

Research & Policy Grants for Early Career Researchers

Bridging research and EU policy priorities

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European Commission - IEA grants: overview

Focus on **secondary analyses** of **IEA data** relevant to **EU education policy**.



Eligibility

Open to early career researchers globally, PhD candidates or within 5 years of post-PhD graduation



Geographical Focus

Secondary analysis of EU-level data



Funding

€20,000 grant for 12-month research projects



Funded by the European Union



Training

Complimentary enrollment to IERI* academy training

* International Education Research Institute



First call for projects: strong demand and global reach

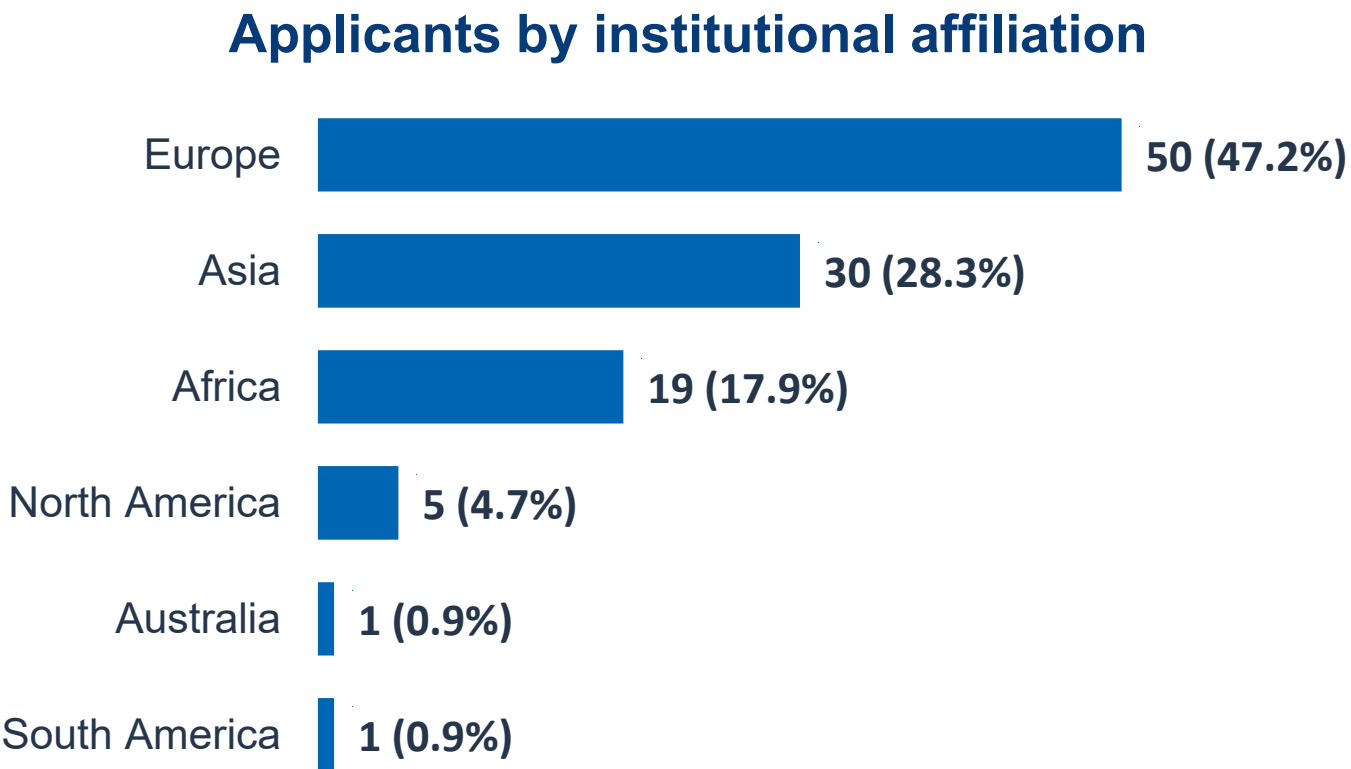
2026 funding

146 applications received

106 eligible proposals

18 shortlisted proposals

7 projects funded in 2026



Institutional affiliation of 106 eligible applicants, by continent.



