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Greece's participation in Horizon Europe and the ERC: *Performance and Key Statistics*

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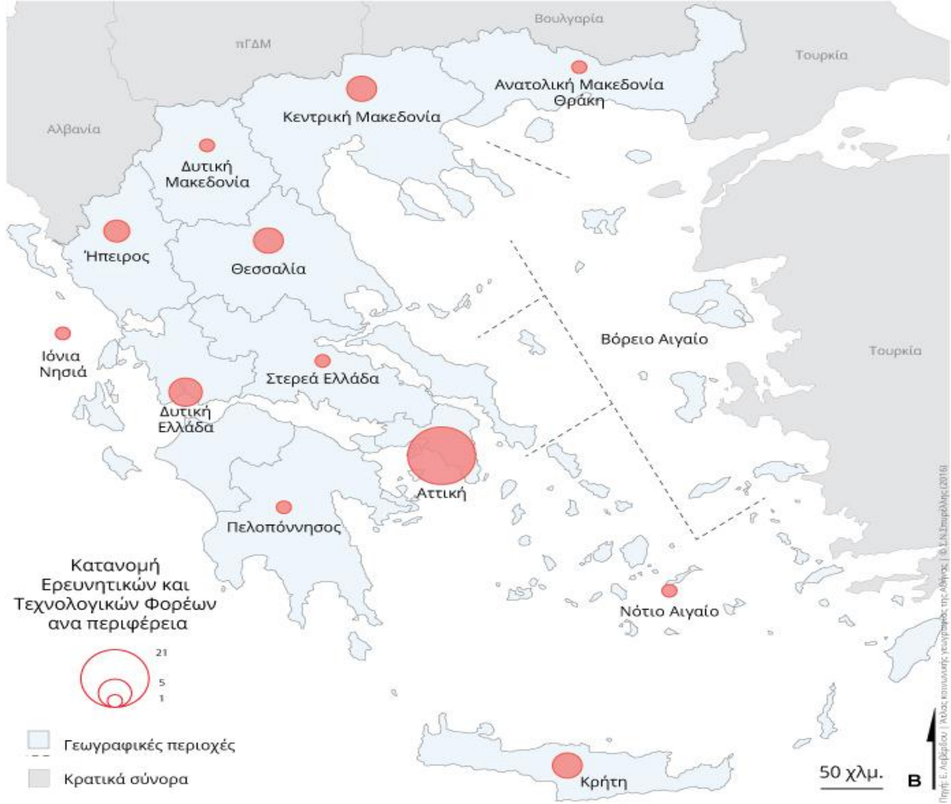
Organizations supervised by the GSRI

Research Centers : 11

- ATHENA – Research and Innovation Center in Information, Communication and Knowledge Technologies, AI
- BRFAA – Biomedical Research Foundation Academy of Athens
- NOA – National Observatory of Athens
- NHRF – National Hellenic Research Foundation
- CERTH – Center for Research & Technology Hellas
- NSCR ‘D” – National Center for Scientific Research DEMOKRITOS”, AI
- NCSR – National Centre for Social Research
- HPI – Hellenic Pasteur Institute
- HCMR – Hellenic Center for Marine Research
- BSRC – Biomedical Sciences Research Center “ALEXANDER FLEMING”
- FORTH – Foundation for Research and Technology – Hellas, AI

In red: multisectoral research centers

AI: AI related



Geographical distribution of research centers per region

Technological organizations: 3

- EEAE – Greek Atomic Energy Commission
- PSP - Patras Science Park
- NOESIS – Science Center and Museum of Technology

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The Mission of the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation (GSRI)

- ✓ Design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the **National Strategy for Research and Innovation**
- ✓ Launching and funding of **research and innovation competitive programs** for economic growth and social prosperity
- ✓ **Supervision** and funding of **11 Research Centers** and **3 Technological Organizations**
- ✓ **Representation to the European Union**, OECD and International Research Organizations (CERN, EMBL etc.)
- ✓ **Promotion of public awareness** on Science, Research and Technology

The Directorate for International Scientific & Technological Cooperation; Our responsibilities include:

