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TWINNING 2023 CALL AND EVALUATORS' MOST FREQUENT COMMENTS

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WORK PROGRAMME WIDERA 2023 – 2024

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- WP parts:

- ➔ Introduction: Overall description of common policy objectives and rationale based on the specific programme and strategic plan (**description of key objectives**)
- ➔ **Destination 1: Improved access to excellence**
 - Introduction including **Expected impacts**
 - **Calls (instruments) description**
- Destination 2: Attracting and mobilising the best talents
 - Introduction including Expected impacts
 - Calls (instruments) description
- Destination 3: Reforming and enhancing the EU research and innovation system
 - Introduction including 4 strands and Expected impacts
 - Call topics description
- Other actions not subject to calls for proposals (grants to identified beneficiaries, **prizes**, experts contracts, public procurement, indirect management)

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WP 2023 - 2024 KEY OBJECTIVES

1. **Encourage institutional reforms and transformation processes** of the R&I system at national and regional level in Widening countries in line with ERA principles;
2. **Mobilise national investments** in R&I capacity in Widening countries;
3. **Raise the bar for excellence** of R&I actors in Widening countries in partnership with outstanding European and international institutions ('win-win situation');
4. **Increase number of participations and success rates** of widening actors in research and innovation projects in other parts of Horizon Europe (notably in Pillars 2 and 3);
5. **Promote the creation of new innovation ecosystems** and scale up existing ones by a set of measures, which include place-based and international collaboration between academia and business in Widening countries;
6. **Foster brain circulation**, including inter-sectoral mobility for researchers and innovators and turn it into brain gain for Widening countries.

DESTINATION 1 – NINE EXPECTED IMPACTS

1. **Increased science and innovation capacity** for all actors in the R&I system in Widening countries;
2. **Structural changes** leading to modernised and more competitive R&I systems in eligible countries;
3. Reformed R&I systems and institutions leading to **increased attractiveness and retention of research talents**;
4. **Mobilisation of national and EU resources** for strategic investments;
5. **Higher participation** success in Horizon Europe and more **consortium leadership roles**;
6. Stronger links between academia and business and **improved career permeability**;
7. **Strengthened role** of the Higher Education sector in research and innovation;
8. Greater involvement of **regional actors in the R&I process**;
9. **Improved outreach** to international level for all actors.

CALLS AND DEADLINES 2023 - 2024

DESTINATION 1 (ACCESS)

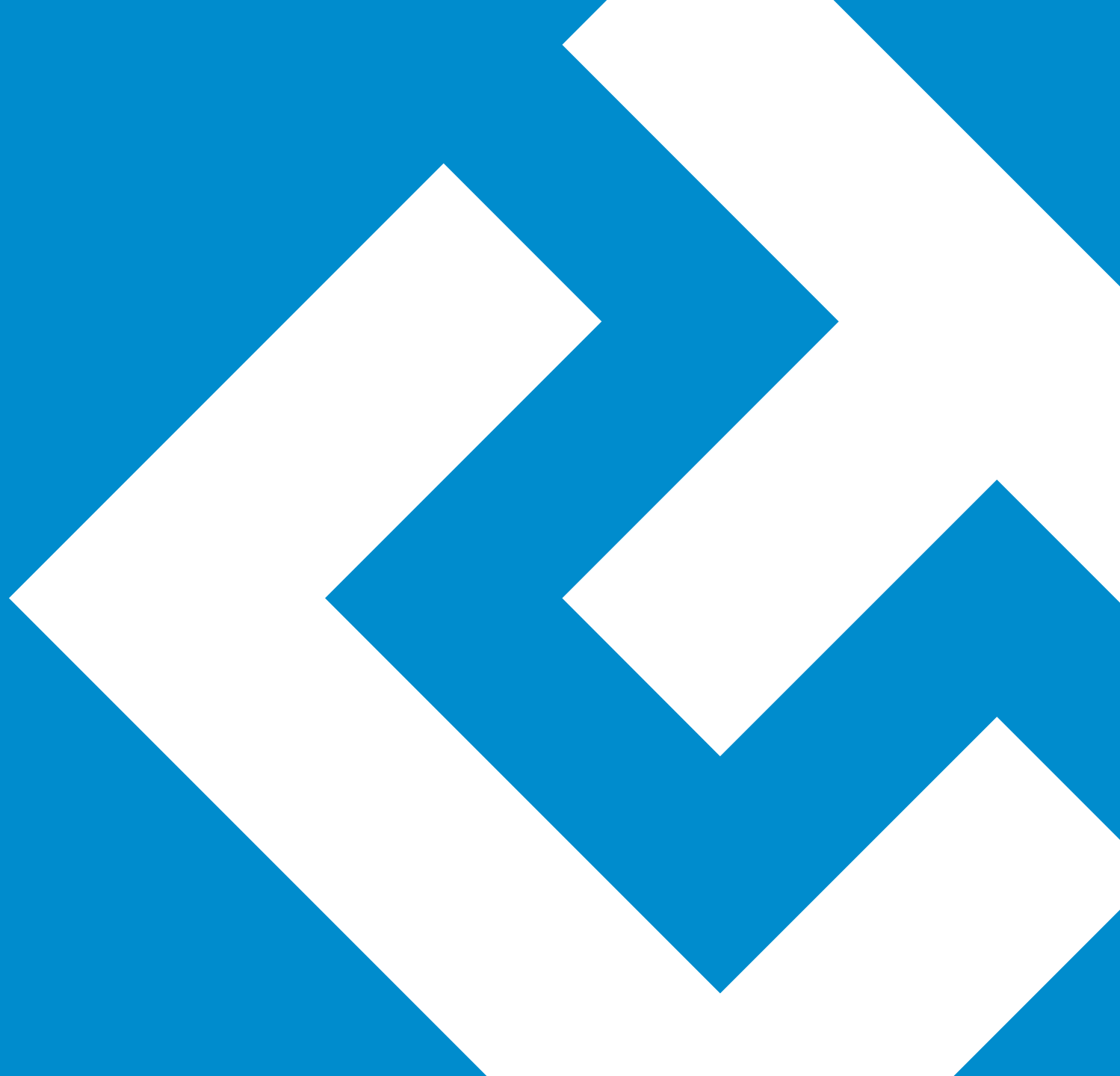
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| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01 TEAMING FOR EXCELLENCE | 12 Apr 2023 (1st stage) 07 Mar 2024 (2 nd stage) |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02 TWINNING | 28 Sep 2023 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-03 EUROPEAN EXCELENCE INITIATIVE | 12 Apr 2023 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04 PATHWAYS TO SYNERGIES | 28 Sep 2023 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-05 DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION SUPPORT FACILITY | 28 Sep 2023 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-06 HOP-ON FACILITY | 28 Sep 2023 26 Sep 2024 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07 EXCELLENCE HUBS | 07 Mar 2024 |

DESTINATION 2 (TALENTS)

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| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01 ERA CHAIRS | 07 Mar 2024 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02 ERA FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA) | 13 Sep 2023 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03 ERA FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA) | 11 Sep 2024 |
| HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-04 ERA TALENTS | 26 Sep 2024 |

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INTRODUCTION



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- Partially directional approach: proposals in line with the European Green Deal objectives have a specific budget
- Applicants have the choice to submit their proposals under either:
 - **Topic A: The (usual) Twinning Bottom-Up** (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-01) or
 - **Topic B: The Twinning Green Deal** (HORIZON-WIDERA 2023-ACCESS 02-02).
- Applicants have to choose the topic (Topic A: Bottom-up or Topic B: Green Deal) to which they are submitting their proposal and **cannot submit to both topics**
- **Both topics have the same objectives, scope and expected impact**

