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# WIDENING: UPCOMING CALLS AND EVENTS, OTHER (PROJECT) SERVICES

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**WIDENING:  
UPCOMING CALLS  
AND EVENTS**

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# WIDENING CALLS 2026-27

- **TWINNING** 08 Jan 2026 – 09 Apr 2026 up to 210 projects (1905 submissions)
- **Hop on Facility** 13 Jan 2026 – 24 Sep 2026 up to 60 projects
- **ERA Fellowships** 09 Apr 2026 – 09 Sep 2026 up to 50 projects  
07 Apr 2027 – 08 Sep 2027 up to 50 projects
- **Excellence Hubs** 02 Sep 2026 – 04 Mar 2027 up to 30 projects
- **EIC Pre-Accelerator** 05 May 2027 – 18 Nov 2027 up to 100 projects
- **ERA Chairs** 06 Apr 2027 – 14 Sep 2027 up to 80 projects
- **ERA Research Managers** 06 Apr 2027 – 14 Sep 2027 up to 30 projects **NEW INSTRUMENT**

## One project calls

- **TEAMING Synergies** (for TEAMING CoEs) 23 Apr 2026 – 24 Sep 2026
- **Research Management Facility** 23 Apr 2026 – 24 Sep 2026



**Type of action: CSA**

**Funding rate: 70%**

**Project duration: 5 years**

**Indicative number of projects: 30**

**Proposal page limit: 40 pages**

**Call budget: 100 M€**

**Project budget: 1,5 – 4,5 M€**

**Call opening: 2. 9. 2026**

**Call closing: 4. 3. 2027**

## EXCELLENCE HUBS

**MAIN OBJECTIVE** – to bridge the innovation divide by connecting the innovation ecosystems in Widening countries based on the **quadruple helix principle** (academia – business – government – society).

### ELIGIBILITY

- Participation as **coordinators** is limited to legal entities established in **Widening countries**
- Proposals must involve **at least two R&I ecosystems from two different Widening countries**
- Each Widening country R&I ecosystem must comprise **four different categories of actors**:
  - a) academic institutions,
  - b) business entities,
  - c) public authorities or authorised agencies operating at regional or local level,
  - d) societal actors.



**Type of action: CSA (mono-beneficiary)**  
**(SME from a Widening country)**

**Funding rate: 70%**

**Type of funding: Lump sum**

**Project duration: 2 years max.**

**Indicative number of projects: 60**

**Call budget: 40 M€**

**Project budget: 0,5-1,0 M€**

**Call opening: 5. 5. 2027**

**Call closing: 18. 11. 2027**

## EIC PRE-ACCELERATOR

**MAIN OBJECTIVE – increase the innovation potential of early-stage deep-tech startups in the Widening countries, in order to:**

- ✓ enable them to better attract private investments and scale up,
  - ✓ increase business, investor and technology readiness,
  - ✓ develop further their innovations (from TRL 4 to TRL 5/6).
- Funded projects will have **access to the EIC Accelerator Fast Track for submissions to the Accelerator programme** following a project review in the project's 2nd half.
  - Successful applicants and those with SoE will have **free access to EIC Business Acceleration Services**.



Type of action: **CSA (mono-beneficiary)**

Funding rate: **100% (lump sum)**

Project duration: **5 years**

Indicative number of projects: **80**

Call budget: **175 M€**

Project budget: **1,5 – 2,5 M€**

Call opening: **6. 4. 2027**

Call closing: **14. 9. 2027**

## ERA CHAIRS

**MAIN OBJECTIVE** – to bring outstanding academic with proven research excellence & management skills to universities, research institutions/infrastructures (brain gain).

- ✓ Choosing a **promising or cross-cutting area of research**.
- ✓ Setting up a **permanent top research team**.
- ✓ **ERA Chair**: experienced researcher and/or innovator from any country in the world – may not already have a contractual relationship with the coordinating institution.
- ✓ At least 50% FTE until M36 and after the appointment of a permanent research leader at least 20%.
- ✓ Eligibility condition: a **letter** signed by the **head of the coordinator** institution & a **letter** signed by the prospective **ERA Chair holder**.



## ERA RESEARCH MANAGERS 2027

**MAIN OBJECTIVE – bring excellent research manager with international experience (**RM Comp**) to the institution to:**

- ✓ **establish or upgrade** research management capacities including research management team,
- ✓ ensure that the conditions are in place to **foster excellent research management** aligned with ERA priorities.
- ✓ **RM from any country**, no contractual relationship with the institution yet.
- ✓ A **minimum 50% full-time equivalent (FTE) commitment**, including on-site presence, must be ensured, at least until the appointment of a research management leader on a permanent basis (M36).
- ✓ Proposals must include letters of commitment signed by the: **a letter** signed by the **head of the coordinator** institution & **a letter** signed by the **ERA RM**.
- ✓ Only **one proposal per legal entity** can be submitted!