- ✓ following and actively participating in EU Research and Innovation activities; **promoting implementation of the European Research Area (ERA)**;
- ✓ **coordinating the country's representation:** proposing appointment of **national representatives and experts** in committees as well as of the **National Contact Points**;
- ✓ proposing measures to best make use of **EU financing or co-financing opportunities** for Greek scientific and technological activities;
- ✓ submitting proposals on formulating **national positions** at the European Council on Research and Innovation; promoting implementation of actions and initiatives deriving from Council decisions



Horizon Europe is EU's 9th Research and Innovation Framework Program, with a total budget of €95,5 bn (2021-2027)

THREE PILLARS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Pillar 1
EXCELLENT SCIENCE

- European Research Council
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Research Infrastructures

Pillar 2
GLOBAL CHALLENGES & EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS

Clusters
- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Civil Security for Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

- Joint Research Centre

Pillar 3
INNOVATIVE EUROPE

- European Innovation Council
- European innovation ecosystems
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology

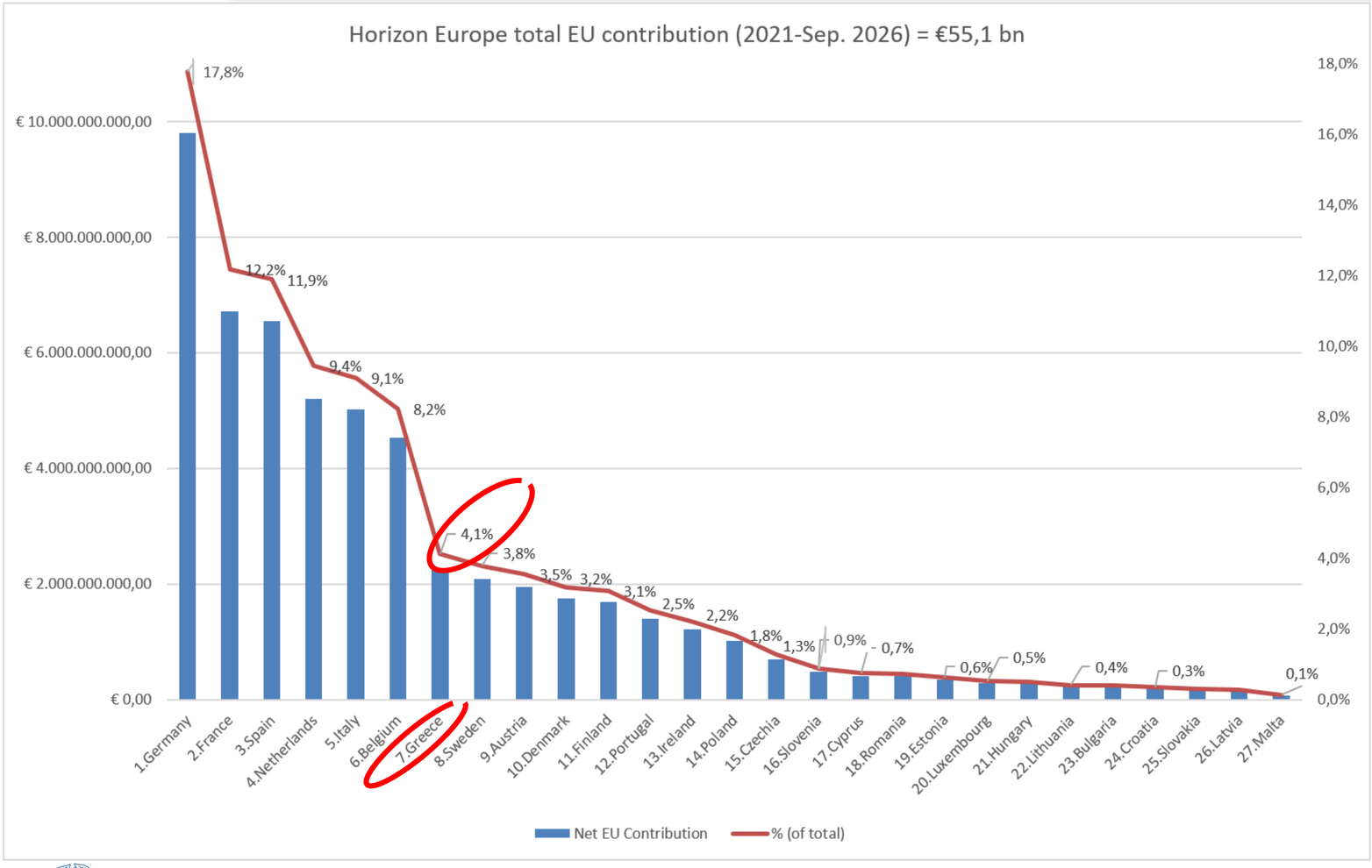
WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