AIM

- To enhance networking activities between the research institutions of the Widening countries acting as co-ordinators by linking it with **at least two top-class leading research institutions from two different Member States or Associated Countries**
- To build on the huge potential of networking for excellence through **knowledge transfer and exchange of best practice** between research institutions and partners
- To help raise the research profile of the institution from the Widening country as well as the research profile of its staff including a **special focus on strengthening the research management and administrative skills**



SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY

- Participation as **coordinators** is limited to legal entities established in **Widening countries** (as defined in the Horizon Europe regulation (on Czech HE web [here](#))
- A research / innovation component **not exceeding 30% of the total HE grant** may include a R/I project; **at least 50% of the budget for R/I component** must be allocated to the coordinator
- The presence of a **gender equality plan** is an eligibility criterion

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL

- Eligible costs take the form of a **lump sum**

OTHER

- This action is open for **participation of the JRC** that can contribute specific expertise

POTENTIAL PARTNER - JRC



EC JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

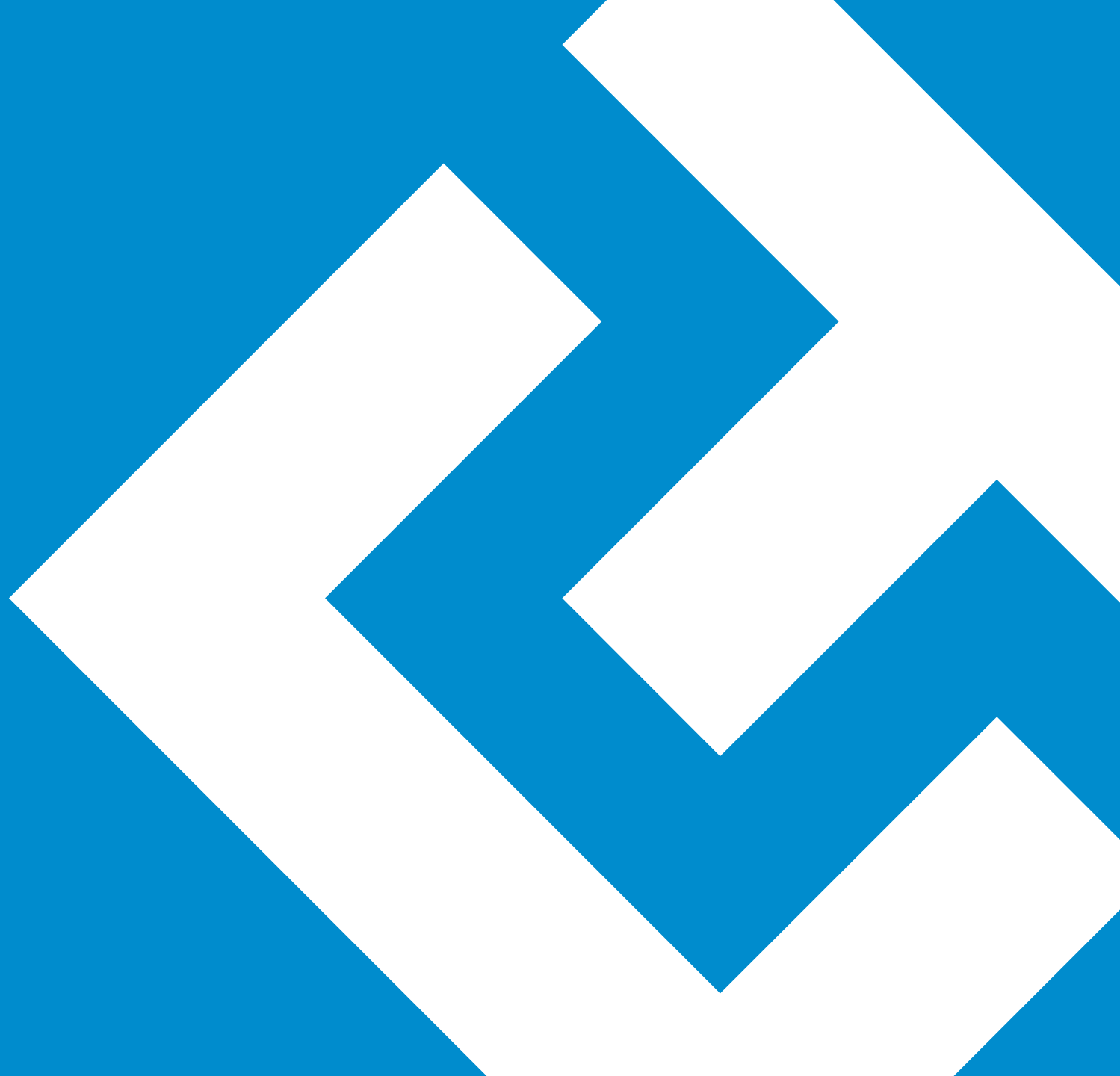
- **JRC can contribute with specific expertise**, where relevant, for:
 - development of R&I strategies depending on the R&I domain chosen by the project,
 - technology transfer and IPR management
 - linking up to regional smart specialisation strategy.
- JRC is the EC's widely recognised and independent evidence-based science and knowledge service

INFORMATION

- **How to involve JRC as a partner** - described in [General Annexes to the WP 2023-2024](#) (p. 7) and in more details in the FAQ on FTOP from 29 March 2023 ([What are the rules of the JRC's involvement in the Horizon Europe calls/topics?](#))
- **In a proposal phase, the JRC may not participate in drafting and submitting the project proposal**
- **Why to choose JRC as a partner** - evaluators pay attention to JRC involvement in the proposals submitted to the relevant calls and usually make positive comments in the Evaluation Summary Reports

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PROPOSAL CONTENT



EXPECTED OBLIGATORY OUTCOMES (5)

- **Improved excellence capacity and resources** in Widening countries enabling to close the still apparent research and innovation gap within the European Union;
- **Enhanced strategic networking activities** between the research institutions of the Widening countries and at least two internationally-leading counterparts at European Union level;
- **Raised reputation, research profile and attractiveness** of the coordinating institution from the Widening country and the research profile of its staff;
- **Strengthened research management capacities and administrative skills** of the staff working in institutions from the Widening country;
- **Improved creativity supported by development of new approaches** in Research and Innovation collaboration, increased mobility (inwards and outwards) of qualified scientists.

PROPOSAL CONTENT 1

- Clearly outline the **scientific strategy** for stepping up and stimulating scientific excellence and innovation capacity in a defined area of research and innovation as well as the scientific quality of the partners
- **Components of a scientific strategy:**
 - arrangements for formulating **new (or ongoing) joint research / innovation project(s)** in the scientific area of choice
 - **a comprehensive set of activities** to be supported (short-term staff exchanges; expert visits and short term on-site or virtual training; workshops; conference attendance; organisation of joint summer school type activities; dissemination and outreach activities) – as far as appropriate these activities should take into account the GEPs

PROPOSAL CONTENT 2

- **Focus on strengthening the research management and administration skills** of the coordinating institution (dedicated work package or task) and setting up/upgrading a research management/administration unit within the coordinating institution would be beneficial (is expected to be a concrete deliverable)
- A research / innovation component **not exceeding 30% of the total HE grant** may include a research / innovation project. **At least 50% of the budget** for the research / innovation component **must be allocated to the coordinator**. The research part of the project should be presented through **a dedicated work package and plan** including the scientific objectives, tasks and roles of the partners
- Illustrate **quantitatively and qualitatively the expected potential impact** of the twinning exercise within the coordinating institution (and possibly at regional/national level) based on indicators such as expected future publications in peer reviewed journals, collaboration agreements with businesses, IP, new innovative products or services, no. of international students, no. of women scientists and their roles in the research institutions

PROPOSAL CONTENT 3

- Describe how the **leading scientific institutions** in the partnership will contribute in terms of provision of **access to new research avenues, creativity and the development of new approaches**, as well as acting as a **source for increased mobility** (inwards and outwards) of qualified scientists and young researchers including doctoral candidates
- **Benefits for the leading scientific institutions** and the way they would materialise through the partnership should be substantiated
- Specific attention should be paid to **gender equality objectives**, in line with the organisations' commitments through their adopted gender equality plans, and in line with European Research Area (ERA) objectives, as far as appropriate.

TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION:

Possibly 8 Work Packages (5 obligatory expected outcomes + 3)

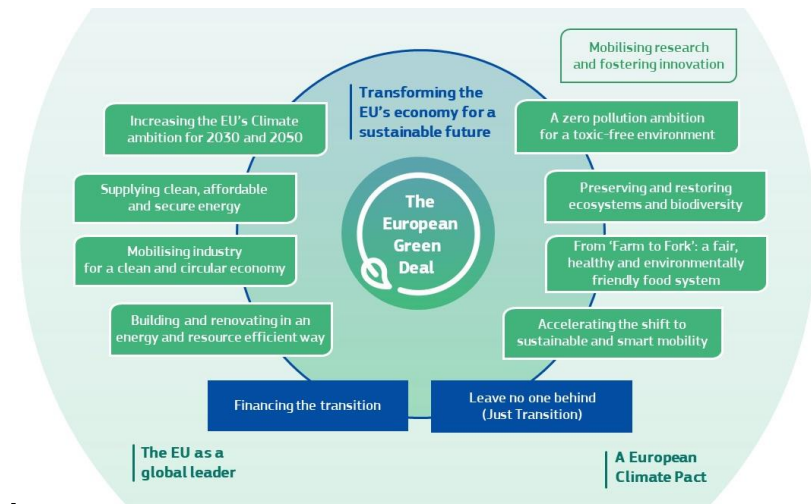
- ✓ Improved excellence capacity and resources
- ✓ Enhanced strategic networking activities
- ✓ Raised reputation, research profile and attractiveness
- ✓ Strengthened research management capacities and administrative skills
- ✓ Improved creativity (new approaches in R&I collaboration, increased mobility)
- ✓ **Management**
- ✓ **Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation**
- ✓ **Research and Innovation**

DUE TO LUMP SUM FUNDING MODEL, THE NO. OF WPs MAY BE INCREASED

TWINNING GREEN DEAL - SPECIFICITIES

- European Green Deal (EGD) considers climate change as an opportunity to build a new economic model
- All 27 EU Member States committed to turning the EU into the first climate neutral continent by 2050
- TWINNING GD: **focus on a defined area of research / innovation directly linked to at least one of the actions listed in the EGD strategy:**

- ❖ Climate research;
- ❖ Green technologies;
- ❖ Renewable energy;
- ❖ Sustainable mobility;
- ❖ Biodiversity research;
- ❖ Sustainable use of natural resources (land, water, air).



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BASIC INFORMATION

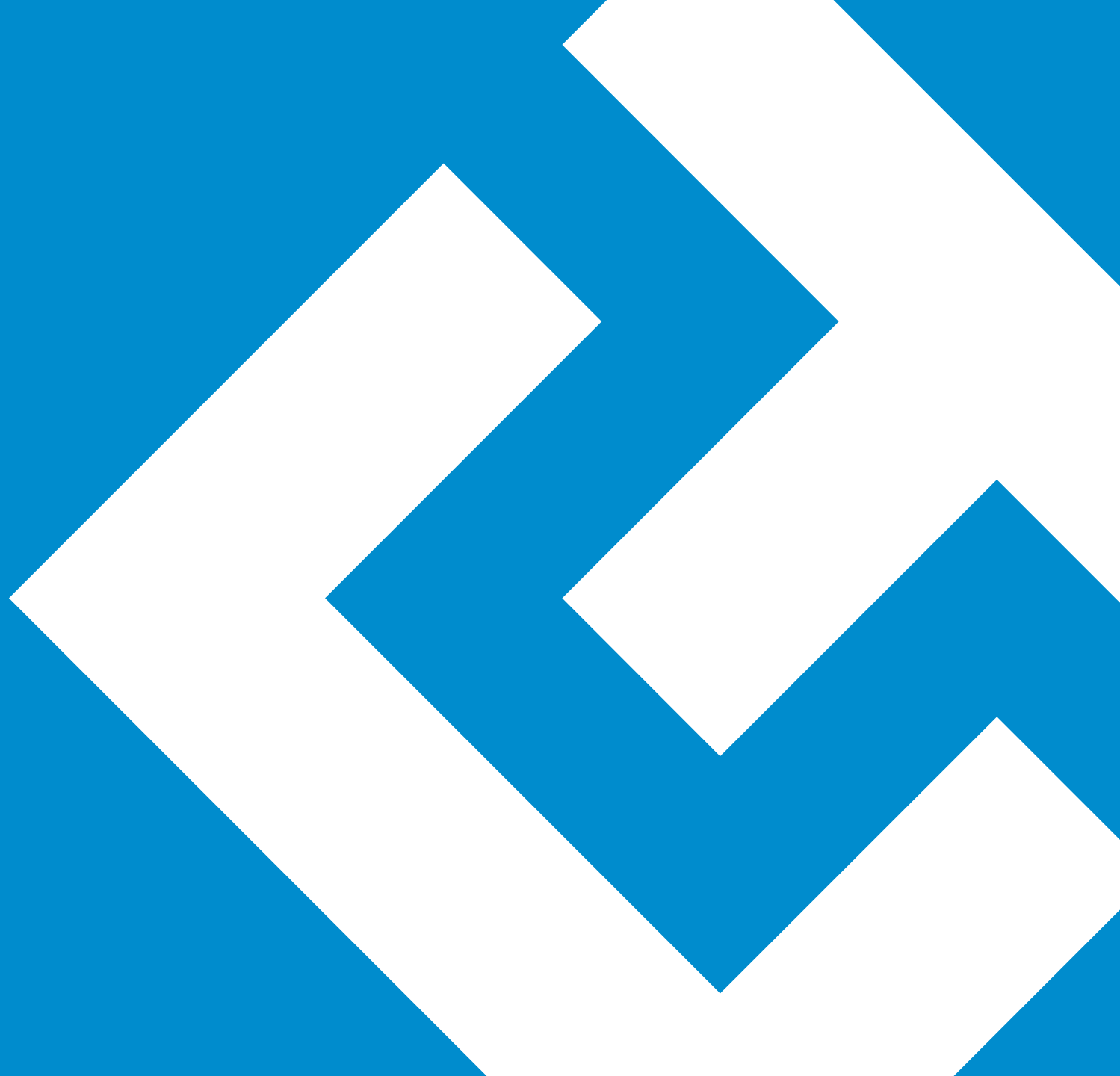
- **Chose only one topic:** **NEW**
 - Topic 02-01: TWINNING Bottom-Up
 - Topic 02-02: TWINNING Green Deal
- Both topics have the same objectives, scope and expected impacts and outcomes
- A **Research / innovation component up to 30%** may include a R&I project (dedicated WP) – **at least 50%** of the budget for the research / innovation component must be allocated to the coordinator
- **This action is open for participation of the JRC that can contribute with specific expertise**

CALL OVERVIEW

- HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02
- **Opening: 25 April 2023**
- **Deadline: 28 September 2023**
- Overall indicative budget: M€ 140 (113 – 27)
- Budget per project: M€ 0,8 – 1,5
- **Eligible costs will take the form of a lump sum**
- Project duration: up to 3 years
- Consortium: min. 1 + 2
- Expected no. of projects: 100 (80 – 20)

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PROPOSAL TEMPLATE



CSA SPECIAL TEMPLATE

30 pages limit for Part B, **33 pages**
in case of lump sum funding model

Structure of the Proposal

- **Part A** is generated by the IT system. It is based on the information entered by the participants through the submission system in the **Funding & Tenders Portal**. The participants can update the information in the submission system **at any time before final submission**
- **Part B** of the proposal is the **narrative part that includes three sections that each correspond to an evaluation criterion**. Part B needs to be uploaded as a PDF document following the templates **downloaded by the applicants in the submission system for the specific call or topic**.



