



# ITINERIS-ACTRIS Pilot Access Program: Enhancing Scientific Collaboration through Coordinated National and European Infrastructure Access



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# Key call information



## ITINERIS – ACTRIS Pilot Access Call

ITINERIS is excited to announce the launch of the **ITINERIS – ACTRIS Pilot Access Call** for proposals to access to offer enhanced access to Europe's most advanced facilities for observation and exploration of the atmosphere to users, as part of our ongoing commitment to support innovative research in the environmental sciences.

This pilot call aims to facilitate access to advanced data, cutting-edge instruments, and services offered by ACTRIS facilities to promote research in the atmospheric domain and also in all other environmental domains with project idea for which atmospheric data is a prerequisite.

We invite proposals for novel and unconventional use of our facilities!

### What does 'access' cover?

The call is open to:

- Italian users willing to access ACTRIS facilities, and to foreign users willing to access the Italian ACTRIS facilities.
- foreign users interested in accessing the Italian ACTRIS facilities.

### Key Information:

• **Application deadline:** 28th April 2025

• **Review:** upon submission

• **Access period:** starting from the approval – to be concluded by 31st July 2025.

• **Topic:** general call. No topic restriction. Researchers from multidisciplinary projects are encouraged to apply.

• **Financial support to users:** Users will receive a one-off grant after the access successfully completed. The final amount of the grant will be calculated after the access is completed at the facility and disbursed by the ACTRIS ERIC following the provider's confirmation of access. The grant is assigned exclusively to individuals, not institutions, and it will be disbursed directly to each user by the ACTRIS ERIC. Researchers from different disciplines are encouraged to apply.

Proposals should be submitted via the **PASS** platform (Platform for managing user access to ACTRIS Services), where submission guidelines and full details are available.

We encourage researchers to submit applications early for timely consideration.

For further assistance or inquiries, please contact our team at [samuimaa@eric.it](mailto:samuimaa@eric.it)

We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals and supporting your research through this exciting opportunity!

### Important Update – ITINERIS-ACTRIS Pilot Access Call

We are pleased to announce that the deadline to submit a proposal under the ITINERIS-ACTRIS Pilot Access Call has been extended from **31 March to 28 April**.

The available budget has also been increased from **€500,000 to €903,000**, enabling us to support a greater number of high-quality access projects.

Each selected user will be awarded a **one-off grant of up to €5,000** to cover travel and subsistence costs. In addition, a **maximum reimbursement of €20,000** will be available for the access provider, per single access.

Please note that, **in the event that the total funding requested for positively evaluated proposals exceeds the available budget**, proposals will be funded **based on the order in which they are received** (first come, first served basis).

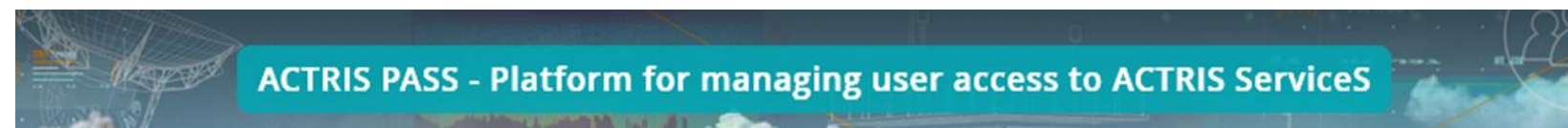
We encourage all applicants to submit their proposals as soon as possible.

Please, read carefully the **FAQ** on this call ([click here for download](#)).

Thank you for your interest in ITINERIS-ACTRIS!