- Widening participation and spreading excellence
- Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system

COUNTRY PERFORMANCE (2021-2026) IN HORIZON EUROPE

Greece ranks 7th among EU m-s (1st among Widening countries) both in EU contribution and Participation





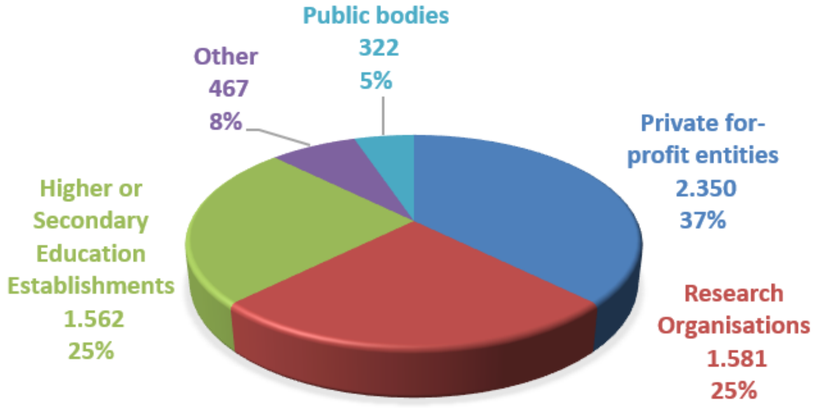
EU contribution to Greek partners	€ 2.270.841.892,68
Greek participation (n. of proposals)	11.848
Greek coordination to participation (n.)	739
EU participation (to Greek coordination)	€ 611.747.938,89

Source: https://dashboard.tech.ec.europa.eu/ (accessed Sep. 2026)

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HE Pillar	Participation (n.)
1.Excellent Science	852
2.Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness	4917
3.Innovative Europe	130
Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area	326





Science Field	Signed Grants (n.)
natural sciences	1.193
engineering and technology	809
social sciences	801
medical and health sciences	264
agricultural sciences	186
humanities	73

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European Research Council -ERC

Set up by the European Union in 2007, as the premier European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. It funds creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based across Europe.

