

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Trans-national access will be provided to selected 'user-groups', i.e. teams of one or more researchers (users) led by a 'user group leader'. Proposals for access to ARICE Research Icebreakers will be accepted for evaluation if they meet all of the following **5 strict criteria**:

- 1. Affiliation (1):** The user group leader and the majority of the users must work in a country other than the country the requested infrastructure is based. For example, a user group leader (or Principal Investigator) working at a Swedish institution is entitled to apply for ship-time in the frame of ARICE on all of the listed ARICE vessels except the IB Oden, as IB Oden belongs to a Swedish institution. This requirement ensures that access to RV and equipment is transnational. This applies to all kinds of user groups involved in the access (applicants, embarked team and remote users).
- 2. Affiliation (2):** The PI of a proposal and the designated cruise leader (Chief scientist of the embarked team) should be affiliated to the same institution.
- 3. International cooperation:** proposals must involve at least three partners from three different countries. This requirement supports the spirit of international cooperation and opens opportunities to newcomers. Larger partnerships are encouraged as applicants, as embarked scientific party and as well for the remote data treatment and exploitation.
- 4. Training:** Proposals must include an advanced training or educational programme for early career scientists or technicians.
- 5. Dissemination:** Only user groups that are entitled to and willing to disseminate the knowledge they will generate under the project are eligible to benefit from access free of charge to the infrastructures under the ARICE flag, unless the users are working for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). User groups must agree to comply with the ARICE data policy.

The non-fulfilment of any of the previous criteria implies the non-acceptance of the proposal for further evaluation.

NOTE: at least 80% of the total units of access provided by the project ARICE will be granted to parties with the majority of the users (for each of the user groups involved in the access) working in an institution established in a EU or associated country¹.

Access for user groups with a PI and majority of users not working in a EU or H2020 associated country is limited to 20% of the total units of access provided by the project ARICE (thus, maximum one proposal will be granted to these parties within the project life).

¹ Legal entities from Associated Countries can participate under the same conditions as legal entities from the Member States. As of 01 January 2017, the following countries are associated to Horizon 2020: Iceland, Norway, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Israel, Moldova, Switzerland, Faroe Islands, Ukraine, Tunisia, Georgia, Armenia.