European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage

***"Foundations for climate-resilient cultural heritage: Assessing and managing impact and risk, dealing with damage and loss"* - JTC 2027**

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Resilient Cultural Heritage

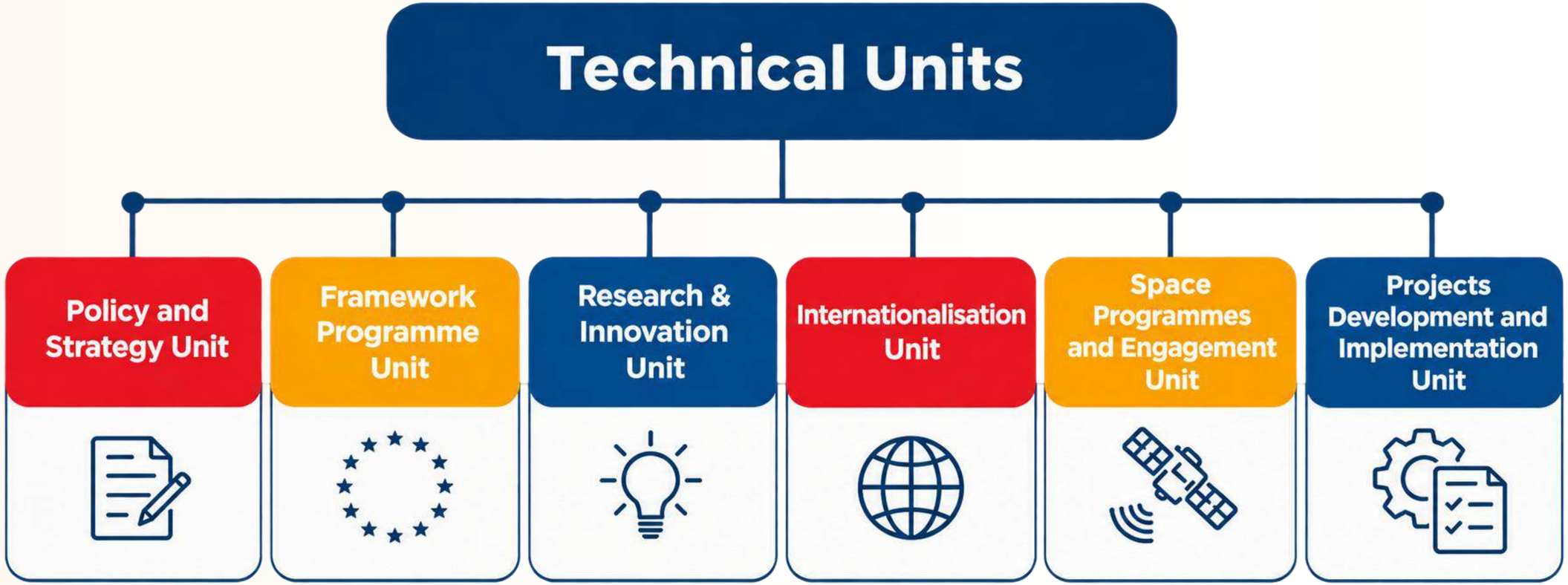
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Internationalisation Funding Portfolio







Resilient Cultural Heritage (RCH) Partnership

90+
Public and private partners

30
Participating countries

€216M
Total budget

A 10-year European initiative

Two key challenges:

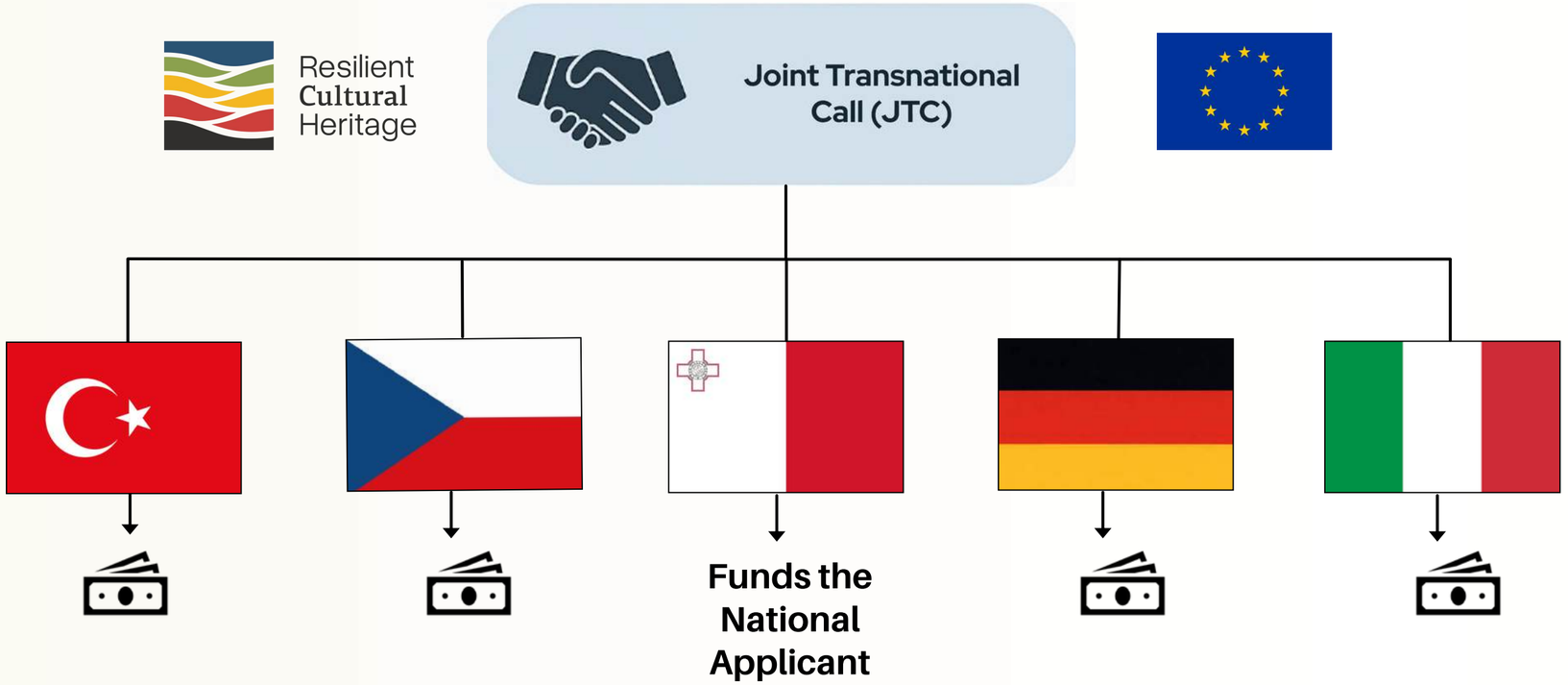
Understanding the risks
Improving knowledge of climate-related threats to cultural heritage.

Recognising heritage as a resource
Using cultural heritage and traditional knowledge to strengthen resilience.

“Heritage isn’t what survives by accident - it’s what a community decides, together, is worth carrying forward.”

Programme Director, Field Partnerships

How does it work?



National Partners collaborate through a common call,
each beneficiary is funded by their own national funding agency.

General Call Specifications

“Foundations for climate-resilient cultural heritage: Assessing and managing impact and risk, dealing with damage and loss”