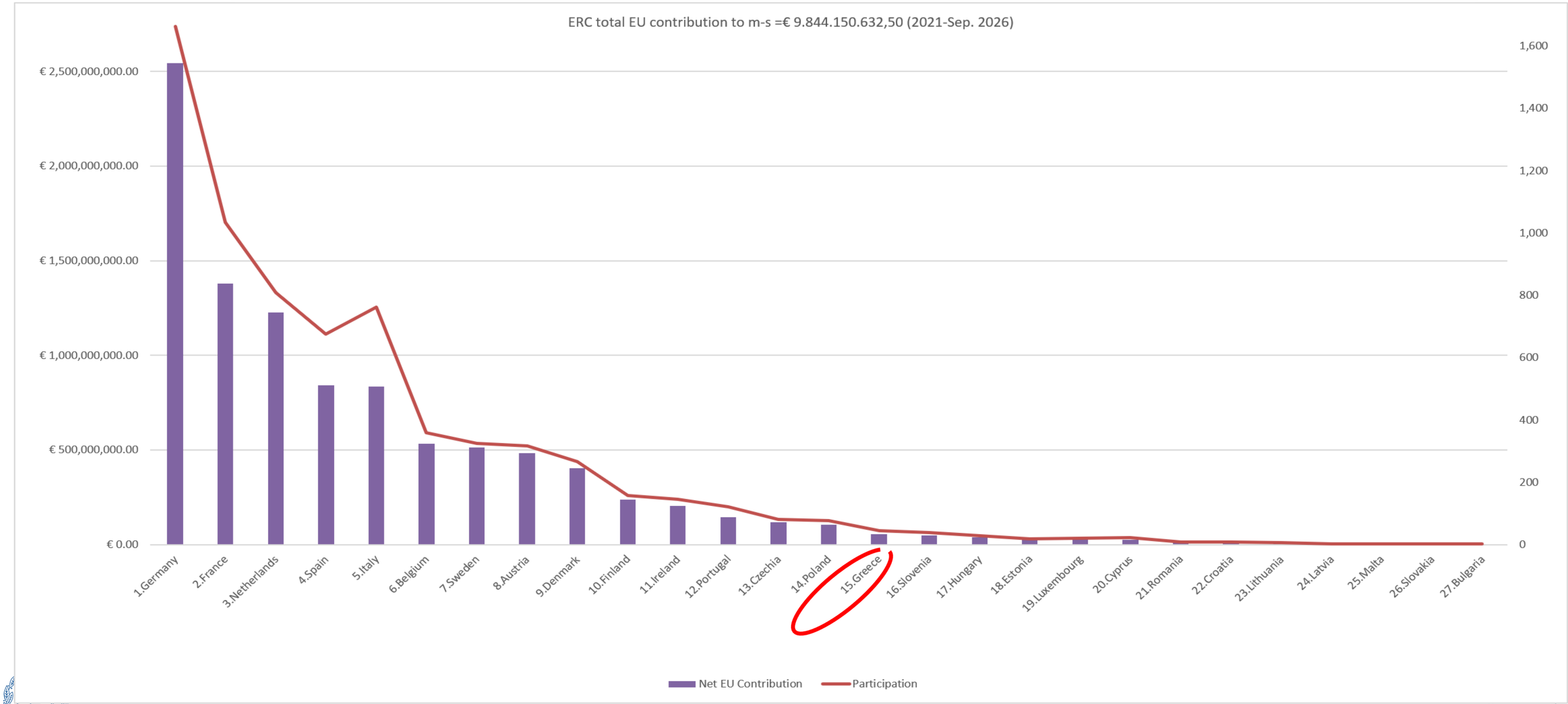
The ERC actions are funded through Pillar 1 of Horizon Europe with a total budget of over €16bn (~17% of HE total budget)

- **Since 2007, the ERC funded more than 18 500 projects and over 10 000 researchers. It evaluated more than 140 000 research proposals.**
- **ERC projects have so far led to over 2 200 patents and other IPR applications and ERC grantees founded or co-founded over 400 start-ups**
- **More than 200 000 articles published in scientific journals**
- **15 Nobel Prizes, 6 Fields Medals, 12 Wolf Prizes and dozens of important prizes awarded to ERC grantees**

Source: https://erc.europa.eu (accessed Oct.2026)