**Type of action: CSA (mono-beneficiary)**

**Funding rate: 100%**

**Project duration: 5 years**

**Indicative number of projects: 30**

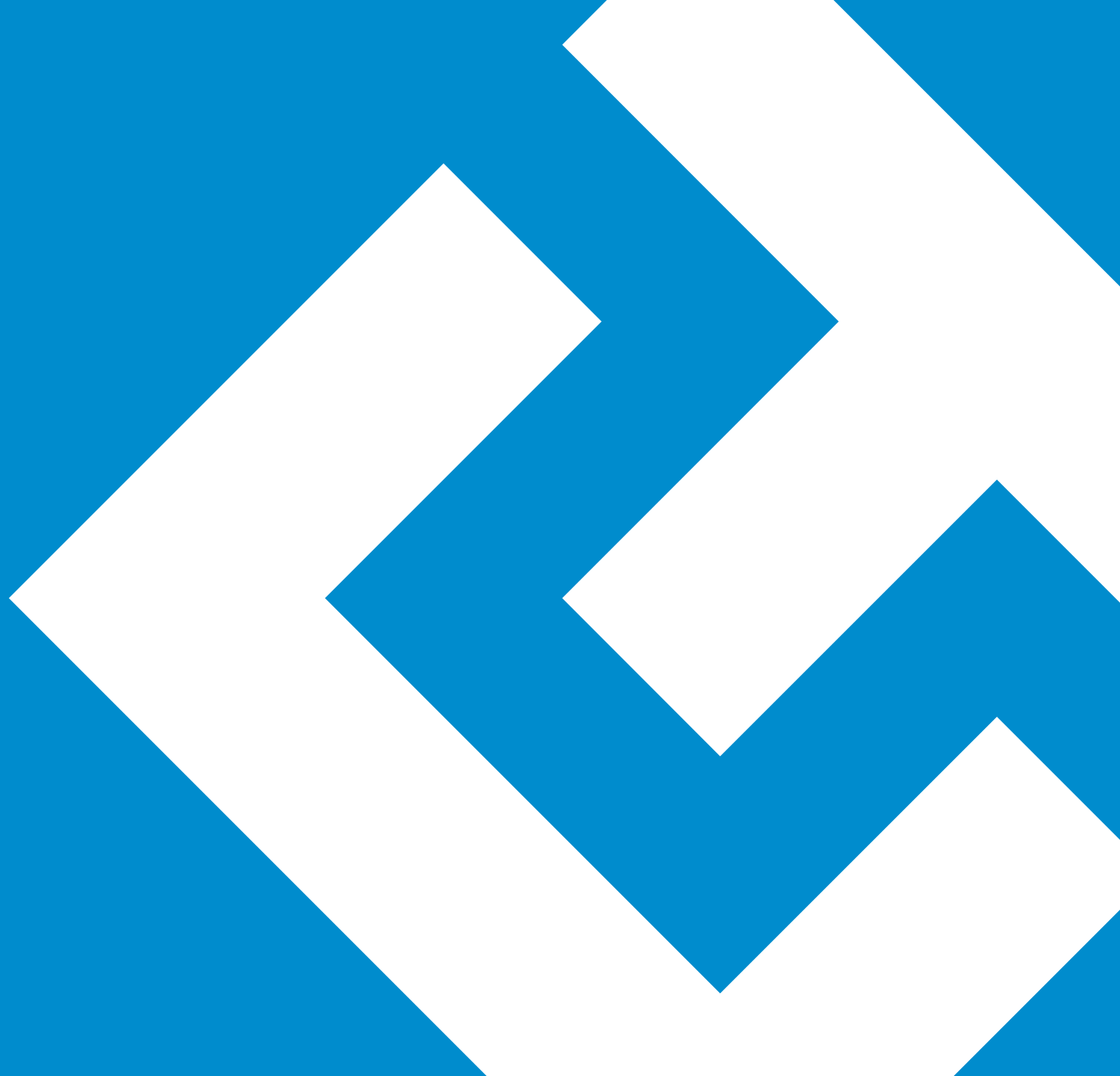
**Call budget: 65 M€**

**Project budget: 1,5 – 2,5 M€**

**Call opening: 6. 4. 2027**

**Call closing: 14. 9. 2027**

# INFODAYS AND WORKSHOPS



# UPCOMING EVENTS

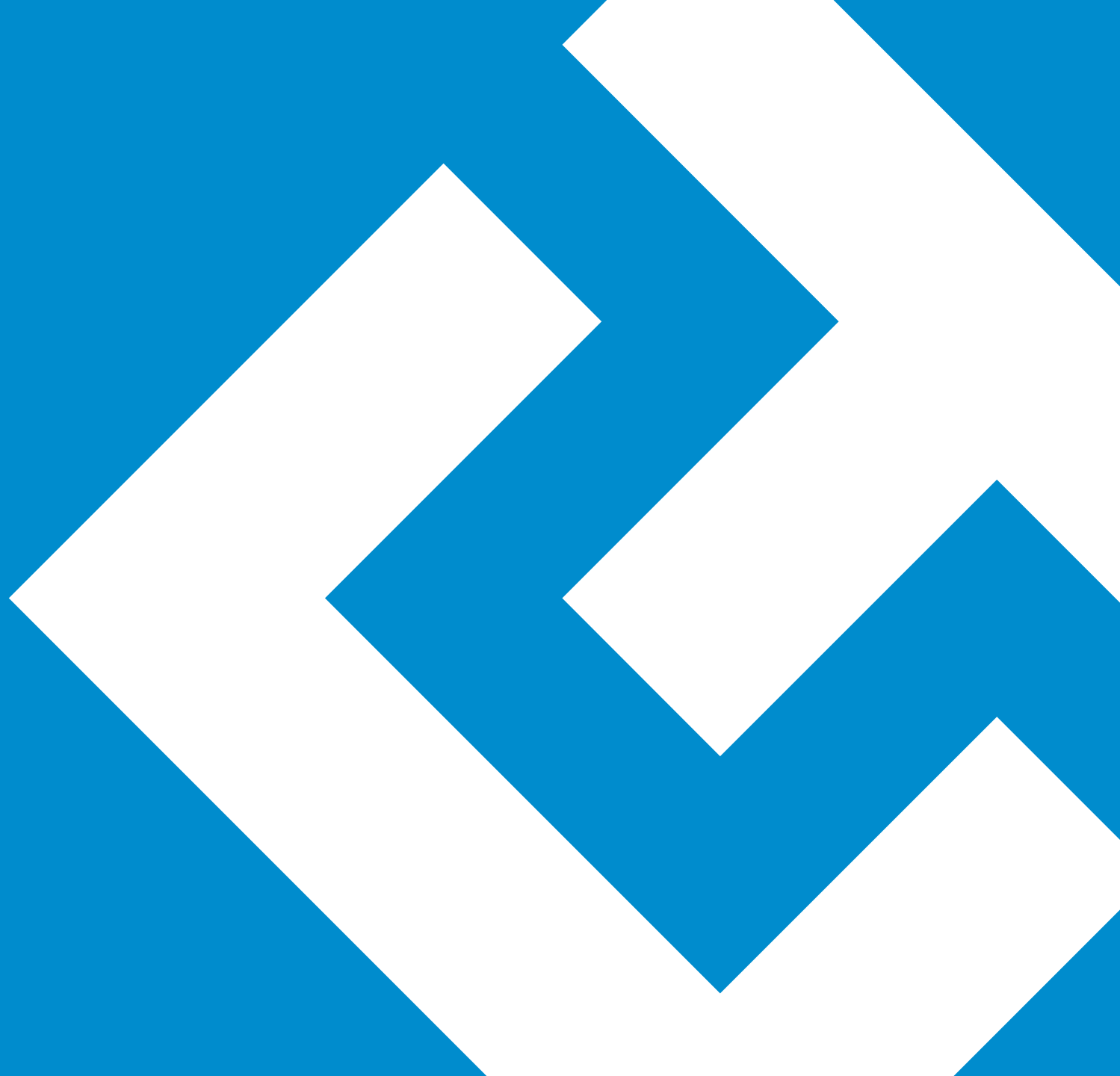
## Preliminary timetable of Widening instruments events organised by TC Prague

- September 2026 Excellence Hubs
- Autumn 2026 Twinning – Implementation (tbc)
- April/May 2027 ERA Chairs, ERA Research Managers
- June 2027 EIC Pre-accelerator Widening



### Other events

- CZEDER – FP10 and panel discussion on positive structural impact of Widening projects
- When: 23 November 2026, Prague

# NCP (PROJECT) SERVICES



Přehled aktivit a služeb pro potenciální příjemce v rámci jednotlivých NCP projektů:

