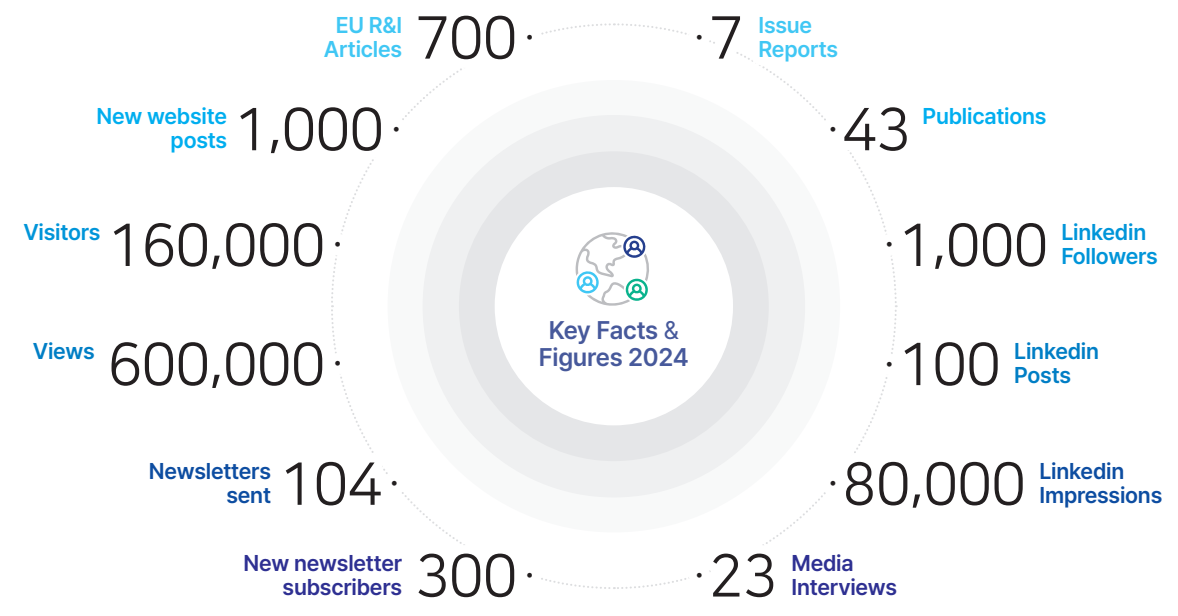


# Key Facts & Figures 2024



<b>March</b> Conclusion of Negotiations on <b>Horizon Europe</b> Association	<b>March</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Korea-EU <b>Digital Partnership</b> Council Meeting highlighted key outcomes	<b>March</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Korea-EU <b>Semiconductor Researchers Forum</b> -along with the launch of Chips JU-NRF joint call	<b>March</b> <b>KR-NL MoU</b> on Research and Science Cooperation
<b>June</b> <b>MSCA PF</b> Online Workshop 2024- <b>270 attendees</b> ; featured 2 fellows and 3 host institutions	<b>June</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>KERC Supporters</b> Launch- <b>12 supporters</b> appointed across Europe	<b>August</b> Europe-Korea Conference on S&T 2024 ( <b>EKC 2024</b> ) -Horizon Europe in the spotlight	<b>September</b> Korea-Czech Republic Summit - <b>10 MoU signed in S&amp;T</b>
<b>October</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>ERC Webinar</b> for Korea - <b>200 Attendees</b>	<b>November</b> <b>KERC Youth Forum</b> 2024 - <b>120 Participants</b> (70 on-site, 50 online)	<b>December</b> <b>K-Science &amp; Technology Global Forum</b> -Featured KERC as a model coordination office	<b>December</b> Horizon Europe <b>Pillar 2 Application Webinar</b> - <b>350 Attendees</b> ; featured Korean participants and coordinators



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# 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

<b>Information Sharing</b> KERC provides curated insights on R&I policies and trends to support evidence-based Korea-EU cooperation.	<b>Networking</b> We connect researchers, institutions, and policymakers to foster strong, cross-regional research partnerships.	<b>Path-finding</b> KERC helps identify joint R&I opportunities and guides access to funding, mobility, and collaboration schemes.
<b>Facilitating</b> We coordinate multi-level cooperation between Korea and the EU through dialogue, alignment, and joint initiatives.	<b>Management</b> KERC operates support platforms offering up-to-date information and services for Korea-EU R&I collaboration.	<b>Promotion</b> We boost visibility of Korea-EU research successes and opportunities through strategic communication and outreach.

# Major Activities

<p>Weekly EU R&amp;I Briefing</p>	<p>Weekly Newsletters</p>	<b>1 Information Sharing</b> 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.
<p>Issue Report</p>	<p>Publication</p>	
<p>Build Strategic Partnerships</p>	<p>Build and Expand Network</p>	<b>2 Networking</b> 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.
<p>Facilitate Connections</p>	<p>Attend &amp; Monitor Key Events</p>	
<p>Info-session and Webinar</p>	<p>Consulting &amp; Workshop</p>	<b>3 Pathfinding</b> 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.
<p>Matchmaking</p>	<p>Career Support &amp; Funding Opportunity</p>	



<p>Horizon Europe Association</p>	<p>Korea-EU Digital Partnership</p>	<b>4 Facilitating</b> 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.
<p>Bilateral S&amp;T Cooperation with European countries</p>		
<p>▲ Horizon Europe Association Agreement Signing Ceremony</p>	<p>▲ Celebration of the Korea-EU Horizon Europe Researchers Working Forum</p>	<p>▲ KR-NL Research and Science Cooperation MoU Signing Ceremony</p>

<p>Horizon Europe Office &amp; NCP Coordinator</p>	<p>Horizon Europe Platform &amp; Helpdesk</p>	<b>5 Management</b> 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.
<p>Raise Awareness</p>	<p>Public engagement &amp; Media Outreach</p>	
<p>Promote Success Stories</p>		<b>6 Promotion</b> 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.