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# European Excellence Initiative A4L\_BRIDGE project

# Supported activities in EEI – your guide to proposal

- Sharing R&I capacities including infrastructures
- Developing joint interdisciplinary R&I agendas – *joint projects between partners*
- Outreach to local innovation ecosystems – *collaborative projects with industry*
- Strengthening research careers and interdisciplinary upskilling
- Reforming research assessment
- Digitisation of partners
- Engaging with citizens, cities, regions and non-academic actors
- Training for R&I management including IPR
- Exchange of academic and non-academic staff for sharing good practice
- Consolidation of collaboration with third countries

# Alliance4Life\_BRIDGE project (GA 101136453)

- Project title: **Alliance4Life Bridging the Research and Innovation Gap in Life Sciences**
- Coordinator: Masaryk University CEITEC
- Starting date: 1st March 2024; Duration: 48 months
- Budget: 4 722 788 EUR; Consortium: 13 partners from 12 countries
- Project website: [www.alliance4life.eu](http://www.alliance4life.eu); Twitter account: Alliance4Life\_EU



The mission of the A4L\_BRIDGE project is to contribute to **bridging the gap in research and innovation performance in the EU** through **modernising higher education in R&I dimension** on health research-performing institutions within the established strategic partnership of the Alliance for Life Sciences (Alliance4Life).

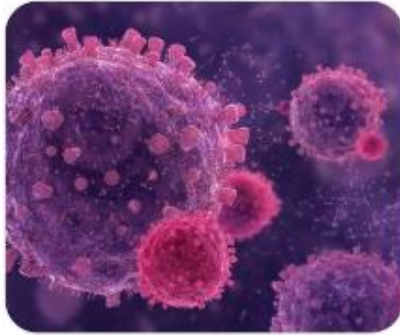
Masaryk University (CEITEC), International Clinical Research Centre (ICRC), Biomedical center of Slovak Academy of Sciences (BMC SAV), Medical university in Lodz (MUL), University of Zagreb School of Medicine (UZSM), University of Tartu (UT), Vilnius University (VU), Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis (LIOS), University of Ljubljana (UL), Semmelweis University (SU), Medical University of Sofia (MUS), Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy (UMFCD), CrowdHelix (CDH)