Projekt	Oblast HE	Více informací	Partnerské burzy	Školení pro stakeholdery	Dokumenty pro stakeholdery	Project idea check	Proposal check	Jiné	
 Access2EIC	Access2EIC	EIC	vlkovam@tc.cz	NE	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	matchmaking s investory
 CARE4BIO	CARE4BIO	Klastr 6	konickova@tc.cz cejkova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	NE	online newsroom
 COSMOS4HEU	COSMOS4HEU	Klastr 4 (vesmír)	mirovsky@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	matchmaking platforma, podpora widening zemí
 Greenet	Greenet	Klastr 5	dostalova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	podpora widening zemí
 HNN 3.0	HNN 3.0	Klastr 1	vrajova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	success stories
 IDEAL-IST	IDEAL-IST	Klastr 4 (digital)	svejcarova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	ANO	ANO	publicity via success stories, topic tree
 HORIZON academy	NCP4HE	Horizontální	chvojkova@tc.cz	NE	ANO (e-learning)	ANO	NE	NE	NCP Portal
 NCP4INDUSTRY	NCP4Industry	Klastr 4 (průmysl)	pracna@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	ANO	NE
 NCP WIDERA.NET	NCP_WIDERA.NET	Widening	voseckova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	ANO	cestovní granty, study visits
 Net4society	Net4SocietyHE	Klastr 2	cerna@tc.cz	ANO	NE	ANO	NE	ANO	přehled SSH relevantních témat v HE
 NetEuratom	NetEuratom	Euratom	dostalova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	NE
 RADIANCE	RADIANCE	MSCA	tysyachna@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	NE	success stories, matchmaking platform
 RICH EUROPE	RICH Europe	Výzkumné infrastruktury	burianova@tc.cz	NE	NE	NE	ANO	ANO	NE
 SEREN5	SEREN5	Klastr 3	svejcarova@tc.cz hillerova@tc.cz	ANO	ANO	ANO	ANO	NE	vlastní databáze pro partner search

# PRE-SCREENINGS IN OTHER NCP PROJECTS - DIFFERENCIES

- **What?** Full proposal checks.
- **Who?** Only coordinators can apply.
- **Double feedback:** 2 experts simultaneously
- **Form:** online meeting with experts
- **Duration:** two hours discussion
- **Timing:** fix date approx. 3 weeks before the call deadline
- **Selection of the projects:** pre-selection based on the completeness of Part B and quality
- **Recommendations for Czech applicants:** have the project ready already 4 weeks before the call deadline!



# FULL PROPOSAL CHECKS

**Výzkumné infrastruktury:**  
červen 2026, červen 2027



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**Průmysl:**  
leden 2027, další termíny



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Research Infrastructures Consortium for Horizon Europe



# NCP4EIT (EIT-BEST) 1 OCTOBER 2025 – 31 MARCH 2030

- 24 partners from 22 countries, duration 4,5 years, budget 3,25 M€, coordinator: EL
- Kick-off meeting. 10-11 December 2025 in Brussels
- Analysis of participation in EIT and KICs – ongoing
- Preparing the project visualisation – ongoing
- 1st online NCP training „EIT Funding Rules at a Glance: Co-Funding, Eligible Costs, and Reporting“, 27 April 2026 (presentation can be shared by Czech EIT NCP on request)
- National information days on EIT (**Czech infoday 15 April 2026 Prague**)
- Publications, leaflets on EIT KICs etc.
- **Events for potential applicants (under WP4 led by TC Praha)**
  - SPIN: Explore 2026 webinar (targeting researchers), 21 May 2026 (**PRESENTATIONS**)
  - Discover the SUPERNOVAS! webinar (targeting women), 3 June 2026 (**REGISTRATION**)
  - In preparation:
    - ✓ **EIT Food Proof-of-Concept Co-Financing Instrument 2026** (targeting businesses). September-October 2026
    - ✓ **EIT Higher Education Initiative 2026 including matchmaking** (targeting higher education institutions), October-November 2026

# TC PRAGUE – NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH (NICER)

Evaluation and monitoring of CZ participation in EU FPs

Widening in the Czech Republic: Strong Centres, Limited Convergence

Widening in Horizon Europe: Country Typology and Position

**Support to national administration**

**NCPs - Experts in HE Programme Committees**

**NCPs' projects services**



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Pre-screening of proposals (WIDERA, Pillar II Clusters, Institutionalised European Partnerships, EIC Pathfinder, Missions) via [Wideraexperts.eu](http://Wideraexperts.eu) portal