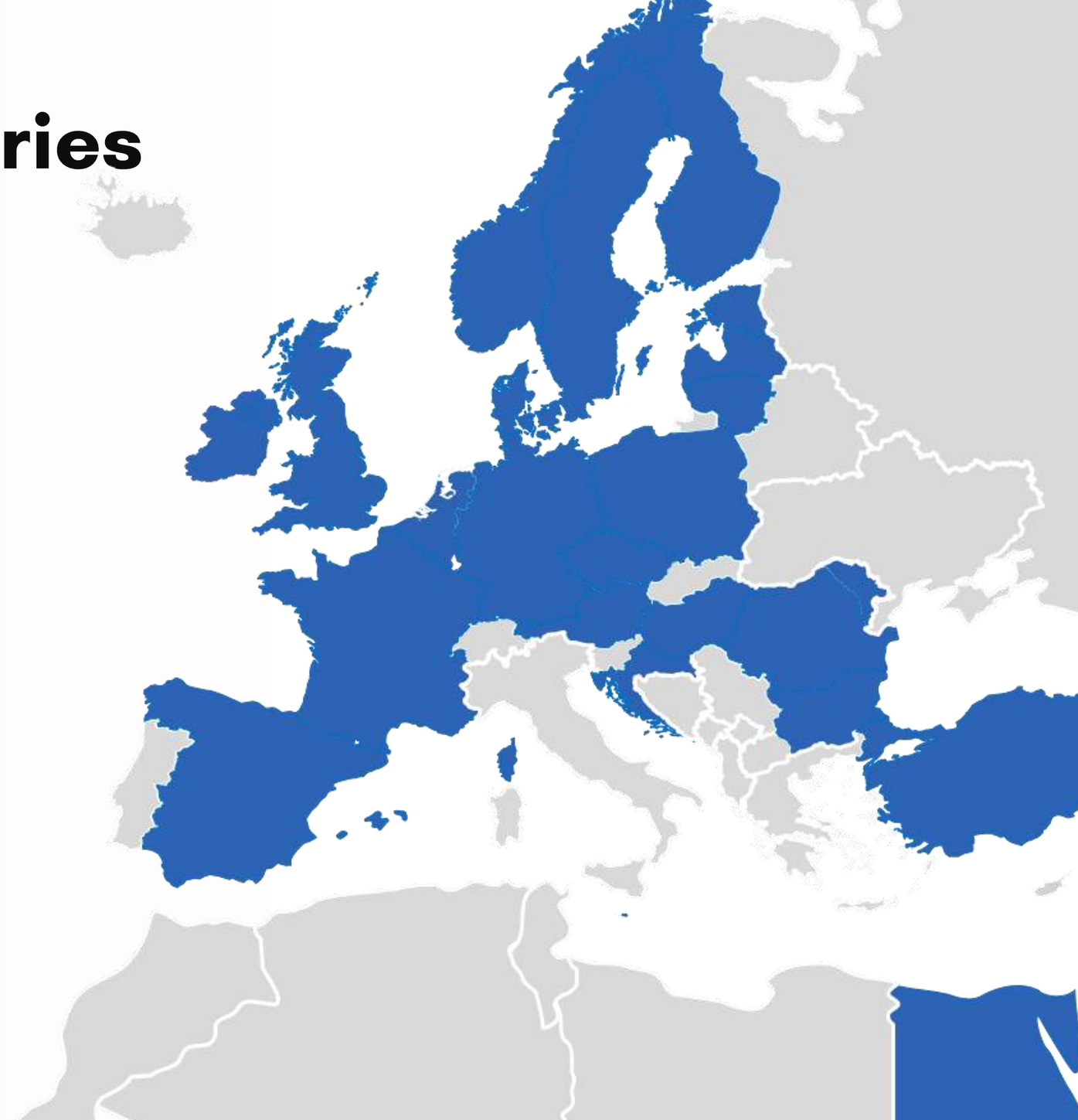
- One of the partners assumes the role of **Lead Principal Investigator**
- Involving a **national** & **transnational** application
- **2-Stage Call**
- **500,000 EUR** for Malta-Based Applicants
- Projects **24 to 36 months**
- **At least 3 independent legal entities** from at least 3 Countries



Participating countries

20 Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden

5 Countries Associated to Horizon Europe: Egypt, Moldova, Norway, United Kingdom, Türkiye



The Call Sub-Themes

- Risk and impact assessment and **cultural heritage risk management**
- **Managing the loss and damage** of cultural heritage
- **Traditional knowledge and practices** and traditional knowledge systems as resources and frameworks for **societal resilience** in the context of climate change
- **Sustainable governance** of the cultural heritage sector



Technology Readiness Level

TRL 1	TRL 2	TRL 3	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7	TRL 8	TLR 9
Basic principles observed	Technology concept formulated	Experimental proof of concept	Technology validated in lab	Technology validated in relevant environment	Technology demonstrated in relevant environment	System prototype demonstration in relevant environment	System complete and qualified	Actual system proven in operational environment



SHAPE Readiness Level

SHP 1	SHP 2	SHP 3	SHP 10	SHP 4	SHP 5	SHP 6	SHP 7	SHP 8	SHP 9
Idea statement articulated	Idea statement articulated	Concept developed through preliminary research	Market-ready and ready for scaling and internationalisation	Concept refined through initial feedback	Concept tested in a controlled environment	Concept piloted with target audience	Scaling opportunities evaluated	Service standardised and documented	Service/product market-ready



National Specifications

Eligible for National Funding



All Malta-Based applicants must comply with the National Rules for Participation

Funding Modalities

Funding depends on the nature of the eligible entity

NON-ECONOMIC ENTITIES

Non-State Aid

100%

of requested funding

Public entities and public research and knowledge-dissemination organisations **not carrying out economic activities.**

ECONOMIC ENTITIES

State Aid

Two funding frameworks:

De Minimis

GBER

Undertakings **carrying out economic activities.**

Aid Intensities

Funding routes for economic entities

*de minimis**	GBER
Up to 75%	**Up to 70%**
Requested funding	Requested funding
Own contribution	**Own contribution**
Remainder % — not in-kind	Remainder % — not in-kind

*€300,000 *de minimis* cap over 3 years

GBER Aid Intensity

25%

BASE AID INTENSITY

for eligible economic entities

Undertaking Increment Size		Additional Top-up	TOTAL
SMALL	+20%	+ 25%	70%
MEDIUM	+10%	+ 25%	60%
LARGE	+0%	+ 25%	50%

Maximum GBER rates shown assume the additional 25% for effective collaboration and wide dissemination.