# Strength of an established alliance





# A4L\_BRIDGE OBJECTIVES



## Research Excellence

WP1  
WP2

## Modernised Careers

WP3  
WP4  
WP5  
WP6  
WP7  
WP8

## Research and Industry Collaboration

WP5  
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WP8  
WP9  
WP10

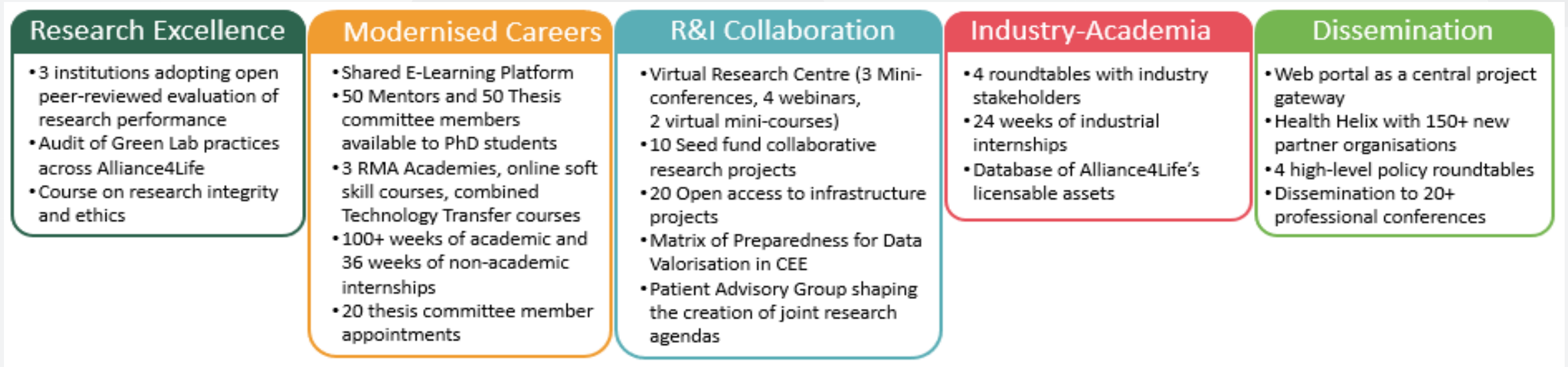
## Industry Relationships

WP11  
WP12

## Outreach and Dissemination

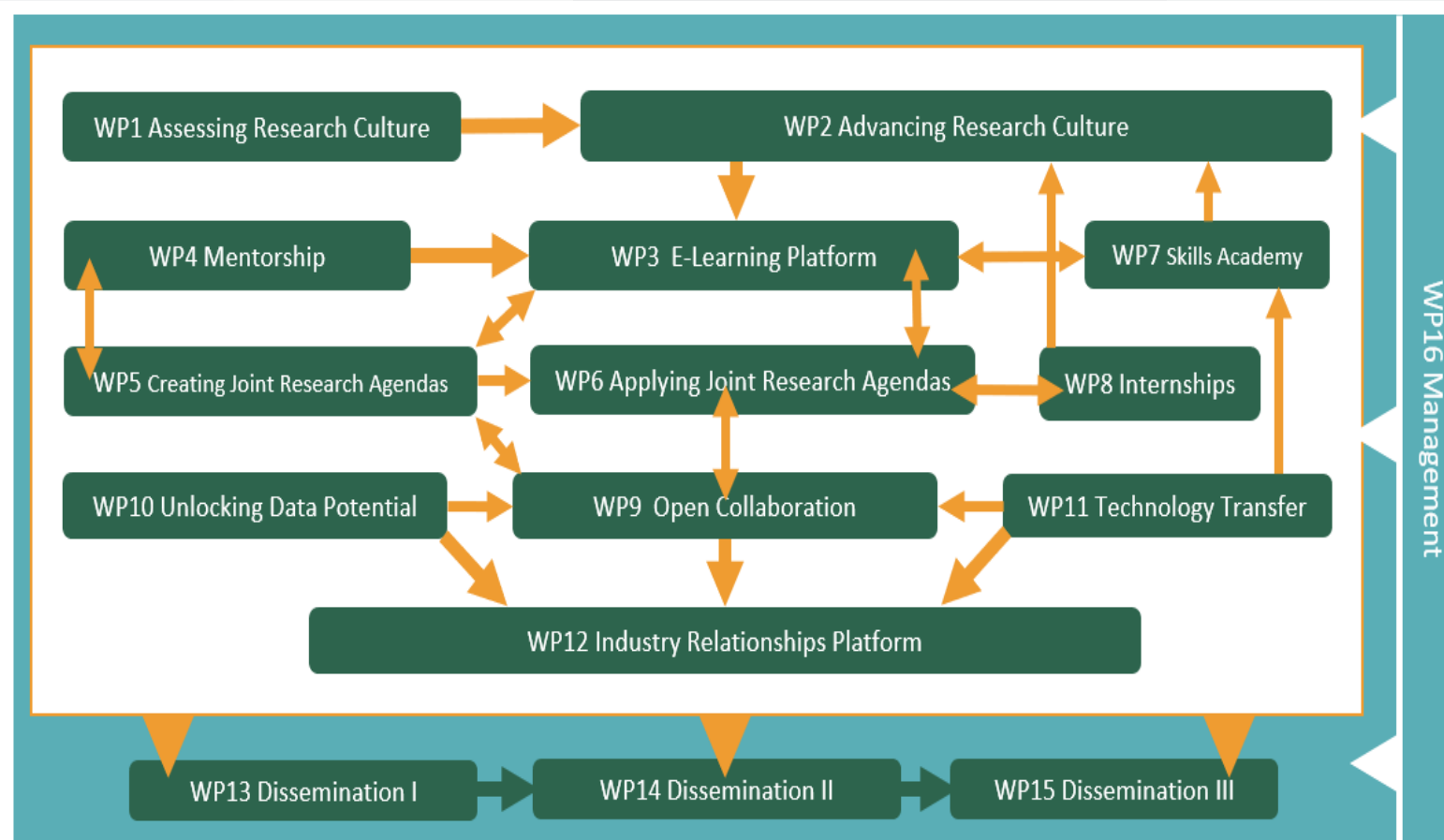
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WP15

# A4L\_BRIDGE KPIs AND IMPACT



- 300+ CEE researchers supported in curiosity driven research - increased success in HEU and strategic national funding awards
- Joint research through Virtual Research Centre - increased visibility and recognition of research in VRC topics
- 60+ research groups in Widening countries - rise in Widening-led consortia in RIA actions
- 50 ESRs/ERs trained in technology transfer - boost of local innovation ecosystems in Widening countries
- Short-term internships for industry experience - intersectoral, results-oriented research career scheme
- Policy representatives from 11 Widening countries involved – more effective funding strategies
- Patient organisations from 11 countries - Direct involvement of citizens and end users in the creation of research agendas

# A4L\_BRIDGE STRUCTURE & DELIVERABLES



## Main deliverables:

- Open peer evaluation
- Green Lab strategies
- Ethics course
- E-learning web portal
- Micro-credentials
- Mentoring workshops
- Virtual Research Centre
- Training and Mobility
- Open Access to Research Infrastructures
- Seed Fund Call
- Roundtables with Industry
- Tech Transfer Training
- Health Helix

# Strengths of the project

- Established alliance with long-term history of collaboration and proven success
- Focus on Widening countries
- Aligning the proposal with the Expected Outcomes of the call
- Open Education aspect – focus on e-learning, modernized career development
- Substantial contributions from each partner
- 6 months proposal preparation



# Shortcomings mentioned by evaluators

- Score 5–4.5–4.5
- Personnel costs (both too high and too low)
- Justifications of other direct costs could give more detail (lack of space)

## Obstacles in project implementation

- Participation of Hungarian partner (following the Commission decision)
- Could have allocated more for travel costs

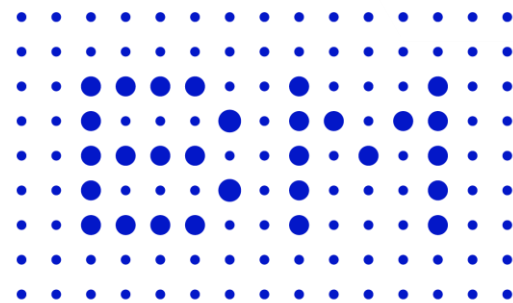
# Checklist for a first-time submission

- Leave yourself enough time for budget construction
- Balanced distribution of work between partners
- Deliverables spaced along the project timeline
- Consult with your NCP

# Recommendations for project implementation

- Grant Agreement Preparation phase will take a while – a lot of back and forth with the project and especially the financial officer
- COMMUNICATION IS KEY – do not lose your nerves
- Branch out – new collaboration opportunities are always around the corner

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