Horizon Europe Programme

**Specific Application Form (HE CSA)
HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02**

Project proposal – Technical description (Part B)

**Version 1.0
14 February 2023**

ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS – PART A

ncpwideranet.eu

Administrative Forms

Part A



PART B: IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- The **structure of the template must be followed** - it has been designed to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are presented in a way that will enable the experts to make an effective assessment against the evaluation criteria (Sections 1 Excellence, 2 Impact and 3 Implementation)
- After the deadline, **excess pages** (in over-long proposals/applications) will be automatically made invisible, and will not be taken into consideration by the experts.
- The proposal is a **self-contained document** - experts are instructed to ignore hyperlinks to information that is specifically designed to expand the proposal
- **DEFINITIONS** (critical risk, deliverable, impacts, milestones, objectives, outcomes, pathway to impact, research output, results, Technology Readiness Level)

PART B: TAGS IN THE TEMPLATE

This document is tagged. Be careful not to delete the tags; they are needed for processing.

- The use of electronic tags in proposal templates has been applied at corporate level to most of the programmes funded by the European Commission.
- It aims to facilitate plagiarism checks, for purely internal processing purposes, by separating the different sections of a proposal. It has neither been used nor intended to be used during the evaluations.
- A general FAQ on the topic is planned to be published in the FTO Portal by DG RTD.
- Applicants will not be penalised in any way in case they delete a tag by mistake

PART B: STRUCTURE

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| TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL |
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List of participants (table)

- 1. Excellence**
 - 1.1 Objectives**
 - 1.2 Coordination and/or support measures and methodology**
- 2. Impact**
 - 2.1 Project's pathways towards impact**
 - 2.2 Measures to maximise impact - Dissemination, exploitation and communication**
 - 2.3 Summary KEY ELEMENT OF THE IMPACT SECTION**
- 3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation**
 - 3.1 Work plan and resources**
 - 3.2 Capacity of participants and consortium as a whole**

TABLES FOR SECTION 3.1

- Table 3.1a: List of work packages**
- Table 3.1b: Work package description**
- Table 3.1c: List of Deliverables**
- Table 3.1d: List of milestones |**
- Table 3.1e: Critical risks for implementation**
- Table 3.1f: Summary of staff effort**
- Table 3.1g: ‘Subcontracting costs’ items**
- Table 3.1h: ‘Purchase costs’ items (travel and subsistence, equipment and other goods, works and services)**
- Table 3.1i: ‘Other costs categories’ items (e.g. internally invoiced goods and services)**
- Table 3.1j: ‘In-kind contributions’ provided by third parties**
- Table 3.1k: Research Component**

TABLES - IMPORTANT CHANGES

- Table 3.1b: Work package description

Participants involved in each WP and their efforts are shown in table 3.1f. Lead participant and starting and end date of each WP are shown in table 3.1a.)

For each work package: |

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| Work package number | |
| Work package title | |

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| Objectives |
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| Description of work |
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Deliverables linked to each WP are listed in table 3.1c (no need to repeat the information here)



TABLES – MISTAKE

- Table 3.1c: List of Deliverables

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| Number | Deliverable name | Short description | Work package number | Short name of lead participant | Type | Dissemination level | Delivery date (in months) |
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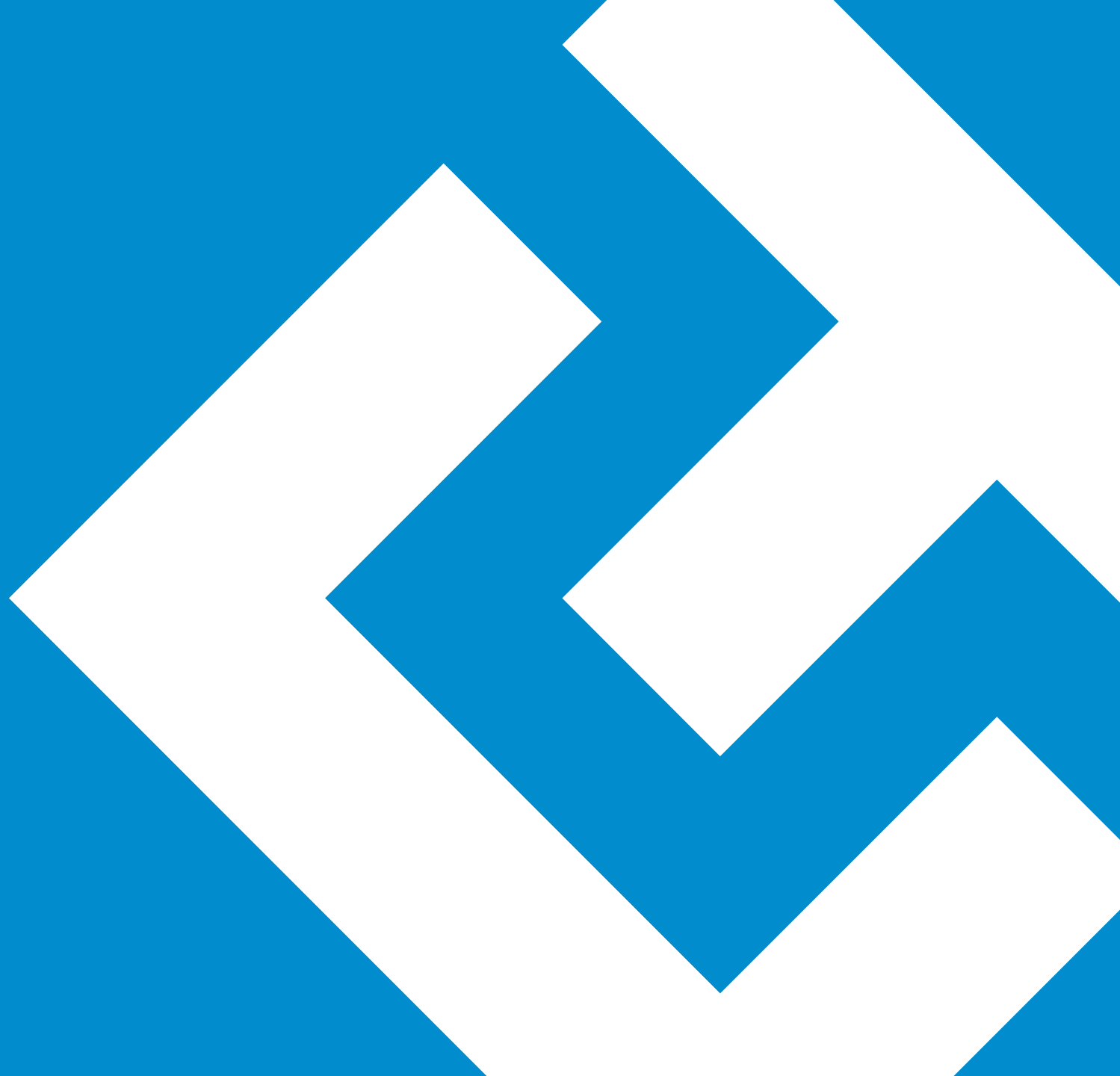
- Research Component

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| Have you included a research component in your project? | Yes/No |
| If YES | |
| Please indicate the WP and/or tasks which will be dedicated to research | |
| Please confirm that the research component does not exceed 30% of the total Horizon Europe grant amount | Yes/No |
| Please confirm that at least 50% of the research component is allocated to the coordinator | Yes/No |
| Please indicate the total amount of budget allocated to the research activities | EUR |
| Please indicate the amount of the research budget which will go to the coordinator | EUR |
| For each Beneficiary, please indicate the amount of budget allocated to research: | |
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| | Beneficiary 5 EUR |
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EVALUATORS' MOST FREQUENT
COMMENTS



EC STANDARD BRIEFING FOR EVALUATORS



ASPECTS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT 1

SECTION 1 – EXCELLENCE

■ Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives

- ✓ Are they clear and pertinent to the topic?
- ✓ Are they measurable and verifiable?
- ✓ Are they realistically achievable?
- ✓ Is the proposed work ambitious and goes beyond the state-of-the-art?

