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ERA TALENTS 2024 CALL

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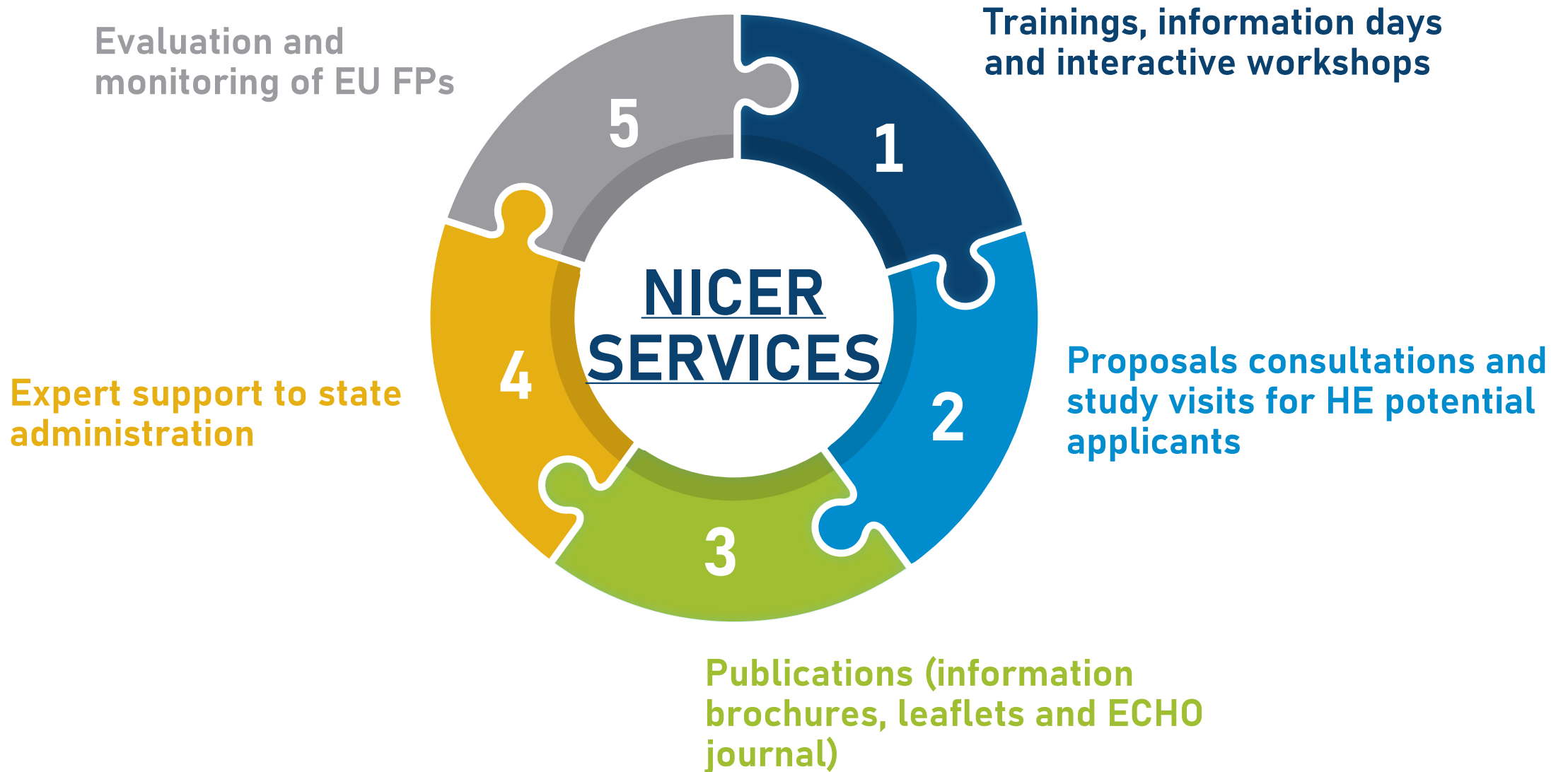


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Current Framework
Programme for
Research and
Innovation (2021 –
2027) has almost 3
billion EUR on
Widening and 0,5
billion on ERA



WIDENING COUNTRIES IN HE

- **15 Member States** – Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, **Czechia**, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- **14 countries associated to the HE** (as of 1 April 2024) – Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine
- **9 EU Outermost regions** (as defined in [Art. 349 TFEU](#),) – French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Réunion, Saint-Martin, The Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands.

