

EURAMET shows way forward for effective and efficient research partnerships across Europe

EURAMET, the gateway to Europe's metrology infrastructure, welcomes the European Commission's call for public and private research and innovation (R&I) resources to work together to address major societal challenges and strengthen Europe's competitive position.

EURAMET is already helping the Commission to achieve this through its implementation of the European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP) as an Article 185 (169) programme. The EMRP is one of the current initiatives looking to integrate national European research areas to show how partnering can maximise the contribution of R&I to achieving smart, sustainable growth in Europe.

EMRP supports the collaboration of European metrology institutes, industrial organisations and academia through Joint Research Projects. It is jointly funded by participating countries and the European Union and has a budget of €400 million over seven years. It is designed to integrate metrology research to target some of society's grand challenges such as energy, the environment and health.

Duncan Jarvis, EURAMET's EMRP Programme Manager, said:

"We welcome the European Commission's recognition of partnerships such as the EMRP. Public-Private Partnerships like this have an important role to play in pooling resources to achieve breakthroughs and providing efficiencies by ensuring any unnecessary duplication is avoided. We will continue to work to deliver pan-European partnerships in metrology that underpin the delivery of globally competitive, high-impact metrology and are happy to share this model with other R&I institutes."

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About EURAMET e.V.:

The European Association of National Metrology Institutes (EURAMET) is a Regional Metrology Organisation (RMO) of Europe. It coordinates the cooperation of National Metrology Institutes (NMI) of Europe in fields like research in metrology, traceability of measurements to the SI units, international recognition of national measurement standards and related Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMC) of its members. Through Knowledge Transfer and cooperation among its members EURAMET facilitates the development of the national metrology infrastructures.

EURAMET is responsible for the elaboration and execution of the European Metrology Research Programme, known as the EMRP, which is designed to encourage collaboration between European National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) and partners in industry or academia. The programme funds joint research projects in specific fields of metrology with over 50 projects selected for funding so far and many more expected over the coming years.