordinate multi-level cooperation between Korea and the EU through dialogue, alignment, and joint initiatives.

#### Management

KERC operates support platforms offering up-to-date information and services for Korea-EU R&I collaboration.

#### Promotion

We boost visibility of Korea-EU research successes and opportunities through strategic communication and outreach.

# Major Activities



Weekly EU R&I Briefing



Weekly Newsletters



Issue Report



Publication



Build Strategic Partnerships



Build and Expand Network



Facilitate Connections



Attend & Monitor Key Events



Info-session and Webinar



Consulting & Workshop



Matchmaking



Career Support & Funding Opportunity

## 1 Information Sharing

KERC shares timely insights to support informed engagement in EU R&I. Our Weekly EU R&I Briefing covers policy updates, research trends, and funding opportunities. We issue two customized newsletters—one for Korean stakeholders and one for European partners. Our Issue Reports provide in-depth analysis and policy recommendations, complemented by additional publications that enhance visibility and understanding.

## 2 Networking

KERC fosters an international network to enhance EU-Korea R&I cooperation. We build strategic partnerships, facilitate cross-sector connections, and engage in key European and global events to ensure visibility and timely collaboration.

## 3 Pathfinding

KERC provides guidance to help researchers access R&I cooperation opportunities. We offer info-sessions, webinars, and workshops on EU programmes and participation strategies, along with consulting and matchmaking services. We also support early-career researchers with career and mobility guidance.



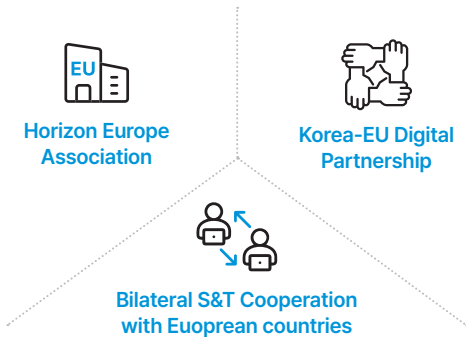
▲ Korea-EU Horizon Europe Researchers Networking Forum Series



▲ Horizon Europe Webinar Series (Pillar 2, MSCA, ERC, etc.)



▲ EU Research Career Event Series (KERC Youth Forum, Roundtables, etc.)



## 4 Facilitating

KERC supports the negotiation and establishment of major cooperation agreements between Korea and the EU. We contribute to their effective implementation by monitoring progress, promoting participation, and facilitating ongoing dialogue.



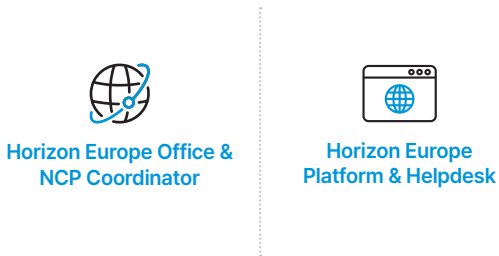
▲ Horizon Europe Association Agreement Signing Ceremony



▲ Celebration of the Korea-EU Horizon Europe Association

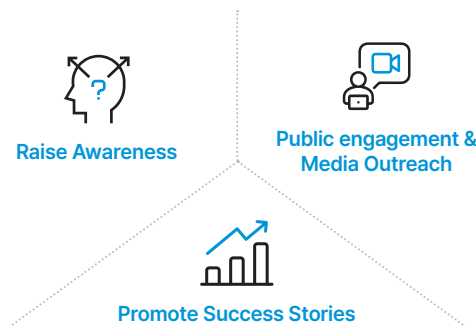


▲ KR-NL Research and Science Cooperation MoU Signing Ceremony



## 5 Management

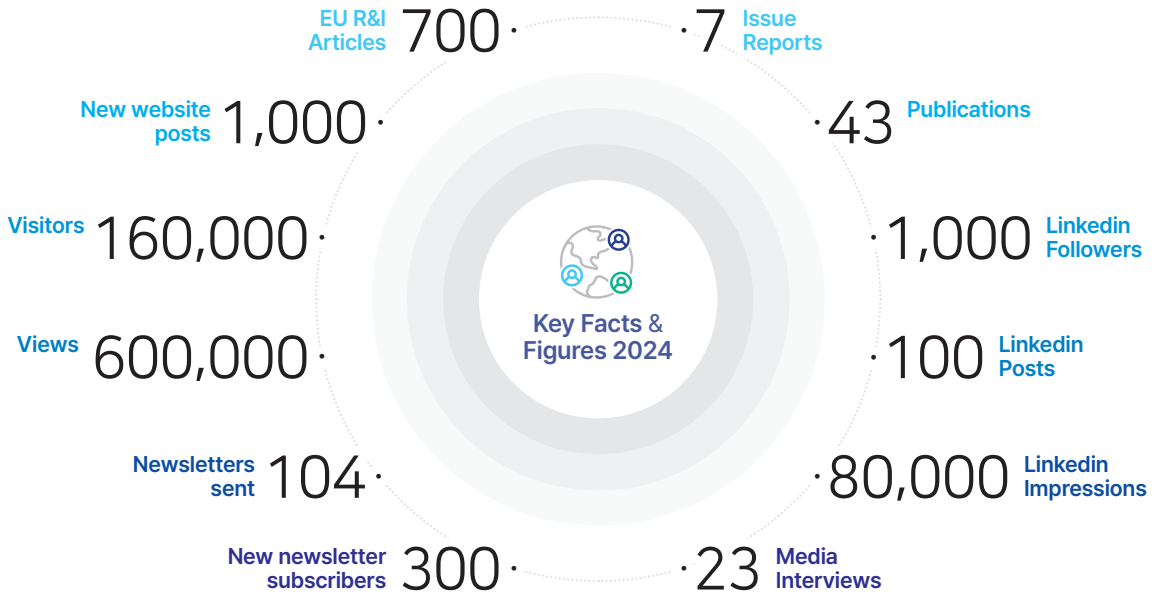
KERC manages a central platform and helpdesk for Horizon Europe, serving as a one-stop hub for Korea–EU cooperation. The new website will offer an FAQ, NCP corner, partner and call search tools, and key resources to support participation and collaboration.



## 6 Promotion

KERC promotes Korea–EU R&I cooperation through strategic communication and outreach. We raise awareness of key opportunities and outcomes, and engage the public through events, campaigns, and media to foster greater visibility and participation.

# Key Facts & Figures 2024



## March

Conclusion of Negotiations on **Horizon Europe** Association

## March

2<sup>nd</sup> Korea-EU **Digital Partnership** Council Meeting highlighted key outcomes

## March

1<sup>st</sup> Korea-EU **Semiconductor Researchers Forum** -along with the launch of Chips JU-NRF joint call

## March

**KR-NL MoU** on Research and Science Cooperation

## June

**MSCA PF** Online Workshop 2024-**270 attendees**; featured 2 fellows and 3 host institutions

## June

1<sup>st</sup> **KERC Supporters** Launch-**12 supporters** appointed across Europe

## August

Europe-Korea Conference on S&T 2024 (**EKC 2024**) -Horizon Europe in the spotlight

## September

Korea-Czech Republic Summit -**10 MoU signed in S&T**

## October

1<sup>st</sup> **ERC Webinar** for Korea -**200 Attendees**

## November

**KERC Youth Forum** 2024 -**120 Participants** (70 on-site, 50 online)

## December

**K-Science & Technology Global Forum** -Featured KERC as a model coordination office

## December

Horizon Europe **Pillar 2 Application Webinar** -**350 Attendees**; featured Korean participants and coordinators



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