Only institutions
from these
countries can
coordinate the
Widening projects



Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Estonia
Greece
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia

AMENDED WORK PROGRAMME WIDERA 2023 – 2025

Date of publication: 17 April 2024

Overall budget: M€ 1 218,31

■ WP parts:

2025 budget: M€ 291.50

- ➔ – **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 (ACCESS)**
 - Introduction including Expected impacts
 - Calls (instruments) description
- ➔ – **Destination 2: Attracting and mobilising the best talents (TALENTS)**
 - Introduction including Expected impacts
 - Calls (instruments) description
- ➔ – **Destination 3: Reforming and enhancing the EU research and innovation system (ERA)**
 - Introduction including 4 strands and Expected impacts
 - Call topics description

TEAMING 2025

ERA TALENTS 2024

ERA FELLOWSHIPS 2025

ERA 2024 – 3 NEW TOPICS

ERA TALENTS 2022 CALL EVALUATION RESULTS



ERA TALENTS 2022 CALL

- 16 projects submitted **CZ – 1**
- **14 projects evaluated CZ – 1**
- 9 projects funded **CZ – 0 (1 on the reserve list)**

Countries – no. of grants

2 – EE, SI

1 – EL, HR, RS, SK, TN

(coordinators from 7 countries)

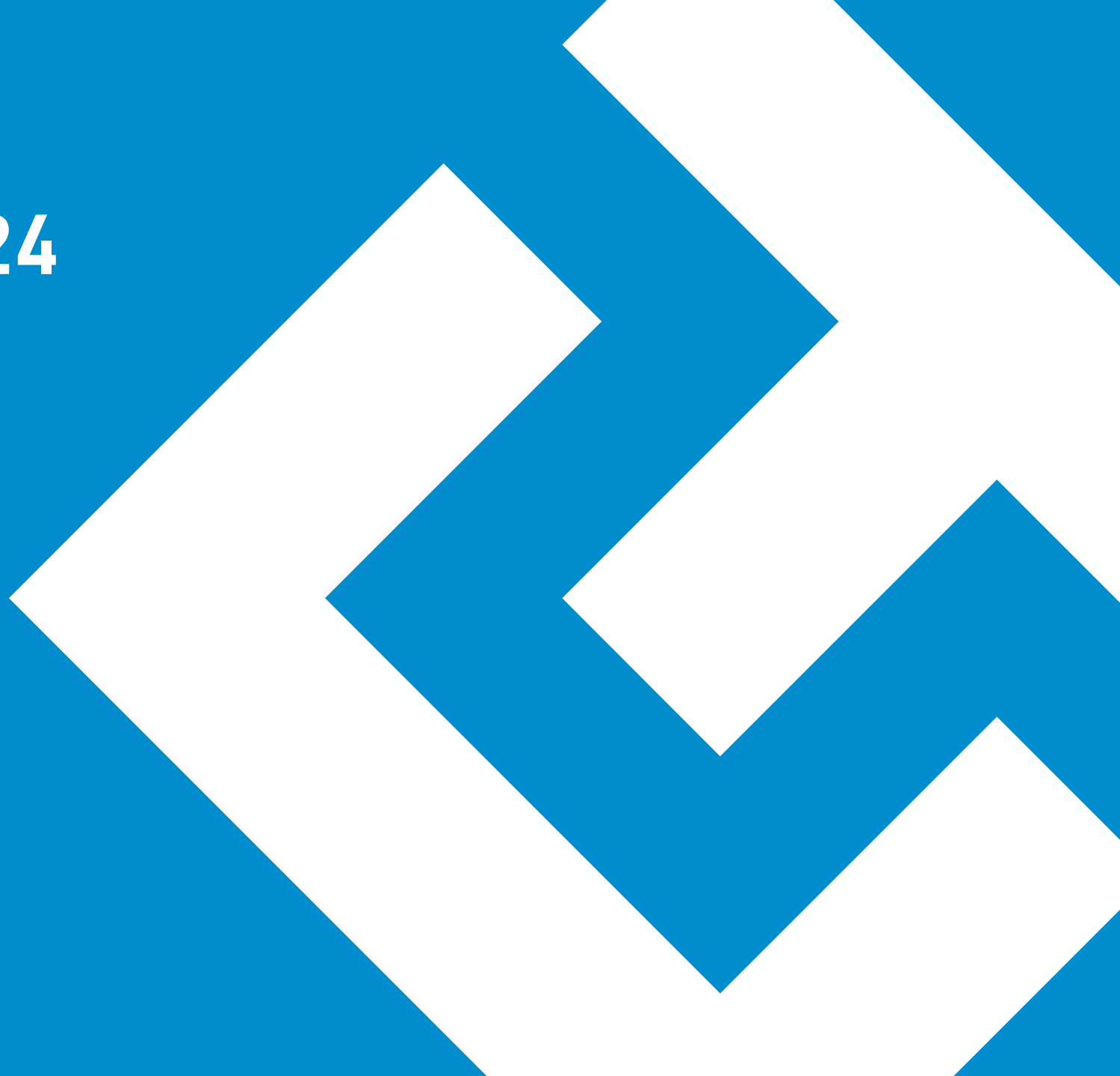
Czech partners in successful projects:

