

OCRE
**Cloud
Funding
for Research**
1st Open Call



Guide

1st Cloud Wave 2 call

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1. Introduction

The OCRE project organises 3 open calls for projects to stimulate the adoption of Infrastructure Cloud services made available by OCRE through the EOSC portfolio of commercial services. These services are currently being procured by the OCRE project with the list of suppliers to be published in December 2020.

OCREs adoption funding will be made available in three waves:

- Wave 1 targeting individual researchers
- Wave 2 targeting research projects at individual institutions
- Wave 3 targeting research projects with groups of institutions represented by a lead buyer

This document describes important guidelines governing this call.

2. Submitting your proposal

Please submit your proposal through the OCRE adoption project submission form in the Géant Negomatrix system:

<https://ocre-project.eu/cloudfunding>

The submission URL is also available through the OCRE website:

<https://www.ocre-project.eu/1st+Open+Call+OCRE>

3. Contacting the OCRE funding team

The OCRE funding team can be reached for Q&A through this email address:

funding@ocre-project.eu

4. Important dates for this call

Call open: Tuesday 15 September
Deadline to submit proposals: Monday 2 November 2020 09:00 CET
Evaluation results communicated: Monday 14 December 2020

5. Target group for this call

This is the 1st open call for adoption of infrastructure cloud services by Wave 2 projects, which targets research projects from individual institutions.

6. What can OCRE fund?

OCRE’s adoption funding is for purchases from the OCRE IaaS+ framework agreements:

- Infrastructure Cloud services
 - IaaS, PaaS, SaaS and marketplace
- Consulting services in support of using these Infrastructure Cloud Services
 - On-boarding, assist with solution architecting etc.

In this 1st Wave 2 call, 100% of the consumption of services mentioned above can be funded by OCRE.

OCRE is currently conducting the evaluation of its pan-European procurement for the IaaS+ framework agreements mentioned above. The exact list of suppliers and platforms available in each participating country will be published in December 2020.

7. What is not covered by OCRE funding?

Your project’s person-hours are not eligible for OCRE funding.

OCRE’s underlying assumption is that the use of commercial digital services will have a positive impact on your research project and/or the execution of the project (less time, lower cost, better quality). OCRE adoption funding is meant to stimulate the use of commercial digital services in your research, not to fund the research itself.

8. Eligible institutions

Any institution eligible to procure services from the OCRE infrastructure-cloud framework agreements is eligible for OCRE adoption funding. In practice this means if your institution is a member organisation of one of the 39 NRENs (National Research and Education Network) listed in the table below, you can assume to be eligible. Please note that we are aware of some exceptions to this rule, so if in doubt please contact your local NREN, or contact the OCRE funding call helpdesk.

Country	NREN	Country	NREN
Albania	RASH	Lithuania	LITNET
Armenia	Asnet	Luxemburg	RESTENA
Austria	ACOnet	North Macedonia	MARnet
Belgium	Belnet	Malta	RicercaNET
Bulgaria	BREN	Moldova	RENAM
Croatia	CARNET	Montenegro	MREN
Cyprus	CYNET	Netherlands	SURF
Czech Republic	CESNET	Norway	Unit/Uninett
Denmark	DeIC	Poland	PSNC/POZNAN
Estonia	EENet/HITSA	Portugal	FCCT
Finland	CSC	Romania	RoEduNet
France	RENATER	Serbia	AMRES

Georgia	GRENA	Slovenia	ARNES
Germany	DFN	Spain	RedIRIS
Greece	GRNET	Sweden	SUNET
Hungary	KIFU	Switzerland	SWITCH
Iceland	Rhnet	Turkey	TUBITAK ULAKBIM
Ireland	HEAnet	Ukraine	URAN Association
Israel	IUCC	United Kingdom	JISC
Italy	GARR		

In addition the following Slovakian institution is eligible:

Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

9. What is OCRE looking for?

OCRE wants to demonstrate the benefits of using commercial infrastructure cloud service in research. To achieve this, OCRE looks for research-relevant projects that really show the research community how OCRE's portfolio of services can help to achieve great research outcomes, e.g.

- new outcomes enabled by services
- improved execution: time, money, quality
- impact amplifier - allow nimble groups to do large undertakings
- allow for nimble budgets to achieve great things

These projects should, besides generating good research outcomes, allow OCRE to create **inspiring showcases; case studies which inspire other researchers to adopt infrastructure cloud services for their research.**

10. Evaluation

After an eligibility check, OCRE will prioritise the following in its evaluation of proposals:

- The show case effect
 - Of your research
 - Impact of commercial infrastructure services on your research
- Timely use of services and achieve impact on your research
 - Months, not years. Sooner = better
- Ability to execute

Proposals will be evaluated based on their potential to clearly illustrate the benefits of consuming commercial cloud services. This means that only proposals that successfully address the this will have a chance of being funded.

Please take advantage of the different communication instruments offered by the OCRE Consortium (i.e. info sessions, Q&A helpdesk at funding@ocre-project.eu) to receive direct feedback on any questions you may have before submitting your proposal

Decisions pertaining to the evaluation, awarding and funding of successful proposals are made at the discretion of the OCRE funding team and the OCRE EAB (External Advisory Board) and will be final.