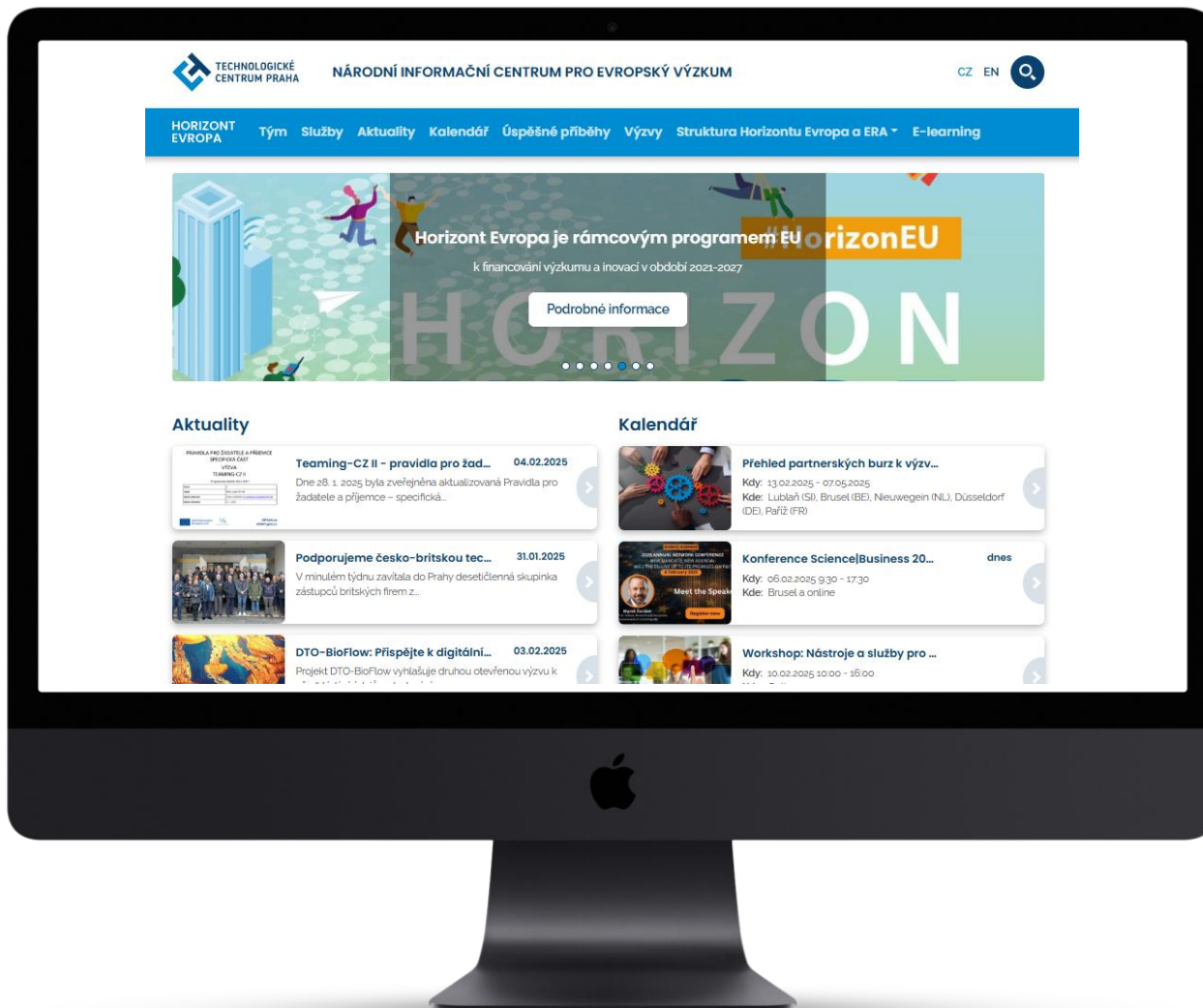


**Information days, trainings and interactive workshops**

**CZEDER – annual conference  
CZECH DAYS FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH**

**Consultations, proposal pre-screening by NCPs & study visits**

**Publications (ECHO journal, Vademecum) & digital services (HE Website, Newsletter, Podcasts Widening & ERA Chair, e-learning HOP ON)**



# INFORMATION SOURCES

**National Portal**  
[www.horizontevropa.cz](http://www.horizontevropa.cz)

**National Contact Points**  
<https://www.horizontevropa.cz/cs/narodni-kontakty>

**Monthly Newsletter**



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Our questionnaire