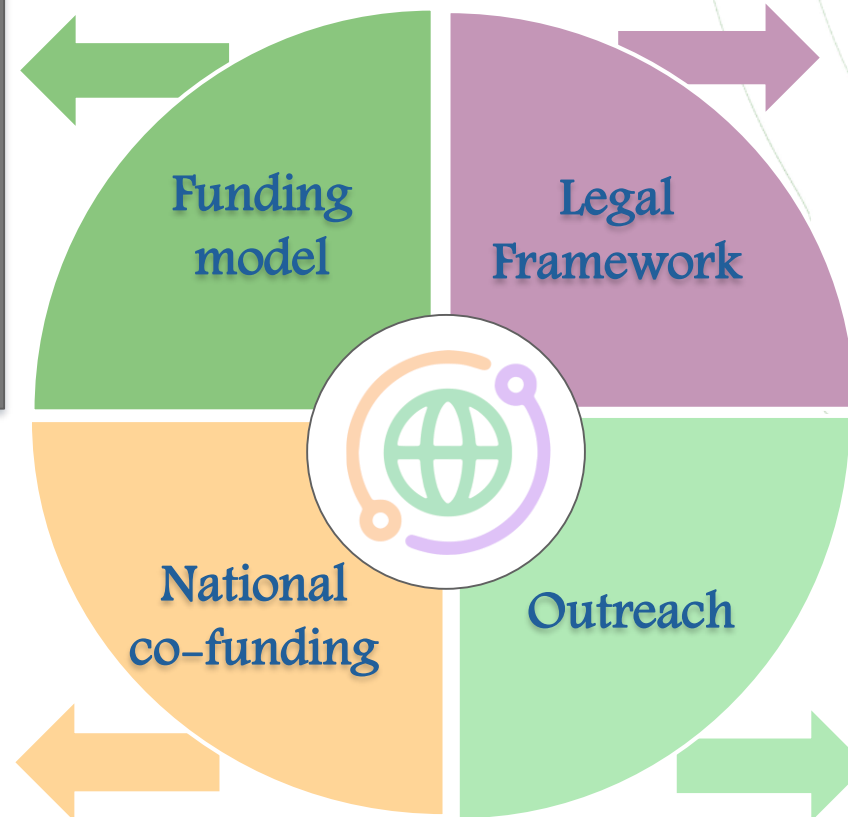
<b>Call details</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access of Italian users to European ACTRIS Facilities</li> <li>○ Access of foreign users to the Italian ACTRIS Facilities</li> </ul>
<b>Call important deadlines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application submission from September 2024 to <b>March 2025</b> → extension → <b>April 2025</b></li> <li>○ Access to be concluded by <b>end of July 2025</b></li> </ul>
<b>What is funded</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reimbursement to ACTRIS Facilities providing access</li> <li>○ Financial contribution to users (travel and subsistence costs as per EU Decision C(2021)35).</li> <li>○ Budget allocated <b>903 K€</b></li> </ul>
<b>Grant limit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Up to <b>€5,000 per user</b> to contribute to travel and subsistence costs</li> <li>○ Up to <b>€20,000 for access provider</b> per single access</li> </ul>



# Innovative aspects of the call

- «Curiosity-driven» approach
- No pre-allocated budget per Facility
- Centralized management by SAMU and direct reimbursement by ACTRIS ERIC