■ Quality of the proposed coordination and/or support measures including soundness of methodology

- ✓ Is the methodology (i.e. the concepts, models and assumptions that underpin the work) clear and sound?
- ✓ Has the gender dimension in research and innovation content been properly taken into account?
- ✓ Are open science practices implemented as an integral part of the proposed methodology?
- ✓ Is the research data management properly addressed?

POSITIVE COMMENTS



- Gender issues are appropriately tackled – inclusion of the ML workshop for women into the action plan is very positive
- Consortium has a very strong commitment to open science and the researchers participating in this project will be fully committed to the early and open sharing of their work
- At regular intervals, the consortium will share project outcomes and public deliverables on the European Open Science Cloud
- Proposal covers all the required outcomes through relevant activities and convincingly demonstrates the benefits of the proposed research
- High-quality research collaboration and networking activities proposed will raise the reputation, research profile and attractiveness of the coordinating institution and the research profile of its staff.
- Proposal convincingly justifies how visits and staff exchanges will enhance strategic networking activities between the coordinating institution and its internationally-leading counterparts

FREQUENT MISTAKES

- It is not clearly demonstrated that all the very ambitious goals can be fully achieved within the project's time frame, in particular the foreseen substantial increases in the numbers of international students, women in the topic, proposal submissions, European patent application and submitted papers
- Gender equality or sustainable development objectives are not adequately addressed. The potential impacts on female staff are unclear as well as the number of female staff profiting from the training and mobility
- There are no clear plans for the continuation of the scientific and technological collaboration and joint research beyond the project duration
- Except for the theoretical training courses, it lacks definitions and does not sufficiently elaborate on the contents, purpose or timing of the activities proposed
- Proposal reveals very wide range of interests but the means by which the objectives will be measured and verified are not clearly presented
- Proposed methodology is insufficiently elaborated and lacks comprehensively integrated workflow of activities

ASPECTS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT 2

SECTION 2 - IMPACT

■ Proposed pathways towards impact

- ✓ Is the contribution of the project towards the 1) expected outcomes of the topic and 2) the wider impacts, in the longer term, as specified in the respective destinations of the WP, credible?
- ✓ Are potential barriers to the expected outcomes and impacts identified and mitigation measures proposed? Is the management of the potential negative impacts properly described?
- ✓ Are the scale and significance of the project's contribution to the expected outcomes and impacts estimated and quantified (including baselines, benchmarks and assumptions used for those estimates)?

■ Measures to maximise impact – Dissemination, exploitation and communication (DEC)

- ✓ Are the proposed DEC measures suitable for the project and of good quality? All measures should be proportionate to the scale of the project, and should contain concrete actions to be implemented both during and after the end of the project.
- ✓ Are the target groups (e.g. scientific community, end users, financial actors, public at large) for these measures identified?
- ✓ Is the strategy for the management of IP outlined and suitable to support exploitation of results?

POSITIVE EVALUATORS COMMENTS



- Positive impacts on both the research profile and the attractiveness of the Widening institution are clearly presented and properly quantified using credible KPIs
- A large number of young and experienced researchers from all partner institutions are involved in the different activities, which promises dynamic exchange and an impact at the international and regional scale
- A list of credible pathways towards impact is correlated with expected outcomes to be achieved, which are specified in the Excellence section
- To ensure the credibility of the envisaged pathways towards impact targets, the project adopts a coherent set of KPIs for measuring impact
- Main target of these pathways is the coordination institution
- Pathways aim at increasing science and innovation capacity, structural changes leading to a modernized and more competitive institution, increasing attractiveness and retention of research talent, increasing participation success in HE and consortium leadership roles and improving outreach at an international scale

FREQUENT MISTAKES

- Pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme are not convincingly demonstrated and supported
- There are no clear plans for the continuation of the scientific and technological collaboration and joint research beyond the project duration.
- Dissemination plan has been presented without adequate identification of quantitative performance indicators or specific target audiences
- Insufficient quantitative indicators have been provided on the expected potential impact within the coordinating institution on future publications in peer reviewed journals, collaboration agreements with businesses or intellectual property, new innovative products or services
- How the proposal will impact management capacities and skills of the staff working in institutions from the Widening country and how they will increase the mobility of qualified scientists is lacking details
- There is insufficient information about the strategic networking activities and how these will enhance the proposal's impact

ASPECTS TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT 3

SECTION 3 - IMPLEMENTATION

■ Proposed work plan, effort and resources

- ✓ Is the work plan of good quality and effective?
- ✓ Does it include quantified information so that progress can be monitored?
- ✓ Does it follow a logic structure (for example regarding the timing of work packages)?
- ✓ Are the resources allocated to the work packages in line with their objectives and deliverables?
- ✓ Are critical risks, relating to project implementation, identified and proper risk mitigation measures proposed?

■ Quality of participants and the consortium as a whole

- ✓ Does the consortium match the project's objectives, and bring together the necessary knowledge?
- ✓ Does the consortium include expertise in open science practices, and gender aspects of R&I?
- ✓ Are the participants complementing one another?
- ✓ In what way does each of them contribute to the project? Does each of them have a valid role, and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role?

POSITIVE EVALUATORS COMMENTS



- Overall structure of the work plan is aligned with the proposal's objectives, the Gantt and Pert charts clearly depict the proposal activities and the work package interdependencies and relationships are well displayed
- Training courses and summer schools are particularly well planned and the timing and duration of various tasks appear credible
- Work programme is realistic and the allocated time is reasonable, work package objectives are clearly formulated and the description of the tasks is appropriate
- Each partner has adequate role in the project

FREQUENT MISTAKES

- Work package on research has a limited amount of person months for the advanced partners, which slightly lowers the credibility of their undertaking the lead of the assigned tasks
- Measures to improve current management practices at the coordinating partner lack detail
- Quality and effectiveness of the proposed work plan are insufficiently described, and the timing of the work packages is not clearly presented in the Gantt chart
- Research part of the project is not comprehensively elaborated in a dedicated work package, including the scientific objectives, tasks and roles of the partners
- Milestones are consistent with the research and development tasks but they do not cover the other elements of the proposal
- Measures to improve current management practices at the coordinating partner lack detail.
- Details are lacking on the qualified administrative personnel from the leading institutions that will be capable of providing complementary experience in order to enhance the administrative and business management skills and the marketable prospects of the staff at the coordinating institution

REA RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUALITY PROPOSAL PREPARATION (INCLUDING THE LINKS TO BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS) FROM 9 FEBRUARY 2023



TWINNING FAQs ON FTOP

- ❖ **Under the topic HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02-01 Twinning Bottom-Up can a proposal outline several defined areas of research or is it necessary to outline one defined area of research in one proposal?**

A Twinning Bottom-Up proposal must outline one defined area of research that can be multidisciplinary. There is no restriction on the choice of the area of research.

- ❖ **Under the topics HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02-01 and HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02-02, how are gender aspects/gender equality objectives evaluated?**

If a research component has been included in the proposal and gender is relevant to the scientific topic of the research, then the gender dimension will be evaluated under the Excellence criteria. As gender aspects/gender equality objectives are closely linked to the adoption of the GAP of the organisation and these action plans are not part of the proposals, the evaluators are not expected to evaluate the policy equality objectives and proposals should not be penalized for the absence of these aspects. If however, a proposal contains an explanation on these gender aspects/gender equality objectives, they can be taken into account if their evaluation is positive.