- **CLiCAM coordinated by SK** (Trenčianska univerzita A. Dubčeka v Trenčíne)
 1. VUT v Brně
 2. Ústav fyziky plazmatu AV ČR, v.v.i.
- **APPROACH coordinated by EL (FORTH)**
 1. Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci
 2. Okresní hospodářská komora Olomouc

LIST OF 9 FUNDED ERA TALENTS 2022 PROJECTS

- ERA_SHUTTLE Accelerating ERA by Sharing Unique Talents for healThy Life and Environment
- TBrainBoost ERA TALENTS FOR BOOSTING AND BALANCING BRAIN CIRCULATION
- USE IPM UP-SKILLING RESEARCHERS FOR SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP BASED ON INNOVATION PROCESS MANAGEMENT
- EdTech Talents EdTech Talents
- CLiCAM Cultivating Leaders for Innovative Coatings and Additive Manufacturing Applications
- NESTOR CROSS-SECTORAL ALLIANCE AS THE KEY FOR INNOVATION-DRIVEN BUSINESS SUCCESS OF ESTONIAN AND GREEK REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE
- SOS4democracy SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR DEMOCRACY: A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING RESEARCH ON ILLIBERAL SYSTEMS AND FINDING WAYS TO BUILD MORE ROBUST DEMOCRACIES
- APPROACH Advanced Photonic PRocesses for novel sOlar energy hArvesting teCHnologies
- VISION From Insightful Science to Innovative Health: Strengthening Translational Capacity and Talent Interoperability in Vaccine and Biologic Research & innovation

ERA TALENTS 2024 CALL



ERA TALENTS

MAIN OBJECTIVE - to increase the interoperability of careers in the academic and non-academic sectors and to improve the employability of R&I talent with a focus on Widening countries

- ✓ supports training and mobility of researchers, innovators and/or other R&I talent across sectors
- ✓ a more geographically balanced talent circulation
- ✓ involve organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors



WIDENING KEY OBJECTIVES

Listed in the Introduction to the WIDERA Work Programme 2023 – 2025

- Overall description of common policy objectives and rationale based on the specific programme and strategic plan + **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.

DO NOT FORGET TO REFER TO THEM IN YOUR PROPOSAL

EXPECTED IMPACTS – INTRODUCTION TO DESTINATION 2

Set out a credible pathway contributing to the following expected impacts:

- Effective institutional **reforms in research institutions** in Widening countries
- Better use of existing **research infrastructures**
- Excellent **talents attracted** in institutions and research infrastructures
- **Reverted** brain drain
- Improved linkages and **increased mobility** between academia and business, notably by overcoming sectoral barriers
- **Free circulation** of knowledge and expertise in line with ERA priorities
- Improved **gender balance** and equal opportunities