Eligible Costs

01

PERSONNEL

02

SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT & CONSUMABLES

03

SUBCONTRACTING

04

COSTS OF IP AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER ACTIVITIES

05

TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE

06

OVERHEADS OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

1. Personnel Costs

Up to 10% of total project value	Project-management hours
1,720 Hours	Maximum hours p.a. (full-time employees)
€6,000–8,000	For students

Project role	2027	2028	2029	Limit per Project
Management / equivalent	Up to €63.82/h	Up to €67.01/h	Up to €70.36/h	Max 2 per project
Senior researcher / equivalent	Up to €44.98/h	Up to €47.23/h	Up to €49.59/h	Max 2 per project
Researcher / equivalent	Up to €32.22/h	Up to €33.83/h	Up to €35.52/h	No limits
Technical / research support	Up to €17.67/h	Up to €18.55/h	Up to €19.48/h	No limits

*Rates are for the years 2027-2029. For subsequent years, a 5% increase per year is allowed.

2. Equipment and Consumables

Non-economic / *de minimis*

- Cost to purchase/lease specialised equipment
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value



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- The **costs** of **specialised equipment** is only **eligible if the lifetime of the equipment is equal to the lifetime of the project.**
- **Depreciation costs** of specialised equipment for the extent and period used for the project. To be **verified by a certified public accountant**
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value

3. Subcontracting

Applicable to non-economic, *de minimis* and GBER

Allowed up to
25%
of the project
value

FAIR PROCUREMENT

Fair procurement procedures must be followed.

BEFORE APPLICATION

To be discussed with Call Manager at the application stage.

4. IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities

Applicable to non-economic, *de minimis* and GBER

COSTS

Costs of knowledge transfer activities and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions

BEFORE APPLICATION

To be discussed with Call Manager at the application stage.

5. Travel and Subsistence

Non-economic / *de minimis*

- Economy flights, and public transport (most economic solutions) and per diems for up to 14 days in a row
- For the attendance of **consortium meetings**, up to two persons will be eligible to attend the meeting.
- For the attendance of **international conferences**, up to two persons will be eligible to attend per six months

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Travel costs are

NOT ELIGIBLE

6. Overheads & Other Operating Expenses

Applicable to non-economic, *de minimis* and GBER

20%

of direct eligible costs claimed

WHAT THIS COVERS

Costs that are incurred **directly** as a result of the project

Ineligible Costs

- ✕ Expenses related to loans, interests etc.
- ✕ Expenses which are **recoverable through other funding** mechanisms
- ✕ **Purchase and/or leasing** of equipment and services **from partners** or their subsidiaries
- ✕ **Re-purchase of the same equipment** originally procured through other funding mechanisms
- ✕ Standard office equipment
- ✕ **Personnel hours** for travelling
- ✕ Any other costs that are **not listed as eligible costs** in the National Rules

Application Process

Application Process

01

Transnational Application

The Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI) submits the **pre-proposal** through the submission tool by **11 January 2027, 14:00 CET.**

02

National Application

Submit the **National Application Form** and **relevant annexes** *via* email to eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt by **11th January 2027, 23:59 CET.**

03

Invitation to Stage 2

Successful Stage 1 applicants are invited to **submit full proposals**, with **additional national documents** by **16th June 2027.**

Call Timeline

1

Call Launch

4 November 2026

2

Stage 1 Deadline

11 January 2027

Eligibility and evaluation of pre-proposals

3

Stage 2 Deadline

16 June 2027

Eligibility and evaluation of full proposal

4

Funding Deadline

October 2027

Grant agreement (GA) preparation

5

Project Start

December 2027 - June 2028

GA and Consortium Agreement (CA) signature

Submission Procedure — Stage 1

1 **Lead PI** creates an account on the submission tool and add consortium partners. **Lead PI** fill the **required budget** for each partner and **submit the proposal.** Budgets are indicative, but the total cannot increase.
National documentation and annexes as per National Rules

Required document	Public entity	Public RKDO	*de minimis*	GBER
National Application Form	✓	✓	✓	✓
CVs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public entity annex	✓			
Public RKDO annex		✓		
Memorandum & Articles / constitutive documents			✓	✓

Submission Procedure — Stage 2

2 Lead PI submit the **full-proposal** and final partners budgets. Information given in pre-proposals is binding, **content changes** to project content are **not permitted.**
Additional documentation and annexes as per National Rules

Required document	Public entity	Public RKDO	*de minimis*	GBER
Budget Breakdown Form	✓	✓	✓	✓
De minimis Form			✓	
Enterprise Size Declaration Form & Undertaking in Difficulty				✓
Declarations for Augmented Aid Intensity				✓
Audited financial statements (last 3 years)*			✓	✓

*Start-ups without audited statements: provide financial projections for 3 years signed by an auditor.