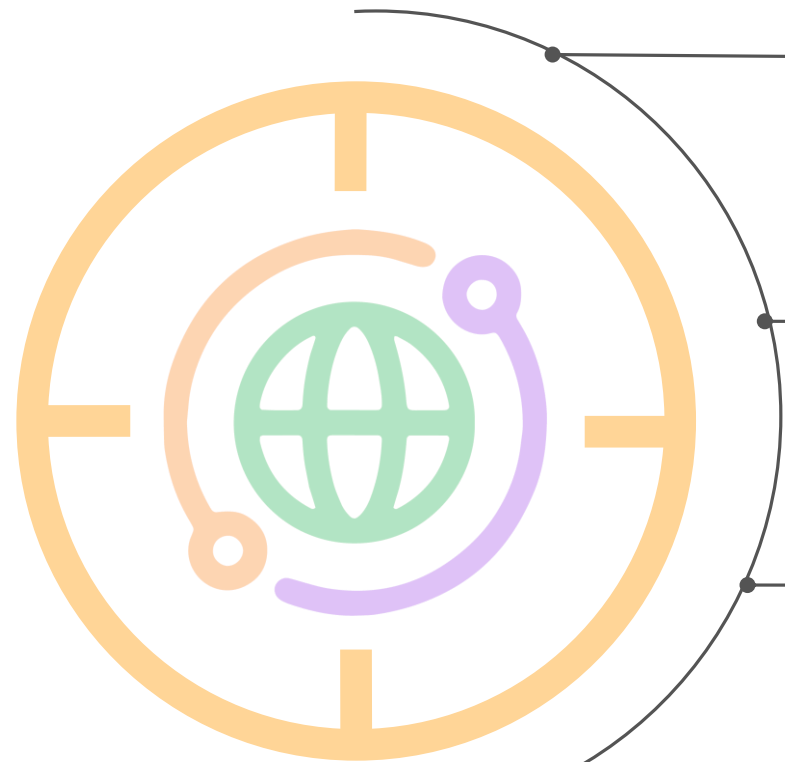
- First TNA program co-funded by national project



- Agreement between ACTRIS ERIC and CNR-IMAA for the management of the call
- Agreement on privacy and data management
- Agreement between ACTRIS ERIC and Provider (Service Level Agreement) for service management

- Targeted dissemination activities
- Live stream on YouTube
- Video and slide show
- Newsletter
- FAQ

# ITINERIS–ACTRIS Pilot Access Call in number



**63 applications submitted**

**58 access projects completed**

**113 users involved**

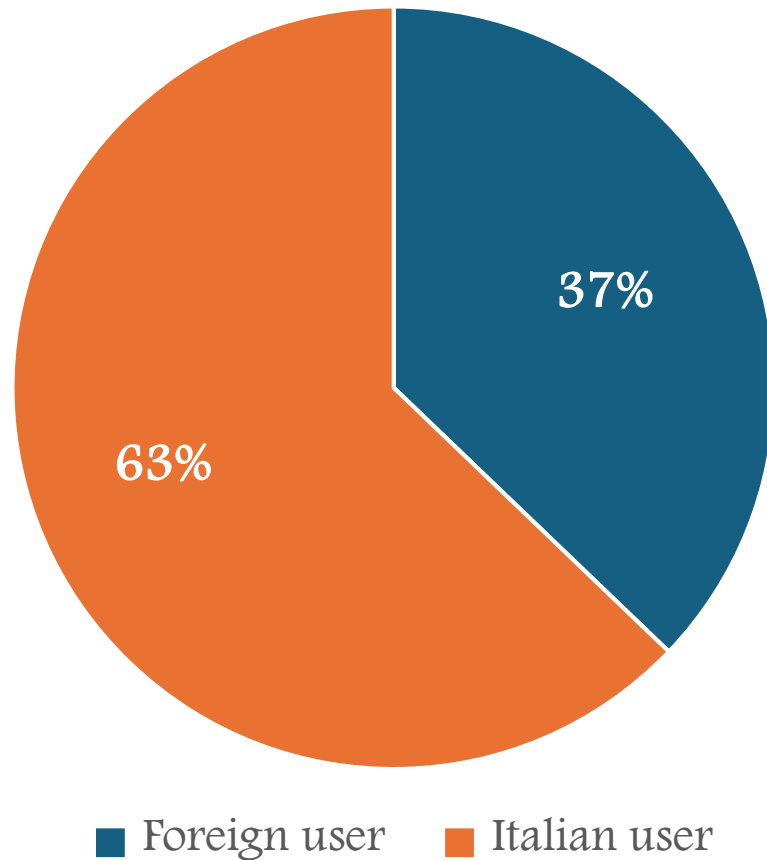
**Users accessing facilities abroad. 22**  
**Users accessing facilities in Italy. 91**