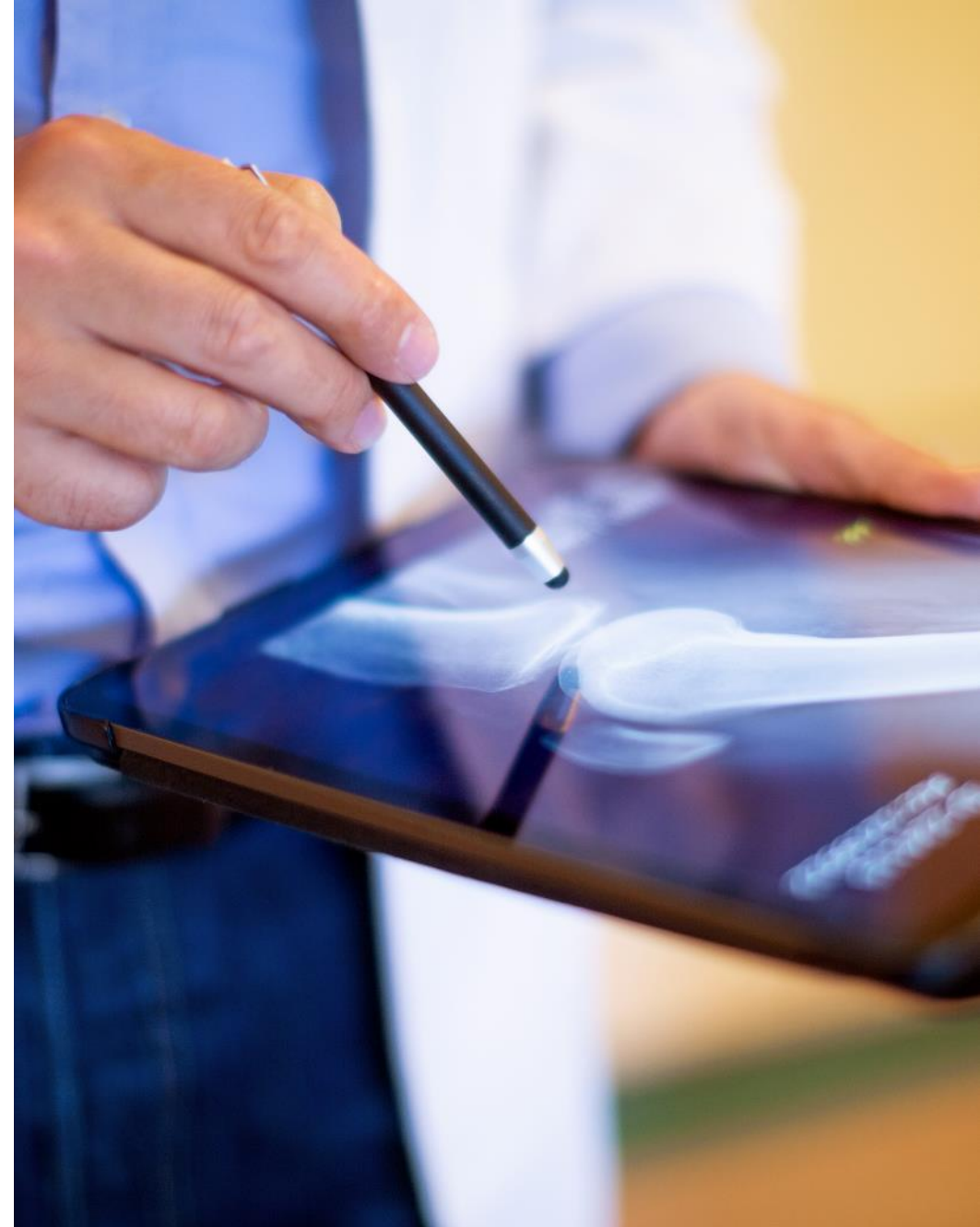
CONTRIBUTE TO SEVERAL OF THE EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Strengthened **R&I human capital base** in Widening countries with more entrepreneurial and better-trained researchers, innovators, research managers and/or other R&I talents
- Boosted **R&I support capacity** in academic and non-academic organisations
- A more balanced geographical and cross-sectoral **talent circulation**
- Increased **access for private entities to public R&I institutions**, including R&I infrastructures and their know-how across Europe and beyond
- Increased **excellence of the research performing organisation** in Widening countries
- A more **structured and impactful collaboration** between the academic and non-academic sectors
- Increased **research, entrepreneurial and other transferable skills** for the R&I talents exchange in the action
- Improved **employability and sustainable career prospects** for R&I talents within the academic and non-academic sectors

CAREER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- If funded, the projects are expected to establish a Personal Career Development Plan for seconded staff
- This should comprise:
 - ✓ the secondee's training and career needs, including
 - ✓ training on transferable skills, teaching, planning for publications and participation in conferences and events aiming at opening science and research to citizen
- **Plan has to be submitted as a project deliverable at the beginning of the action and can be updated when needed**

**Mention this in
your proposal**



ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

- Applications must be submitted by a **consortium including at least three independent legal entities** established in three different EU Member States or Associated Countries as beneficiaries, at least two of which are established in a different Widening Country
- Participation as **coordinators is limited to legal entities established in Widening countries**, as defined in the Horizon Europe regulation
- Applicants must include participants from both **academic and non-academic sectors**; umbrella organisations or national/regional associations may participate in the action
- **At least 70% of EU requested contribution** should be dedicated to the beneficiaries from the Widening countries

DO NOT FORGET TO REFER TO

- Overall EU policy of promoting more attractive research careers, implemented through **Action 4 of the ERA Policy Agenda 2022-2024** (Promote attractive and sustainable research careers, balanced talent circulation and international, transdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility across the ERA)
- **Council Conclusions** on “Deepening the European Research Area: Providing researchers with attractive and sustainable careers and working conditions and making brain circulation a reality” (28 May 2021)
- 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 the ERA objectives, as appropriate



SECONDMENTS SHOULD

- be open to researchers, innovators, and other R&I talents (for example administrative, managerial, and technical staff supporting R&I activities and capacities in their organisations) at any career stage
- be between different sectors (from academic to non-academic or vice versa) or between non-academic participants; secondments can take place between academic participants only in the specific case of other R&I talents (for example, administrative, managerial, and technical staff supporting R&I activities and capacities in their organisations)
- involve at least one participant from a Widening country
- in principle be cross-border, but in exceptional and justifiable cases, secondments can also take place within the same Widening country, e.g., to strengthen local innovation ecosystems
- can only take place between independent legal entities
- and may be split into several stays with one or several participating organisations but cannot exceed 24 months in total for the same staff member

OTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENTS

- **Grant covers expenses** related to the participating organisations and individual staff members hosted/seconded (e.g., administrative costs, training costs, travel and subsistence costs, salaries for seconded staff, and costs associated with dissemination, communication and knowledge valorisation)
- Need to **estimate the number of secondees**
- PCDP should include, where relevant, a **return plan** for the seconded staff in particular if the sending organisation is located in a Widening country
- **Return plan should define the support package** after the secondments are ended
- **Approaches promising improved and more sustainable career prospects for the secondees will be regarded positively during evaluation**, thus maximising the impact of the action on employability, knowledge sharing and long-term collaboration



FAQS

Yes, this FAQ is still valid for the 2024 call

SUPPORT PACKAGE

- In the ERA Talents 2024 call (HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03-01), it is mentioned on p. 81 (right on top) that "The return plan should define the support package after the secondments are ended". **What does exactly mean "support package"?**

It means training and support for reintegration.