TWINNING FAQs ON FTOP

- ❖ **Under the topic HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02-02 Twinning Green Deal, what are the areas of research to be funded?**

With regard to the Twinning Green Deal, climate change is the biggest challenge and the European Green Deal considers it an opportunity to build a new economic model.

The Twinning Green Deal will therefore focus on a defined area of research / innovation directly linked to at least one of the actions listed in the European Green Deal strategy notably:

- Climate research;

- Green technologies;

- Renewable energy;

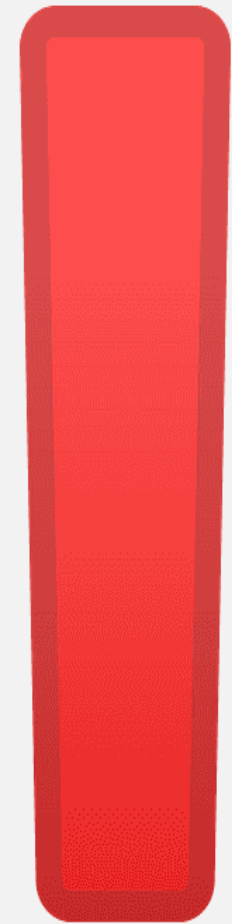
- Sustainable mobility;

- Biodiversity research;

- Sustainable use of natural resources (land, water, air).

DO NOT FORGET

- Illustrate **quantitatively and qualitatively** the expected potential impact of the project and its expected results in terms of new local and international research and innovation partnerships, institutional and/or R&I system changes (various levels), increased research intensity (i.e. new scientific publications directly linked to the project's area, protected IPR)
- Proposals are encouraged to **choose any additional relevant indicators** that will be used for measuring the impacts achieved.
- Specific attention should be paid to **gender equality objectives**, in line with the organisations' commitments through their adopted gender equality plans, and in line with ERA objectives.
- Evaluators expect **creativity and Innovative approaches**



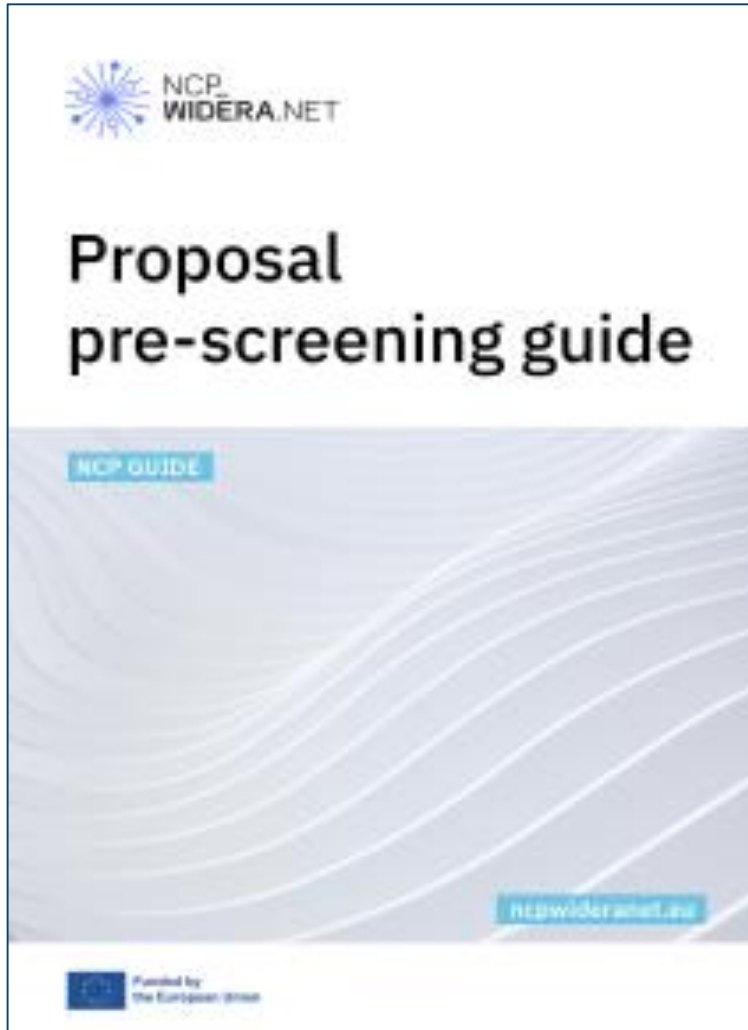
RECOMMENDATIONS 1

- **Describe the current status quo in your institution – bear in mind that a SWOT analysis is the basis of a good proposal**
- **Be self-critical and concentrate on the weaknesses and threats as these are the main reason why you prepare the proposal**
- Do not forget to take them fully into account in the Work plan, in the Work packages, tasks etc.
- Objectives must correspond to the text of the call and to the introduction of the Work Programme, the main objective and specific objectives must be well described
- Text should clear and concise, use simple short sentences, avoid buzzwords and unnecessary words, do not repeat passages and use short paragraphs – help the evaluators to orientate easily in the text
- **Choose catchy acronym and title, and pay attention to the formulation of the abstract**
- Describe the linkages or interconnectedness with national and regional RIS3 and other strategies
- Communication and dissemination: provide detailed info on activities targeting different stakeholder groups, organise a press conference (WP C&D) as a side event to the project kick off meeting (WP Management)
- **DO NOT CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE TEMPLATE and use the terminology of the call**

RECOMMENDATIONS 2

- Citation of international sources – limit references to national studies and projects (if they are only in Czech)
- Bear in mind that this is an administrative submission, and not a scientific publication – use more journalistic style and always have the proposal read by someone outside the consortium (colleagues, NCPs...)
- Limit the use of abbreviations
- Refer to important documents – EU or global strategies
- Updated website of the institution (at least basic English version necessary – European and international R&I projects in which your institution participated should be easily searchable)
- Stress the added value of the project to your region, country, EU and even the world 😊
- **Download the CSA template immediately after the submission system is opened**
- **Start with the proposal writing ASAP**
- **DO NOT FORGET that the lump sum funding model is more time consuming for preparation and requires more details – start working on the budget at an early stage**

PROPOSAL PRE-SCREENING GUIDE



NEW SERVICE !!!

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For coordinators and WP leaders from
Widening countries

NEW SERVICE FOR APPLICANTS



Welcome to [wideraexperts.eu](https://www.ncpwideranet.eu/wideraexperts/)!

- It's a free-of-charge matchmaking portal for international experts and Widening countries applicants. The aim is to support the applicants (coordinators or WP leaders) from Widening countries who plan to submit proposals within the Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters and EIC Pathfinder schemes under the Horizon Europe programme.
- The portal is created and managed by the NCP_WIDERA.NET consortium of National Contact Points.
- More information can be found on the project's web <https://www.ncpwideranet.eu/wideraexperts/>

