

EAC Policy on Research and collaboration requests

The EAC and its aims

The European Archaeological Council was founded in 1999. It is an international not-for-profit association of national organisations charged by law with the management of archaeological heritage. The vision of EAC is that the management of Europe's heritage includes archaeological heritage as a central component, recognising its value to society and economy, and that that heritage is afforded adequate protection as a source of the European collective memory, as an instrument for historical and scientific study, and as a catalyst for collaboration and inclusion.

The EAC represents the managers of the historic environment and associated cultural heritage. The EAC is dedicated to the exchange of information between its members about standards and best practice related to heritage management. The collective membership of the EAC is well placed to offer advice and guidance about all aspects of heritage management and to develop broad-based strategies for archaeological heritage management on the basis of professional expertise. The EAC functions in an advisory and consultative mode and liaises and develops links in this context with international organisations that have an interest in the methods and goals of heritage management.

The EAC is governed by Statutes and its work is guided by the [Amersfoort Agenda](#) (2015) and the [Strategic Plan](#) (2022-2027).

Research and collaboration requests

The EAC receives regular requests for support for research projects and bids, and other collaborations, both from member organisations and external stakeholders. While the EAC is dedicated to supporting heritage management across Europe, it is not able to agree to all requests due to capacity and other constraints.

It should be noted that member organisations are welcome to submit requests for advice on heritage management matters to EAC at any time: it is a core function of EAC to provide support to its members in this way. This document provides guidance on EAC's approach to assessing requests for support that fall **outside** that scope. The EAC is:

- (1) interested in supporting projects which directly address its core aims (see above) and are likely to benefit its members. It does not support archaeological research unless it has a direct heritage management impact.
- (2) best-placed to support projects where access to Europe-wide heritage management networks will benefit their outcomes.
- (3) able to support national projects, if they have outcomes which are likely to have Europe-wide benefit. However, it is unable to support projects where there is a risk that one member country will be competing against another for funding, as it must act equitably for all its members.
- (4) a voluntary network, and if support is given, the nature of what can be offered is dependent on the capacity of the EAC and its individual members.
- (5) unable to provide funding to support research projects.
- (6) unable to provide work experience or student placements.

Submitting a request or enquiry

All requests should be submitted in the first instance to the Assistant: info@e-a-c.org.

All requests are considered by the Board, which meets three times a year (generally March, June and October). It is rare that the Board is able to respond to requests that have deadlines that do not accommodate this schedule.

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