- Can the **personal costs** be included as well?

No.

SECONDEE'S PERSONAL COSTS

- For ERA Talents 2024 call (HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03-01) - is the bellow mentioned FAQ for ERA Talents 2022 call still valid for the call 2024?
 - **Is there a fixed price that has to be paid to the supported staff** for the secondment, or does it depend on each organisation?
 - **No unit costs or fixed prices are determined for the ERA Talents.** Consortia may decide to use the unit cost system of MSCA or establish their own level of support to be provided to the seconded staff, appropriate to realising one or more of the EC's objectives regarding intersectoral mobility.

ERA TALENTS CALL 2024

- HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03-01
- **Opening** **6 May 2024**
- **Deadline** **26 Sep 2024**
- Total budget M€ 40.00
- Project budget M€ 1.00 - 3.00
- Expected no. of grants 20
- Consortium 1 + 2 (at least two WC)
- Partners academic and non-academic
- WC partners' budget at least 70% of the grant
- Project duration up to 4 years
- Type of funding actual/ real costs



ERA TALENTS 2024 PROPOSAL TEMPLATE



Horizon Europe Programme

Specific Application Form (HE CSA)

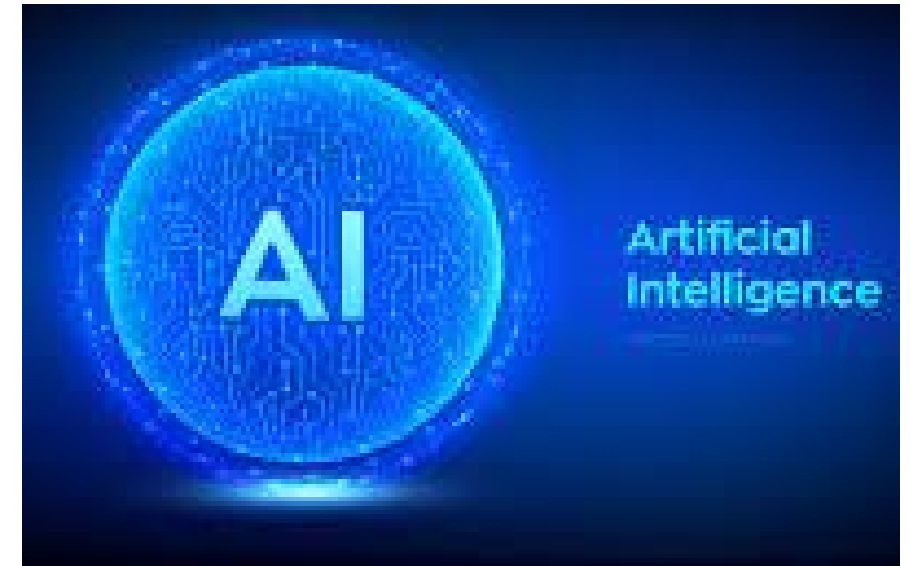
HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03

Project proposal – Technical description (Part B)

Version 1.0
24 January 2024

GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF GENERATIVE AI TOOLS FOR PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSAL

- Verify the accuracy, validity, and appropriateness of the content and any citations generated by the AI tool and correct any errors or inconsistencies
- Provide a list of sources used to generate content and citations, including those generated by the AI tool; double-check citations to ensure they are accurate and properly referenced
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- Acknowledge the limitations of the AI tool in the proposal preparation, including the potential for bias, errors, and gaps in knowledge



Proposal template Part B: technical description

TITLE OF THE PROPOSAL

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List of participants

NEW

Participant No. *	Participant organisation and full name	Type of organisation (academic or non-academic)	Country
1 (Coordinator)			
2			
3			
...			

Use the same participant numbering and name as that used in the A-form



TYPE OF ORGANISATION

ACADEMIC SECTOR

- public or private higher education establishments awarding academic degrees
- public or non-profit research organisations for whom one of the main objectives is to pursue research or technological development
- International European Research Organisations (IERO).