COUNTRY PERFORMANCE (2021-2026) IN ERC actions

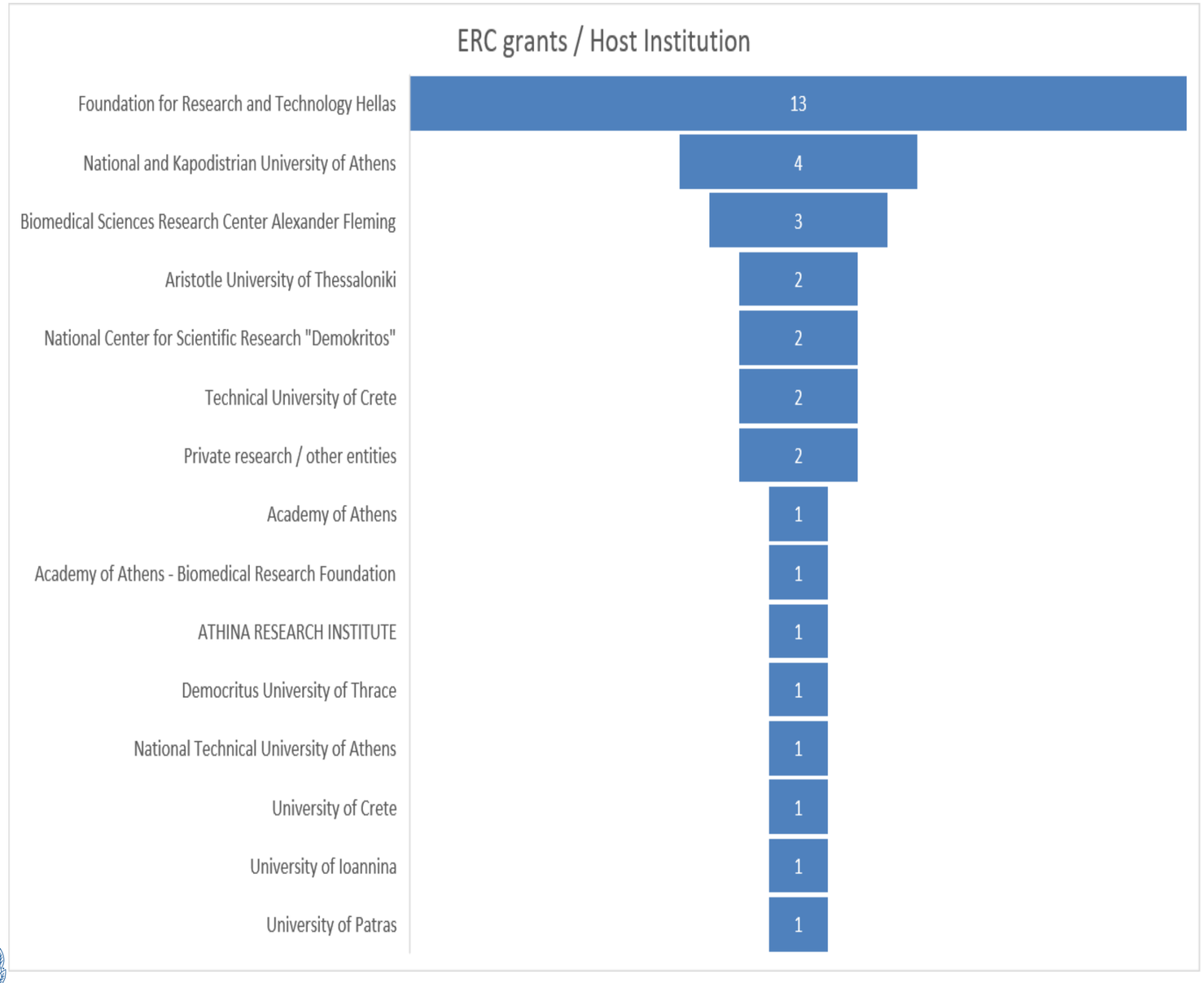
Greece ranks 15th among EU m-s (4th among Widening countries) both in EU contribution and Participation



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COUNTRY PERFORMANCE (2021-2026) IN ERC actions