**30% of the Italian ACTRIS facilities  
offered access for the first time**

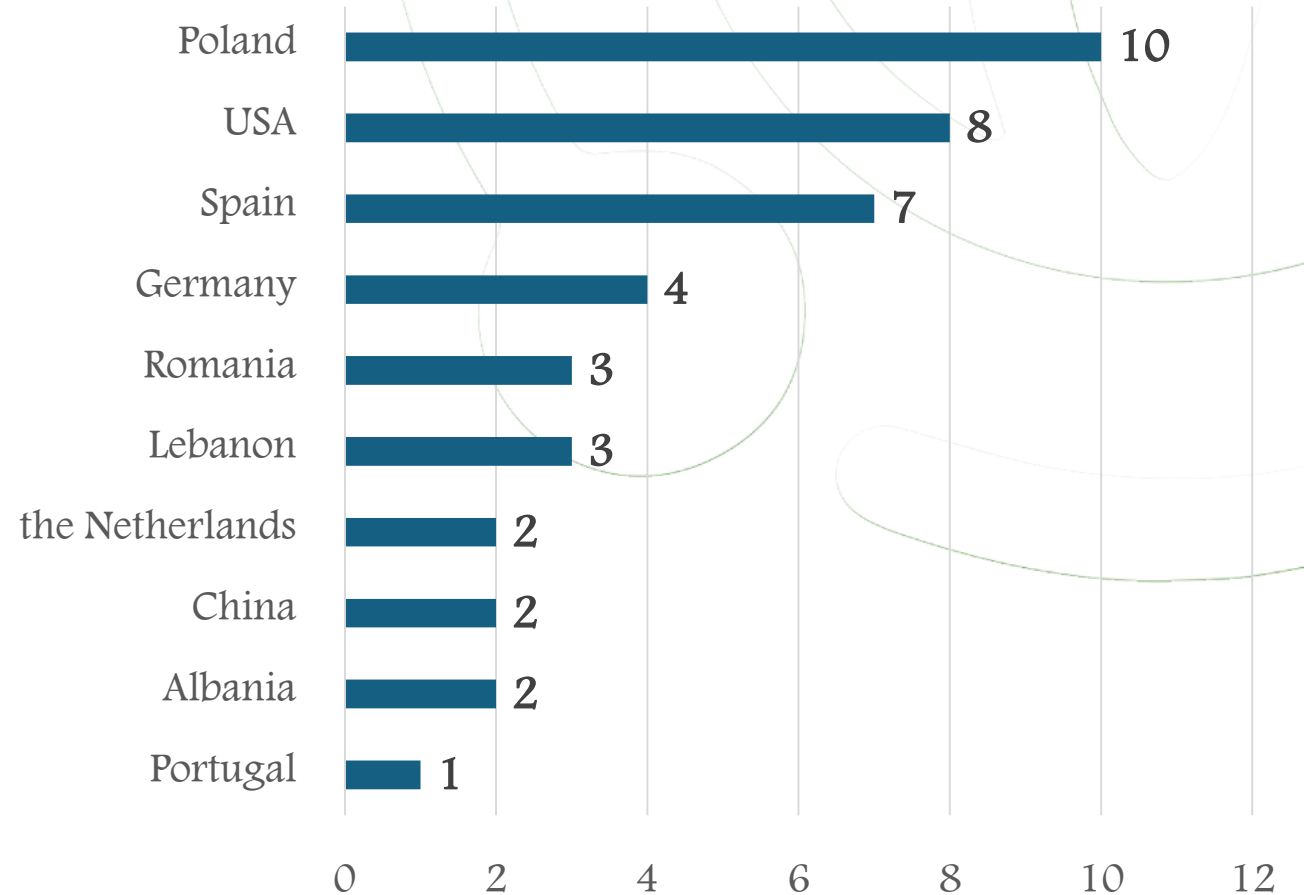


# User affiliation

Percentage of Italian and foreign users

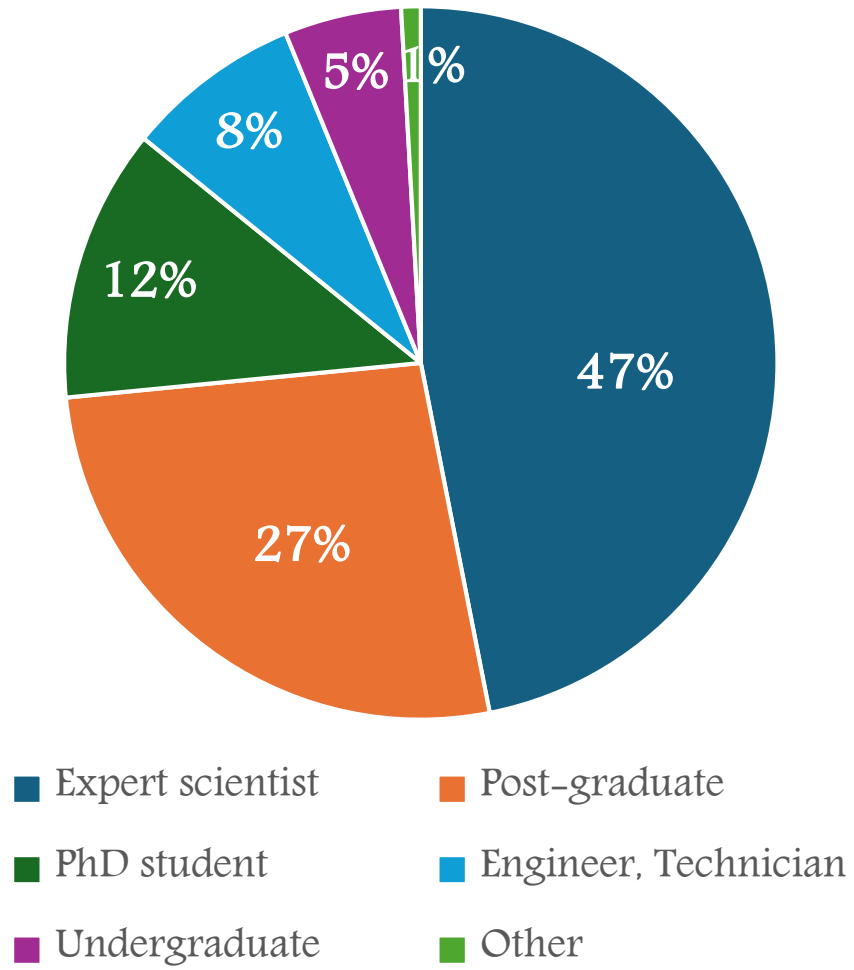


Foreign Users – Affiliation Institution Country

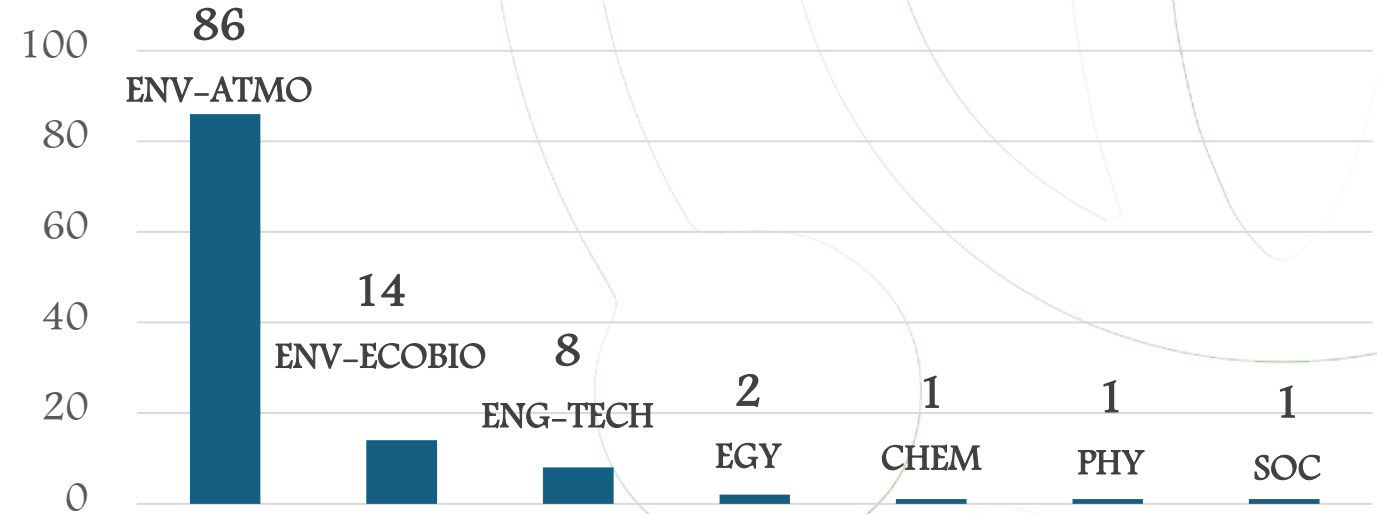


# User profile

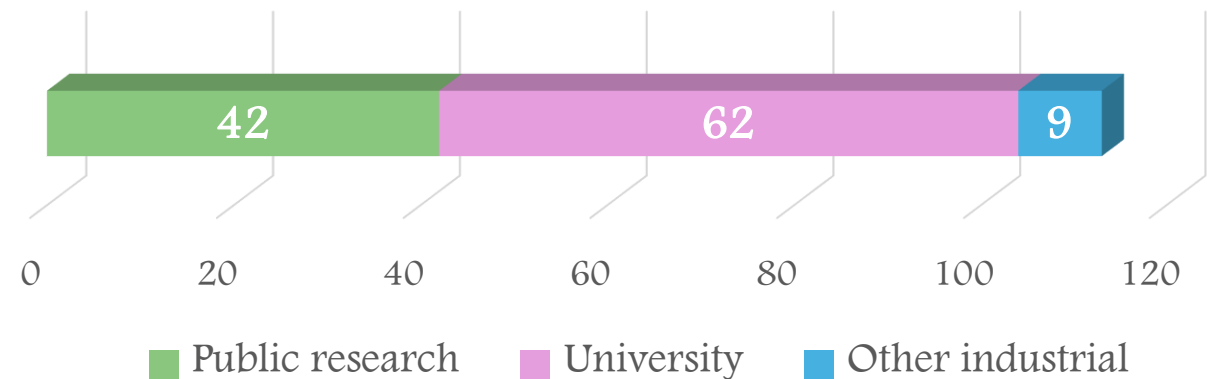
User profile



Field of Activity

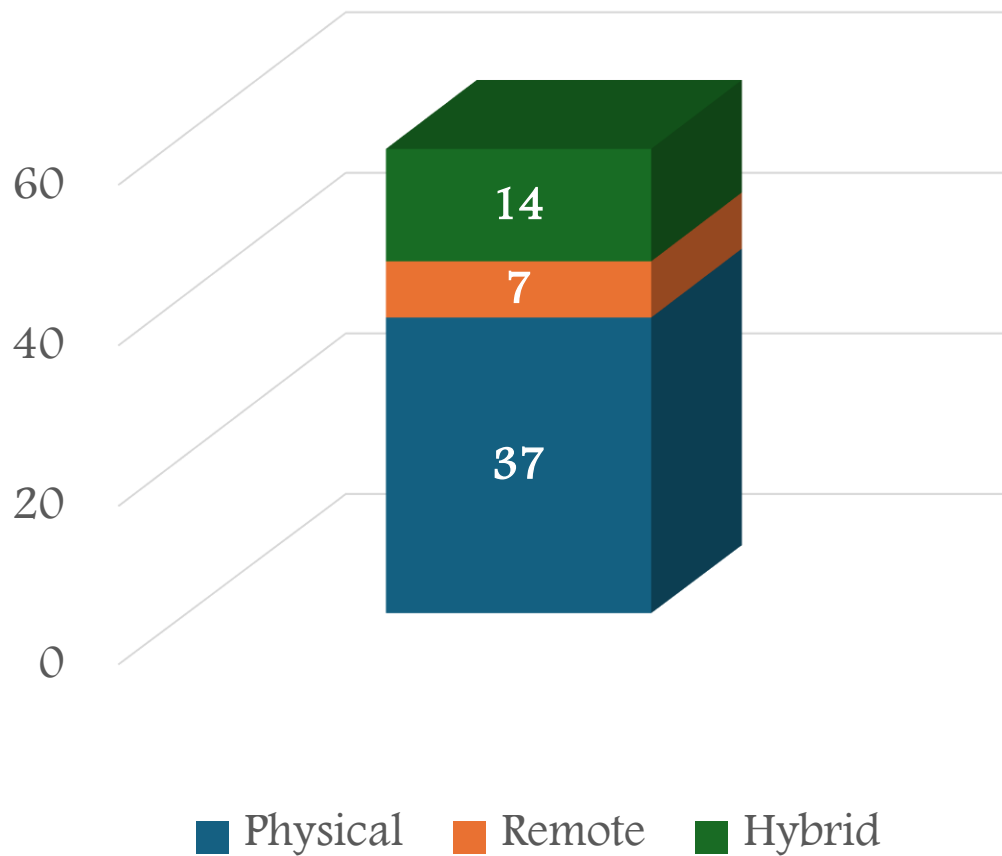


Institution status

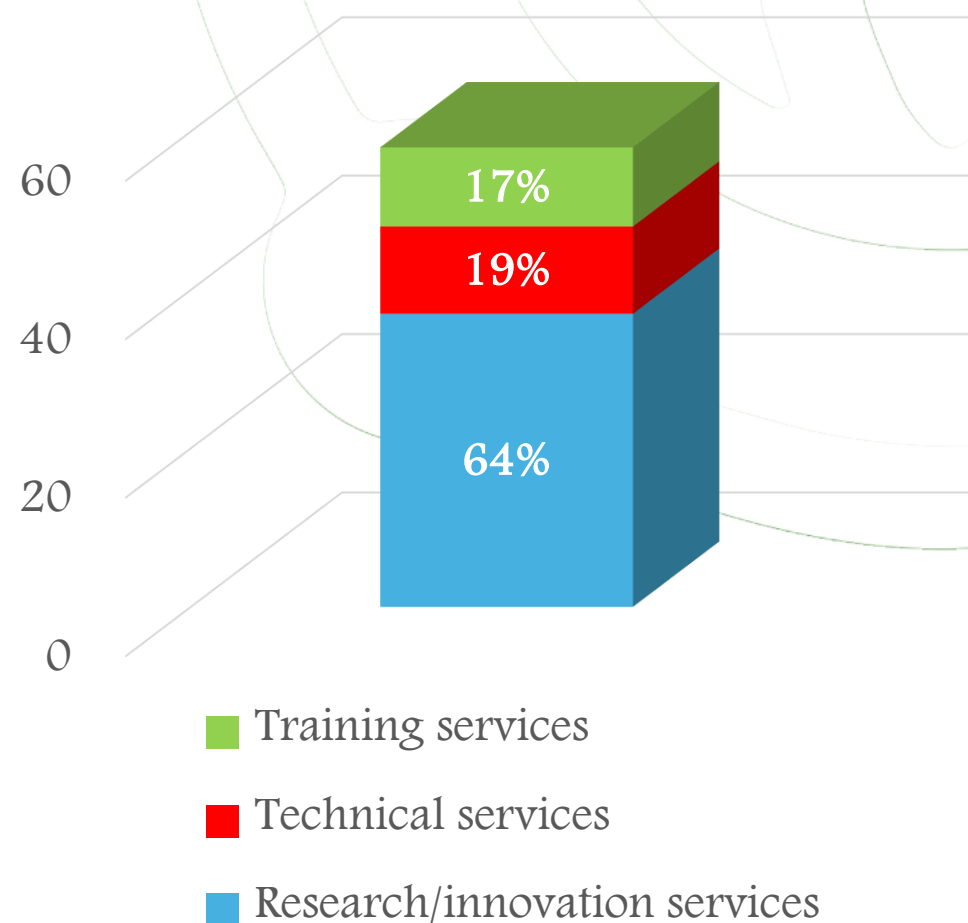


# Access modalities

Type of access



Services category





# Conclusions

## ITINERIS-ACTRIS Pilot Access Call

**High interest  
and  
participation**



**strong  
community  