NON-ACADEMIC SECTOR

- any socio-economic actor not included in the academic sector and fulfilling the requirements of the Horizon Europe Rules for Participation
- this includes all fields of future workplaces of researchers and research and innovation talents, e.g., industry, SMEs, independent research infrastructures (e.g., ERICs), government, non-academic public bodies, private research organisations, civil society organisations, international organisations, cultural institutions, hospitals, etc.

1.2 COORDINATION AND/OR SUPPORT MEASURES AND METHODOLOGY

**SPECIFIC FOR
ERA TALENTS**

Describe how the proposal addresses one or both of following aspects related to improving training and lifelong learning opportunities for researchers, innovators, and other research and innovation talents. In particular:

- training in skills and competences following specific demand from other sectors (notably the business sector), leading to improved employability of individuals, increased access to knowledge for the host organisation, and overall strengthened interoperability of careers between the sectors involved; skills can particularly include entrepreneurship, use of digital tools, knowledge valorisation, intellectual property rights, and the greening of society
- training to build R&I support capacity in both the academic and non-academic sectors, such as administrative, managerial, and technical staff supporting R&I activities and capacities in their organisations (e.g., data stewards, research managers and administrators, research infrastructure operators, knowledge valorisation officers)

WORK PROGRAMME RULES FOR SECONDMENTS (1)

- secondment are open to **different categories of staff**: researchers, innovators, and other R&I talents (e.g. administrative, managerial, and technical staff supporting R&I activities and capacities in their organisations)
- secondments are open to the above-mentioned categories of staff, **at any career stage**
- secondment should take place between **different sectors** (from academic to non-academic or vice versa)
- secondments can take place between **non-academic participants**
- secondments can take place between **academic participants** only in the specific case of other R&I talents (e.g. administrative, managerial, and technical staff supporting R&I activities and capacities in their organisations)

WORK PROGRAMME RULES FOR SECONDMENTS (2)

- secondments must involve at least one participant from a **Widening country**
- secondments should in principle be **cross-border**, but in exceptional and justifiable cases, they can also take place within the same Widening country, e.g., to strengthen local innovation ecosystems
- secondments can only take place between **independent legal entities**
- secondments may be split into **several stays** with one or several participating organisations
- secondments cannot exceed **24 months** in total for the same staff member

IF THE SECONDMENTS CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE ARE NOT RESPECTED, THE CORRESPONDING SECONDMENT COSTS WON'T BE ELIGIBLE

TABLE 1 – SECONDMENTS BETWEEN BENEFICIARIES

Talent	Category of staff to be sent on secondment	Sending institution				Hosting institution				Duration of the secondment (months)
		Acronym	Sector	Country	WC/nWC	Acronym	Sector	Country	WC/nWC	
<i>Talent 1</i>										
<i>Talent 1</i>										
(...)										
<i>TOTAL Talent 1</i>										
<i>Talent 2</i>										
<i>Talent 2</i>										
(...)										
<i>TOTAL Talent 2</i>										
(...)										(...)

3.1

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT AT LEAST 70% OF EU REQUESTED CONTRIBUTION IS DEDICATED TO THE BENEFICIARIES FROM THE WIDENING COUNTRIES, BY FILLING IN THE BELOW TABLE:

Budget allocation:

	Amount (in EUR)	Percentage (%)
Budget allocated to Widening countries		
Budget allocated to non-Widening countries		
Total EU requested budget		100%

FINANCIAL DATA SHOULD BE CONSISTENT ACROSS THE WHOLE PROJECT

HÄME UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (HAMK) – OFFER TO JOIN CZECH COORDINATOR

- **HAMK EDU Research unit promotes research-based skills development, learning and innovation, both in education institutions and in the workplaces.**
- We could contribute to the strengthening of R&I human capital by increasing the individual innovation and entrepreneurial competences of researchers, research managers, and other target groups.
- We have a validated model for measuring qualitative and quantitative innovation competence on an individual and on a team-level
- We have the competence to measure the regional effects of multidisciplinary innovation projects between academic and non-academic stakeholders, such as students, teachers, R&I personnel, SMEs, and large enterprises
- We can offer practical tools, such as multimodal training materials and processes, to boost R&I support capacity in academic and non-academic organisations
- We have a good track record of providing skills and competences which serve specific demands arising from the business sector and strengthen the interoperability of careers between sectors, such creative industries, deep tech, and international business.
- We have extensive experience on building impactful collaborations between the academic and non-academic sectors and their co-creation for learning and innovation
- **Learn more about us at: <https://www.hamk.fi/en/research/smartedu/>**

ERA TALENTS 2022



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



- **Objectives are clearly defined, pertinent to the work programme and include a coherent set of verifiable measures** to increase the excellence of ERA talents by their training in the specific research fields
- **With a large number of non-academic partners, industry relevant R&I topics**, good representation from Widening countries, and well-defined secondments, the project activities will **strengthen the cooperation between academia and non-academia**
- **Key challenges that the project aims to tackle have been determined** and a credible approach to address these challenges has been described
- These activities **have a strong potential to provide new skills, enhance the knowledge and improve the employability of the involved professionals**
- **CSA methodology is sound, with additional research and scientific excellence development plans and planned synergies with regional specialisation strategies**
- **A technically robust Artificial Intelligence (AI) approach is involved** in the proposal in different cases