FREE PROPOSAL CHECK FOR COORDINATORS



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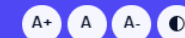
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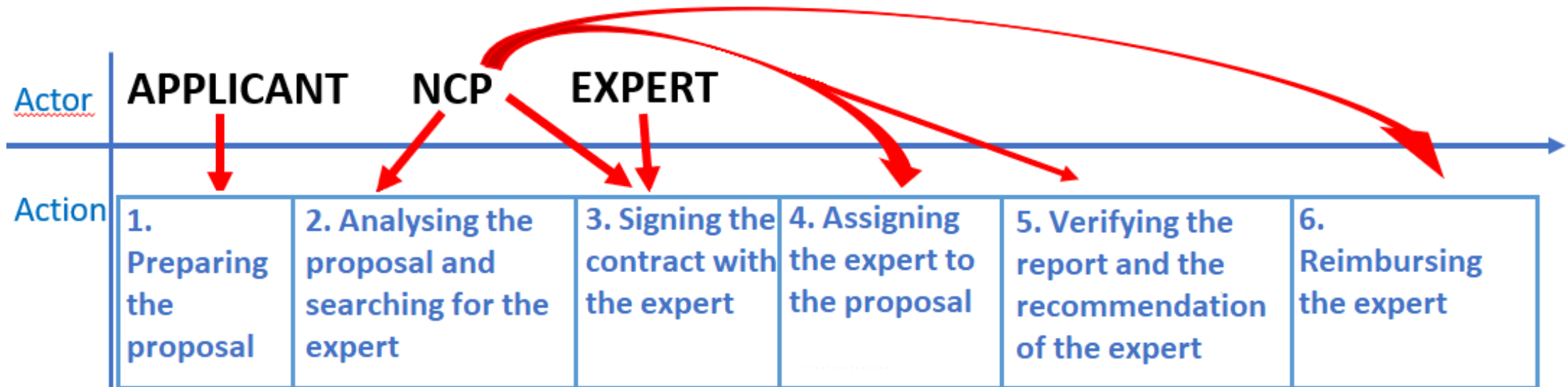


INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS



- Applicant – a representative of an institution/company who creates an account in wideraexperts.eu portal and submits an application in order to receive an information (provided by an expert selected through the portal) in case a modification of the documents is needed to increase the probability of success of the proposal for the Horizon Europe call.
- The applicant should therefore:
 1. Register in the wideraexperts.eu portal,
 2. Prepare the proposal,
 3. Receive the pre-screening service from the expert,
 4. Accepts the recommendation,
 5. Complete the service questionnaire, which enables the NCP to assess the compatibility of the expert's service in accordance with the contract agreed between the expert and the NCP overseeing the ongoing pre-screening proces,
 6. Evaluate the expert so that the NCP can assess whether the expert's profile on the portal adequately reflects the level of the expert's services.

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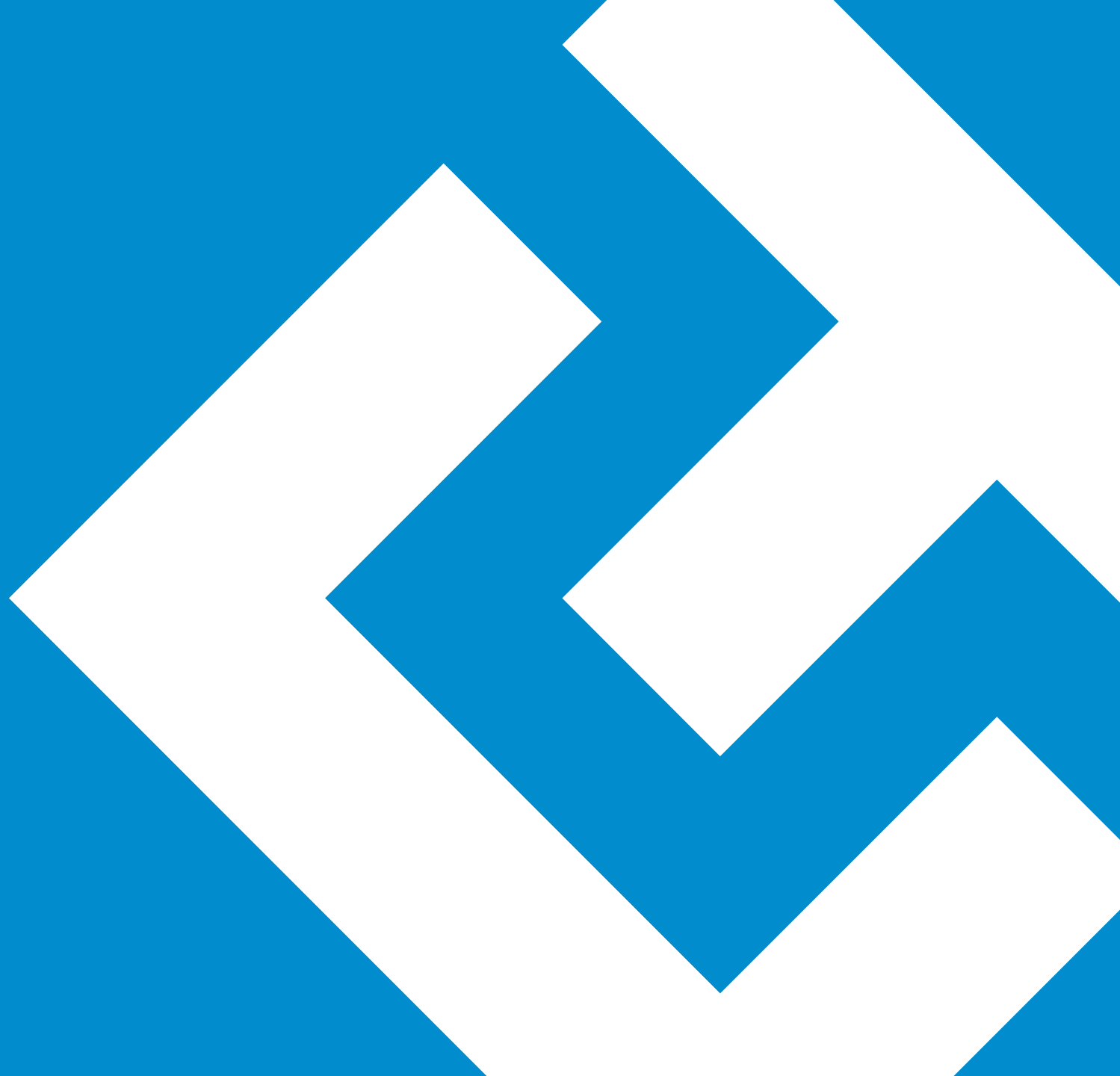
LOOKING FOR EXPERTS



- Experts **from any country** with a high level of expertise in the fields that correspond to the following parts of the Horizon Europe programme:
 - **Pillar 2: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness**
 - Health
 - Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
 - Civil Security for Society
 - Digital, Industry and Space
 - Climate, Energy and Mobility
 - Food, Bio-economy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
 - **Pillar 3: European Innovation Council**
 - EIC Pathfinder Open
 - EIC Pathfinder Challenges
 - **Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area**
 - Widening participation and spreading excellence
 - Reforming and enhancing the European Research and Innovation system
- **It is a paid role (EUR 600 gross per proposal) - excellent command of English is mandatory**

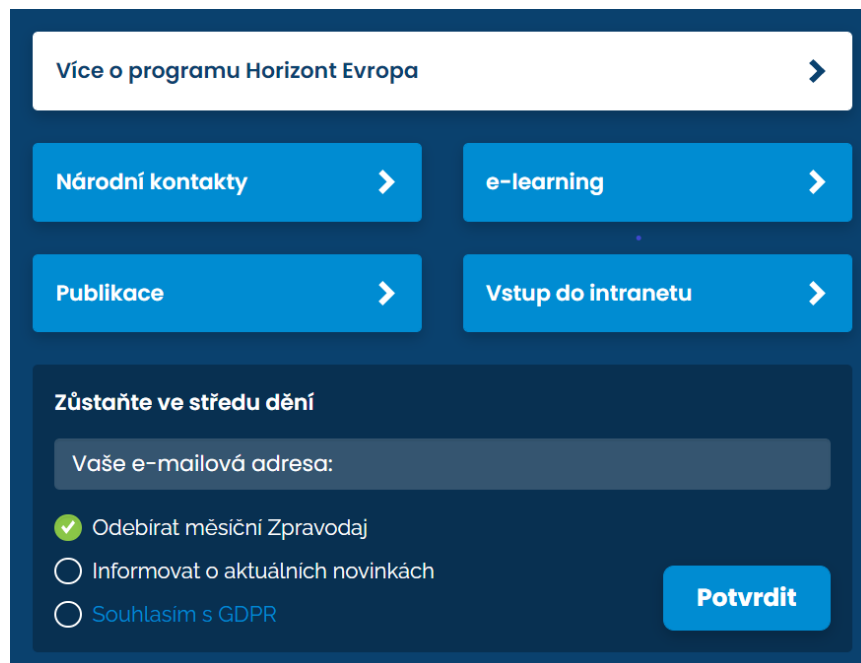
INFORMATION SOURCES

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INFORMATION SOURCES – CZECH PORTAL

- Publikace a e-learning na českém portálu Horizont Evropa <https://www.horizontevropa.cz/cs>
 - **Publikace** (Pravidla financování projektů, leták k nástrojům Widening, Výkladový slovník vybraných pojmů atd.)
 - **E-learning** (Genderové aspekty v projektech, Jak vytvořím projektový návrh, Třetí strany atd.)