534 Greek proposals evaluated by ERC panels

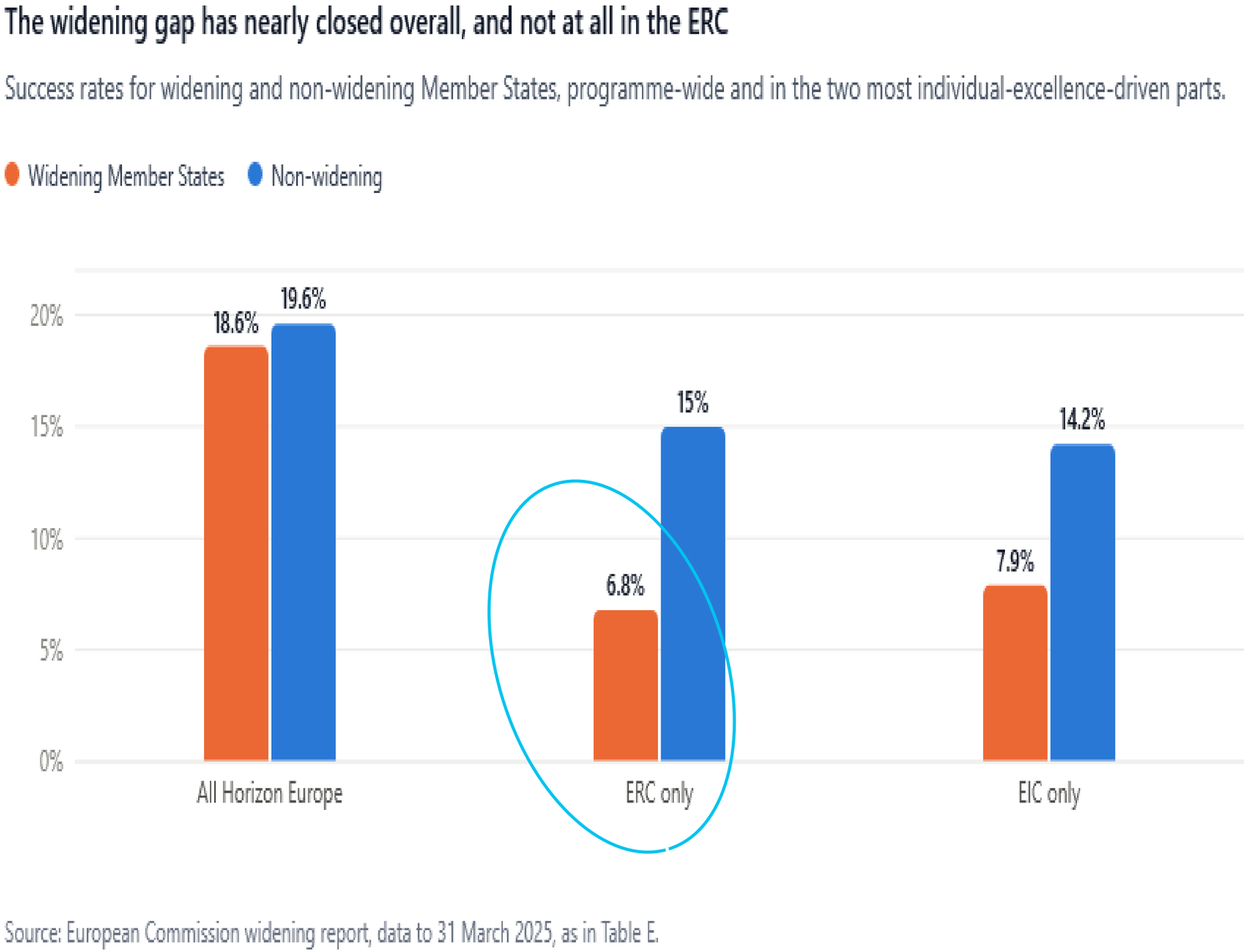
36 ERC grants
(15 Greek Host Institutions)

Type of ERC grant	n. of grants
Starting Grants	13
Advanced Grants	9
Consolidator Grants	7
Proof of Concept Grants	7

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COUNTRY PERFORMANCE (2021-2026) IN ERC actions



Highest ERC success rates EU ms	
Netherlands	18%
Luxembourg	18%
Germany	17%
Belgium	17%

Highest ERC success rates widening countries	
Cyprus	10%
Slovenia	9%
Czechia	8%
Portugal	8%

Greece's success rate in the ERC : 7%



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COUNTRY PERFORMANCE IN ERC actions



Key Take Aways

EU R&I Framework Program	Signed ERC Grants	EU Contribution
FP7 (2007-13)	38	€56 εκ.
H2020 (2014-20)	40	€59 εκ.
HORIZON EUROPE (2021- Sep. 26)	36	€58 εκ.
TOTAL 2007- Sep.2026	**114**	**€173 εκ.**

- **Strong Research Excellence:** Greece has demonstrated notable success in European Research Council (ERC) grants, reflecting the high scientific quality and international competitiveness of its researchers.
- **Growing International Recognition:** ERC funding has strengthened the visibility of Greek research institutions and universities, further promoting their integration into the European and global research landscape.

Further advancing Greek participation in ERC actions is essential to further boost the country's scientific potential, strengthen its position in European research and bridge the gap with Europe's leading research national ecosystems.

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Thank you for your attention!

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