engagement**

**Development  
of skills and  
competences**



**collaboration  
&  
multidisciplinary**

**Different user  
groups  
participation**



**inclusiveness**

**Increased  
management  
efficiency**



**coordination  
and resource  
optimization**

**Streamlined  
procedures for  
users**



**reduced access  
barriers**





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THANKS!



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# Travel and subsistence cost calculation

1. **Based on flat rates for Travel** (variable depending on the distance travelled) **and Subsistence** (variable depending on the country where the access takes place)
2. **Preliminary calculation** based on the information in the Application form, **included in the award letter** → by SAMU
3. **Final amount of the grant** determined **based on** the information in the **provider's CoA**

Distance band (in km)	Amount per return trip in EUR
400-600	245
601-800	261
801-1200	276
1201-1600	288
1601-2000	369
2001-2500	429
2501-3500	541
3501-4500	659
4501-6000	796
6001-7500	900
7501-10000	1 201
10001-max	1 376

Country	Daily grant (€)
Austria	228
Belgium	239
Bulgaria	167
Croatia	179
Czechia	177
Cyprus	208
Denmark	282
Estonia	187
Finland	259
France	268
Germany	216
Greece	189
Hungary	169
Ireland	247
Italy	212
Latvia	168
Lithuania	163
Luxembourg	261
Malta	229
Netherlands	236
Poland	170
Portugal	192