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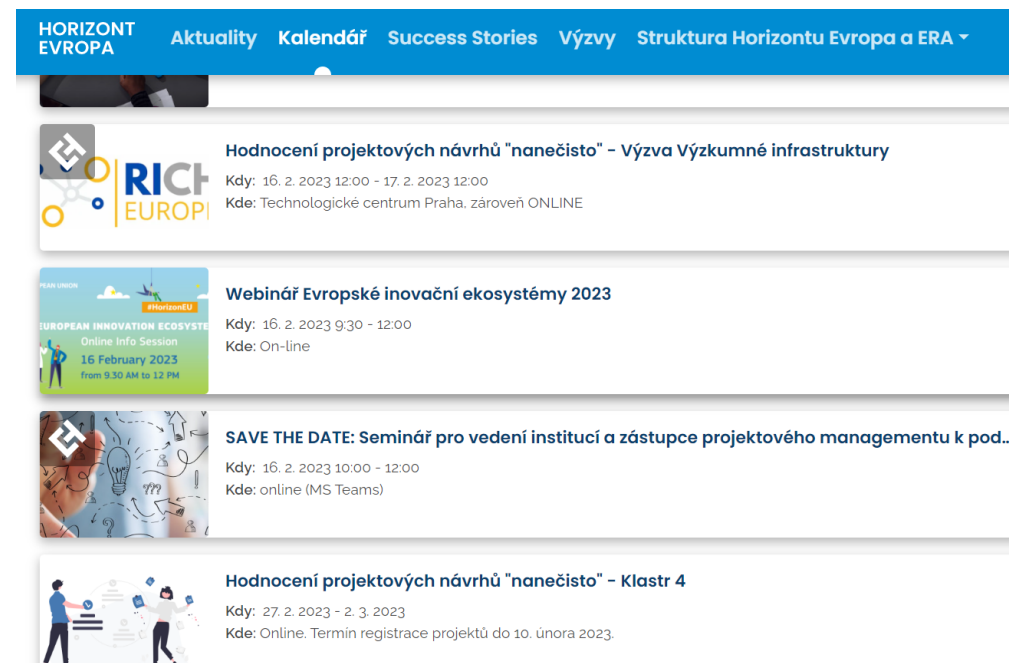
Vaše e-mailová adresa:

Odebírat měsíční Zpravodaj

Informovat o aktuálních novinkách

Souhlasím s GDPR

Potvrdit



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Hodnocení projektových návrhů "nanečisto" – Výzva Výzkumné infrastruktury
Kdy: 16. 2. 2023 12:00 - 17. 2. 2023 12:00
Kde: Technologické centrum Praha, zároveň ONLINE

Webinář Evropské inovační ekosystémy 2023
Kdy: 16. 2. 2023 9:30 - 12:00
Kde: On-line

SAVE THE DATE: Seminář pro vedení institucí a zástupce projektového managementu k pod...
Kdy: 16. 2. 2023 10:00 - 12:00
Kde: online (MS Teams)

Hodnocení projektových návrhů "nanečisto" – Klastř 4
Kdy: 27. 2. 2023 - 2. 3. 2023
Kde: Online. Termin registrace projektů do 10. února 2023.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- **EC dedicated web page on Lump sum funding in Horizon Europe**

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/horizon/lump-sum>

- **Lump Sum Funding in Horizon Europe: How does it work? How to write a proposal?**

11 May 2023, 10:00 – 12:00, main focus of the meeting is on how lump sum funding works and what to consider when writing a lump sum proposal.

- **PREZENTACE a ZÁZNAM ze semináře TC Praha k financování Lump sum, 2. 2. 2023**

<https://www.horizontevropa.cz/cs/kalendar/yiifcalendarevent/569/prezentace-a-zaznam-ze-seminare-k...>

- **CORDIS** (project basic data including abstracts and objectives, reporting and results)

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Requirements

Beneficiaries of Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 funding must carry out activities to increase the impact of their project results:

- They must share research results with the scientific community, commercial players, civil society and policymakers ('dissemination').
- They must also take action to use their project results for commercial purposes, to tackle societal problems or in policymaking ('exploitation').

Dissemination and exploitation are a requirement as per your grant agreement, in addition to your communication activities. Check our [quick guide on communication, dissemination and exploitation](#)

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Free-of-charge dissemination and exploitation services

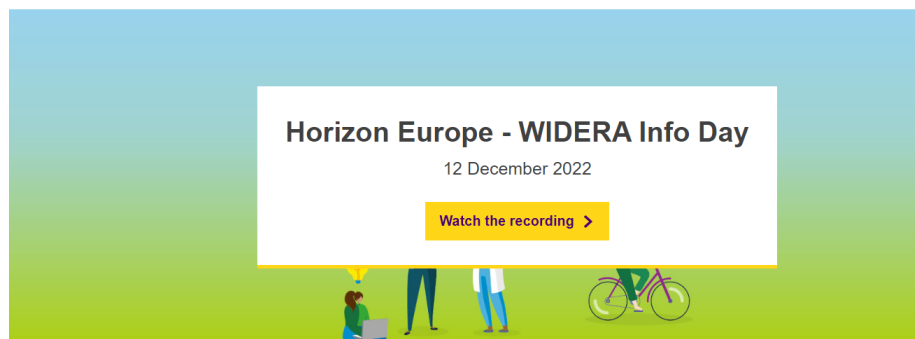
The European Commission offers various free-of-charge services to support your dissemination and exploitation activities:

[Open Research Europe platform](#): An open access, publishing platform for scientific papers for Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries, including an open peer review and article revision.

[Horizon Results platform](#): A platform for showcasing your research results, finding collaboration opportunities and getting inspired by the results of others.

INFORMATION SOURCES – EC REA

Horizon Europe: Widening participation and spreading excellence



Under Horizon Europe, the European Commission funds research and innovation projects to strengthen research and innovation across Europe.

The "[Widening participation and spreading excellence](#)" sub-programme ^(EN) contributes to building research and innovation capacity for countries lagging behind, in line with the policy objectives of the [European Research Area](#) ^(EN).

Funding opportunities

Teaming for Excellence

Submit your proposal by 12 April 2023

Pathways to synergies

Next call for proposals opens on 28 March 2023

Excellence Hubs

Next call for proposals opens on 28 September 2023

Twinning

Next call for proposals opens on 25 April 2023

Dissemination and Exploitation Support Facility

Next call for proposals opens on 26 April 2023

ERA Chairs

Next call for proposals opens on 28 September 2023

European Excellence Initiative

Submit your proposal by 12 April 2023

Hop-on facility

Submit your proposal by 28 September 2023

ERA Fellowships

Next call for proposals opens on 11 April 2023

Apply for funding

Who should apply

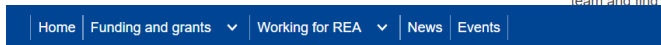
Information on how to compose your project team and find partners

How to apply

Overview of the application process and what types of projects can be funded

Support for applicants

Resources and contact points to help you prepare your proposal



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