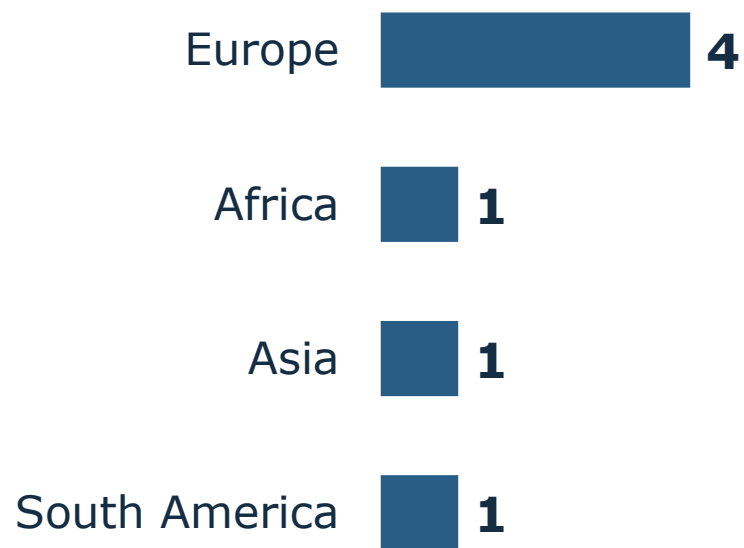
The winners

2026 funding

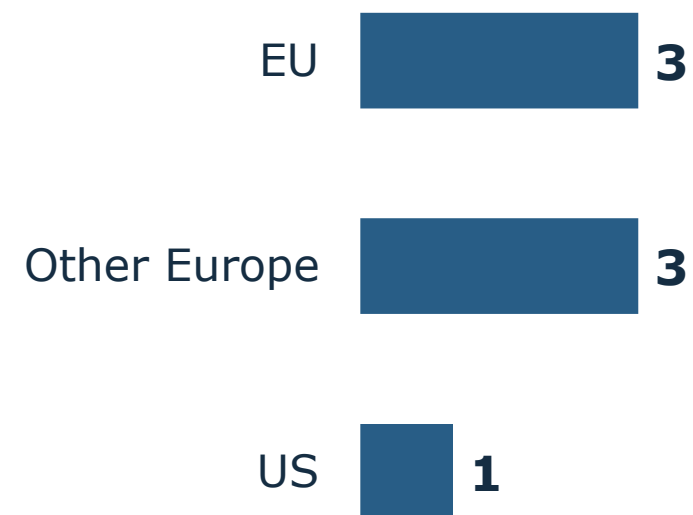
Gender balance



Origin by continent



Country of affiliation



2026 Funded Research: Addressing Critical Challenges



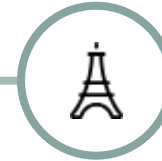
Digital Well-being and social media (3 projects)

- resilience to disinformation and student well-being,
- school strategies for safer digital behaviour, and
- digital self-efficacy and achievement



Equity and social inclusion (2 projects)

- socioeconomic inequalities in civic learning, and
- academic resilience in mathematics and science



Democratic values and citizenship (2 projects)

- students' civic development in changing social and classroom contexts, and
- constructive democratic engagement.

Studies: ICCS, ICILS, TIMSS and PIRLS



Second Call for Projects

2027 funding

Call Launch: November 2, 2026

Objective: 6 grants

Research Focus Areas



**Dimensionality of
Basic Skills & Student
Excellence**



**Pedagogical
Practices, Teacher
Self-efficacy and
School Learning
Contexts**



**Cross-Survey
Analysis of
Educational Trends
and Inequalities Over
Time**

Thank you

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