

The European Fund for Displaced Scientists (EFDS) Programme

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2ND CONFERENCE ON THE UKRAINE CRISIS
One Year of War in Ukraine, Exploring the Impact
on the Science Sector and Supporting Initiatives

OUR PRIORITIES



More than
50
academies

from over
40
countries in
Europe

Serving European Academies
and Facilitating Cooperation

1 |

Shaping the Conditions
for Research

2 |

Providing Scientific
Advice to Policy and
Society

3 |

Facilitating Good
Research Practice

4 |

National and
regional

Learned societies,
think tanks and
research performing
organisations

5 | **Defending** Academic
Freedom and Trustworthy
Science

6 | **Strengthening** Diversity and
Inclusivity

7 | **Thinking** and Acting Globally

Promoting science as a global public good

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The European Federation of
Academies of Sciences and
Humanities

Interdisciplinarity | Excellence | Independence

ALLEA Response to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine



25 February 2022: [Statement in support of Ukraine](#), its citizens, and academic institutions.



04 March 2022: [Second statement](#) announcing the suspension of membership of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.



ALLEA Response to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine



March 2022:

- *Portal Support for Ukraine*
- Partnered with the [Breakthrough Prize Foundation](#) to support scholars and scientific institutions impacted by the war in Ukraine (*EFDS*)



Immediately established partnerships and participated in initiatives by the international scientific community:

- The 10-Point [Action Plan to Support Ukrainian Academic System](#)
- The [Ukraine Science Stakeholder Group / First Conference](#) 'The Ukraine Crisis: Responses from the European Higher Education and Research Sectors'



European Fund for Displaced Scientists (EFDS): An Overview

- ALLEA-Breakthrough Prize Foundation Partnership
- to support scholars and scientific institutions impacted by the war in Ukraine
- launched in March 2022 as an immediate response to the crisis
- operates through two different funding lines

Funding Line 1

Funding to *academic institutions* based in a Council of **Europe** country *to host scholars* displaced by the war in Ukraine
(to set up new or maintain existing positions)

up to **€25,000** up to 12 months

244 applications from

23 European countries

Funding Line 2

Funding to affected *Ukrainian universities, academies, and research institutes* to maintain their operations and rebuild their scientific facilities and research collaborations

up to **€75,000** up to 12 months

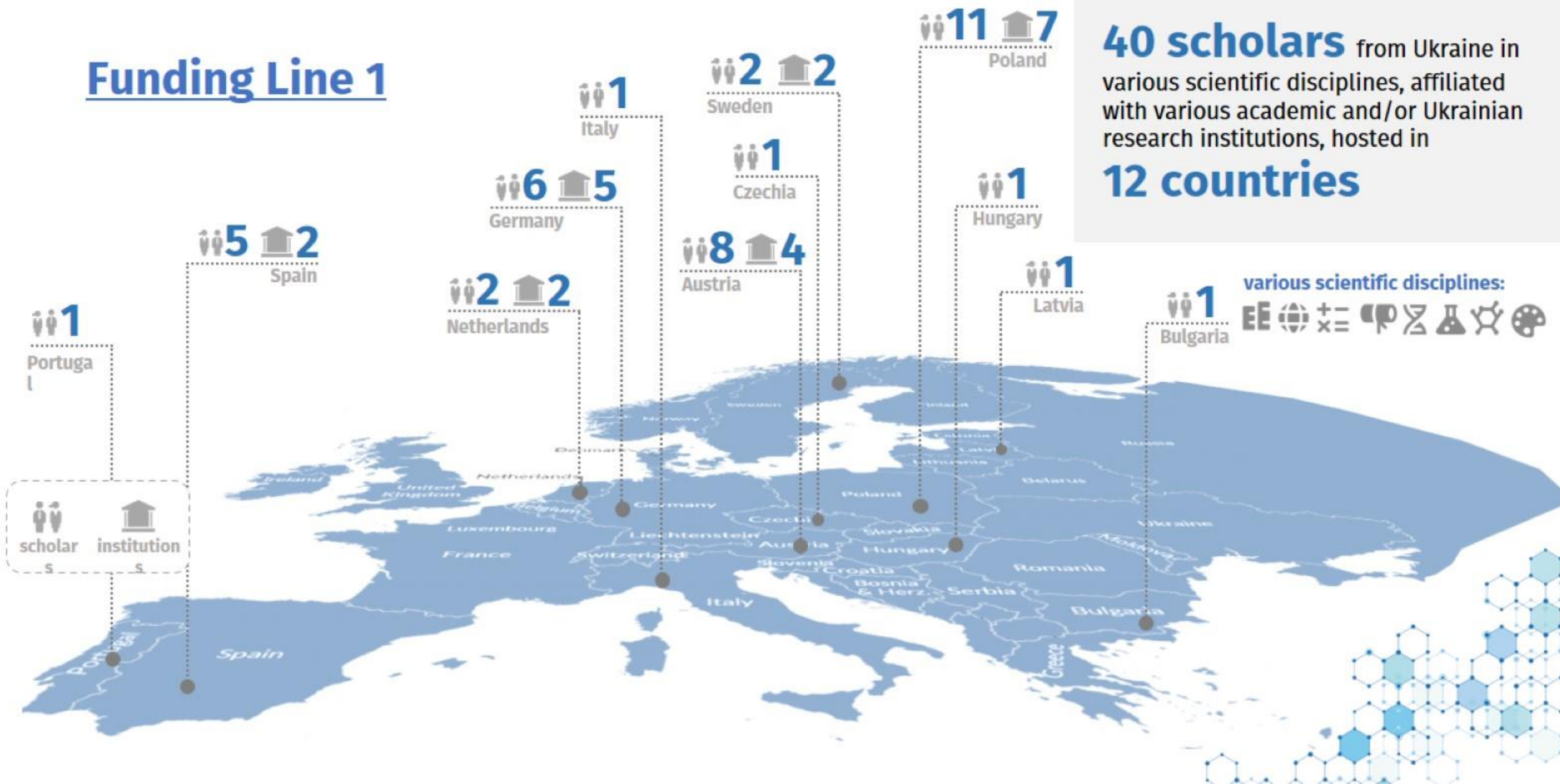
105 applications from

89 institutions within Ukraine



European Fund for Displaced Scientists (EFDS) Results

Funding Line 1



European Fund for Displaced Scientists (EFDS) Results

Funding Line 2

7 institutions / 98 scholars

from both universities and academies receive support to continue their work in Ukraine. Funds go toward supporting staff (incl. young scientists) and to purchasing critical research equipment and materials.



7



98

institutions

scholars



Top 3 Lessons Learned

High demand for EFDS support
and that of similar programmes
(from various countries,
academic backgrounds, and
disciplines)

An **even more urgent need**
to support scholars who remain
in the country
(brain-drain prevention
is important!)

Importance of **creating resilience**
*(by retaining scholars within the
state-of-the-art science system,
preventing internal and external
brain-drain, and ensuring that they
will be able to contribute to
reviving the sciences after the war)*



Assessment

Monitoring

Looking forward

- Stronger cooperation/ networking between institutions, to share best practice and exchange experience, avoid duplication and create synergies
(ALLEA inter-academy exchange)
- Design support schemes in light of evolving situation: focus on supporting scientific activities IN Ukraine
- Importance of open access to educational and research resources
(ALLEA Open Access Task Force)
- Importance of crisis management knowledge and skills in times of crisis
(ALLEA's lead on SAPEA project on Strategic Crisis Management in the EU)





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