GBER – Specific Consideration

Current GBER regulation applies until

31st DECEMBER 2026

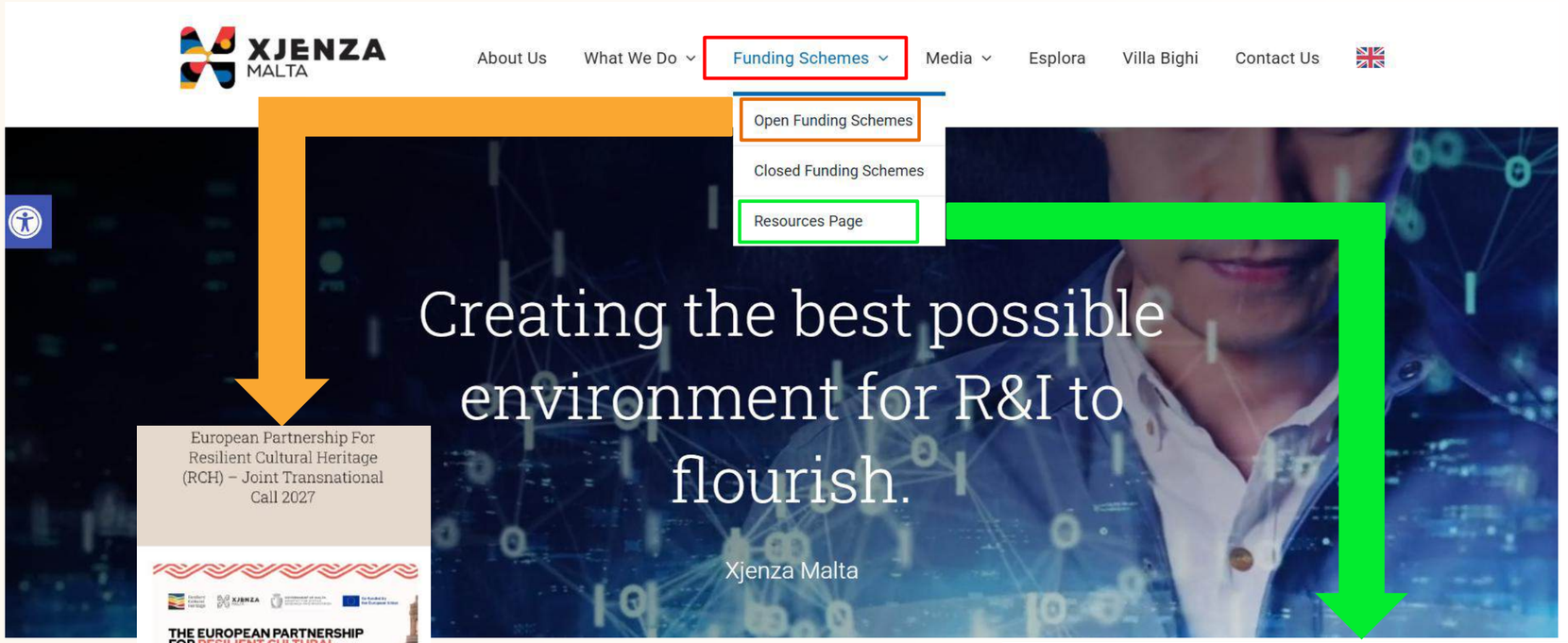
Possible Stage 2 resubmission

Applicants under GBER may be required to resubmit their application should they be selected to submit a stage 2 proposal.

Support from Xjenza Malta

Xjenza Malta will assist and advise applicants accordingly.

Submission Documents - Attachments



- National Rules for Participation
- National Application Form

- Relevant Annexes can be found here

Getting Acquainted & Finding Partners

The partnering tool

[The Heritage Research Community | Heritage Research Hub/]

17th November 2026
14:00 CET

[RCH Informational Webinar: Joint Transnational Call 2027]

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