Successful research projects will agree to interviews with the OCRE team responsible for developing related case studies.

You submit your proposal through the OCRE submission form at <https://ocre-project.eu/cloudfunding/>

For questions please contact funding@ocre-project.eu

11. Annex 1 – Screen shot of the online application form

For your convenience a screen shot of the online application form is included in this guide. Please note:

You submit your proposal through the OCRE submission form at <https://ocre-project.eu/cloudfunding/>

For questions please contact funding@ocre-project.eu



OCRE Funding call 1 - 'Your project'

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS

Contact details

Funding requests will only be evaluated as the request has been submitted using this online form.

Funding requests send in by email or any other means will not be evaluated. The online request form can be accessed via the following link: <https://ocre-project.eu/cloudfunding/>

Saving the form

You can 'save' this form at any moment you require as soon as you entered your name and email address in this form (question #1 and #2).

To save the form click the the (green) button 'Save' at the top of the right hand corner of this form.

After you clicked that button you'll receive a link with the form you started to fill in. Clicking that link will bring you back to the form and you can continue working on the form.

You can save the form as often as you require.

Please provide us with your contact details so the OCRE project board can contact you.

Contact name *

Contact email address *

Contact telephone number *

Project details

Full title of your research project. *

Project acronym?

Research project description (Executive* summary)

This is where you convince OCRE project board to fund cloud and digital services for your research project. Be sure to:


1. Clearly specify your research discipline
2. Describe your project focus and relevance within this discipline and how it will influence further research in this field
3. Suggest why you think your project will make a good case study on the benefits of commercial cloud and digital services for research and attract the attention of the research community
4. Describe your anticipated project outcomes (which should be clear, measurable, and realistic) and how they will add value to society; the environment; etc.

Max. 500 words

How will commercial cloud services support your project activities and improve your research outcomes? *

Describe:

1. The types of cloud services you anticipate consuming if awarded OCRE funding for such (IaaS compute/storage; Advanced Analytics; Machine Learning; AI)
2. How the project could clearly demonstrate the benefits in consuming these services in terms of enhanced agility with regards project activities; improved research outcomes; lower project costs; etc.

Max. 200 words 

The OCRE project is part of the European Open Science Cloud and supports the FAIR data principles

Are you aware of the FAIR data principles * Yes No

Does your project support the reusability of * Yes No research data?

Are you interested in learning more about * Yes No sustainable hosting for your FAIR data?

Has your project already procured/consumed commercial cloud and digital services? * Yes No

By when do you require the commercial cloud services? *

Funding thresholds

The OCRE project anticipates funding the cloud and digital services consumption for research projects, successful in their applications for such, up to a maximum of €100,000.

We expect applications to provide some indication of anticipated spend on these services based on a high level budgeting exercise (public price lists for commodity cloud services easily accessible).

Please indicate by ticking the corresponding box which range of project funding you are applying for?

- * Up to €50,000 from OCRE, no matching funds required. Indicative duration: up to 6 months.
- €50,000 to €75,000 from OCRE, no matching funds required Indicative duration: 6-9 months
- €75,000 to €100,000 from OCRE, no matching funds required Indicative duration: 9-12 months
- More than € 100.000 from OCRE

OCRE participation

Case study participation

* Yes No

Would you be prepared to work with the OCRE project team in developing a compelling case study describing your project activities and outcomes and the impact of the cloud and digital services procured via the OCRE frameworks (funded by the OCRE project)? This would require short interviews at various milestones within your project's timeline and commitment to reviewing and endorsing the case study once the digital services have been consumed and enhanced your project's capabilities

Expertise and resources

Please provide an overview of all resources *
in your core project team.

Please provide:

- Name
- Organisation the person works for
- Role in the project

Explain why the team is well placed to deliver the anticipated outcomes. *

Please provide a short summary of the collective experience and, where available, please provide the link to a LinkedIn profile for each team member &/or an ORCID record (or similar).

15.

Please fill in your milestones and deadlines in the table below.

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OCRE Funding call 1 - 'Your project'

Your role and Institute details

Role & Institute details

Science area

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Your role in the organization

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Institute

Legal name Institute

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Country of Institute registration

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Address

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Type of legal entity

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PIC Number

VAT registration number

IT & Procurement

Several departments may need to be involved when buying commercial infrastructure-cloud services through the OCRE IaaS+ framework agreements.

Please indicate if you have coordinated with the following support and if yes, please include the name +email address of your contact person:

The IT department of my organisation is aware of this request and supports it. * Yes No

The procurement department of my organisation is aware of this request and supports it. * Yes No

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Process and approval

Have you received funding from OCRE(as a * Yes No legal entity) or worked on the OCRE project(s) (as an individual) before?

Has your organisation received other EU * Yes No funding related to this proposal?

I agree to the Privacy policy to be found via * Agree Disagree the following link.

[Privacy_policy](#)

I agree to all terms and condition as * Yes No described on the OCRE project website and in the document '*Cloud funding for Research. 1st Open Call*' as available on that site.

<https://www.ocre-project.eu/funding-opportunities/cloud-funding>

I, the contactperson as indicated in this * Yes No form, have the authority and mandate to commit my institution to participate in this project

Click 'Final Check' when all sections are filled in.

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