Romania	171
Slovakia	172
Slovenia	197
Spain	205
Sweden	275
United Kingdom	276

Surname	Departure	Destination	travel costs		subsistence costs				Total Estimated (subsistence cost + amount per return trip)
			Distance band	Amount per return trip	Country	Daily Grant	N. of Access days (from table user group)	TOTAL Subsistence costs (daily grant x n. access days)	
			(in km)	(in EUR)		(in EUR)			T&S Costs
Andrea Rossi	Berlin, Germany	Lecce (Italy)	1201-1600	288	Italy	212	15	3.180,00 €	3.468,00 €

(Commission Decision C(2021)35)

# Provider's reimbursement calculation

1. The provider's reimbursement per access project is determined by multiplying the **unit cost** (declared for the facility and used in other EU projects) and the quantity of access declared in the CoA. Alternatively, the provider's reimbursement is based on the **real cost** reported.
2. To proceed with reimbursement, a service-level agreement can be signed between the ERIC and the provider institution.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Host Facility/ies <input type="checkbox"/>	Unit of Access <input type="checkbox"/>	Unit cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Quantity of access declared in CoA <input type="checkbox"/>	Real Cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Total Real Cost <input type="checkbox"/>
	XXXXXX	DAY	1.905,63 €	5	-	9.528,15 €
	XXXXXX	-	-	-	8.000,00 €	8.000,00 €