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- **Number of the professionals involved in the secondments is rather low.** Furthermore, **most of these persons are senior researchers**, which means that professionals at earlier stages of their career are underrepresented
- It is not evident **how the proposed training activities will enhance the life-long learning** of the researchers
- **Objectives are relevant, but only partly aligned with the Work Programme**, as the proposal does not adequately take into account cross-sectoral and international secondments to ensure transfer of knowledge
- Proposal does not demonstrate convincingly **how the proposed activities would contribute to strengthen intersectoral cooperation, improve lifelong learning and boost researcher entrepreneurship**
- Proposal does not convincingly address an **approach to overcome the regulatory, ethical and societal challenges, even if their identification is included in the work plan**
- **Required information on intersectoral secondments** including the profile of the staff to be seconded, timing of secondment and return phase **is vague or incomplete**
- **Capacity of the non-academic partners** to contribute to a meaningful collaboration between academia and non-academia **is unclear**

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 COMMENTS



- Proposed project **clearly advances the strengthening of human capital** in the Widening Countries
- **Scale and significance of the results has been described in sufficient detail**, including the expected scientific, societal, technological and economic impacts
- **Contribution towards the expected outcomes and the pathways** to achieve the impacts are credibly laid out
- Proposed secondment and training programs will **establish a sustainable long-term collaboration between the academic and non-academic partners** and the formation of innovation-based ecosystems, through the
- Preparation and submission of **joint inter-sectoral grant proposals, common R&I activities and virtual test beds**
- **Mechanisms for knowledge transfer are very well developed**, with clear benefits for all the partners, especially for those placed in Widening Countries
- Proposal contains **well defined and relevant dissemination, exploitation and communication activities** and specifies the target groups, channels, key performance indicators, metrics, and tools

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- **Contribution of project results** over the medium and long term to the expected outcomes and impacts **is generically described** and not adequately grounded on **measurable data**
- **Pathways** towards outcomes and impacts are insufficiently explained
- Proposal does not **assess several critical issues**, in fact, market segments, risks, competitors, legal, and other issues are planned to be determined only during the project
- Dissemination and communication plans are defined and relevant, but **insufficient and partly generic**, without specifying for instance any calendar for activities, their content or target audiences
- **Scale and significance** of project's contribution to the expected outcome and impacts **are insufficiently identified**, e.g. the employability of talents
- **Contribution to societal, scientific and economic impacts** which may last beyond the scope and duration of the project **is very vague**
- Potential for the establishment of lasting and sustainable new collaborations is not laid out in the proposal – **cooperation between academia and non-academia has not been clearly defined**
- **Exploitation plan is very generic**. It also lacks a proper description of the industrial commercial involvement of the consortium members in relation to exploitation of results

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 COMMENTS



- Structure of the work plan is excellent, consisting of **well-defined work packages with timely and complementary activities related to the training and secondments** of the ERA talents and their reintegration to boost the R&I capacity and intersectoral collaboration between the partners
- **Workload between work packages is well balanced, and human and financial resources are properly assigned** to each work package with the aim of achieving the strategic objectives.
- Resources have been appropriately assigned to work packages and a **clear benefit of the proposed secondment plan for the Widening Countries is visible**
- **Critical implementation risks have been identified.** Likelihood and severity of the specified risks have been determined and seem to be appropriate. Relevant risk mitigation measures and a contingency plan have been proposed
- Consortium includes **experienced partners** with the operational capacity and required infrastructures to realize the planned activities
- **All partners have a valid role.** Budget is relatively small for industrial partners, but this is justified by the fact that they do not send secondments

NEGATIVE COMMENTS

- Proposal lacks sufficient information about **how the work packages will feed one another**
- **Milestones and deliverables are partly mixed-up** and not well-formulated
- Proposal fails to provide proper details concerning the **allocation of resources** and to demonstrate their necessity
- Although more than 70% of total budget goes to Widening Countries, the proposal fails to fully describe the **“purchase costs”, which exceed 15% of personnel costs** for all partners
- Proposal fails to demonstrate if **expertise of the partners is suitable for the tasks** assigned since the **content of secondments has not been specified** enough
- **No involved non-academic researchers have been specified in part A** of the proposal. Therefore, it is unclear if the non-academic partners will be able to fulfil their specified role
- The expertise, the **role of the non-academic partner in the consortium and the importance of the non-academic partner for the project activities are unclear**. The capacity of the non-academic partner to contribute to a meaningful collaboration between academia and non-academia is unclear

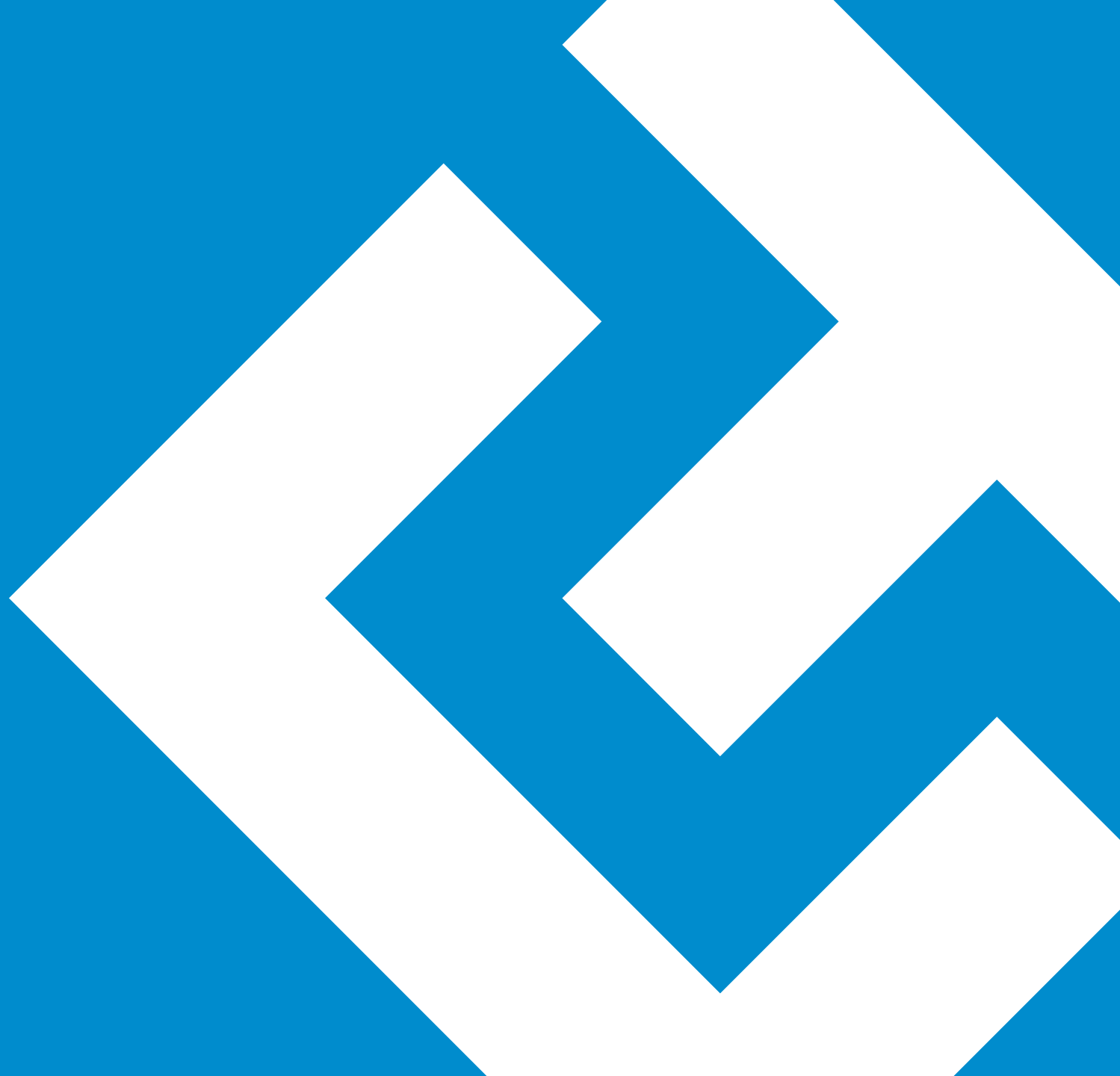
REA RECOMMENDATIONS ON QUALITY PROPOSALS PREPARATION (LINKS TO BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS INCLUDED)



CONSORTIA COMPOSITION (PROJECTS 2022)

- **NESTOR:** 8 partners (EE-2, EL-4, NL-2)
- **CLiCAM:** 11 partners (SK-1, CZ-2, PL-3, AT-2, DE-2, FR-1)
- **EdTech Talents:** 11 partners + 1 associated (EE-2, RS-2, ES-2, AT-2, DE-2, HU-1+1)
- **SOS4democracy:** 10 partners (SI-2, BA-2, TR-3, IT-2, BE-1)
- **ERA_SHUTTLE:** 8 partners (HR- 1, PL -1, MT-2, DE-2, IT-1, NL-1)
- **VISION:** 8 partners (TN-2, UA-1, RS-1, FR-2, ES-1, BE-1)
- **APPROACH:** 9 partners (EL-2, CZ-2, UA-2, FI-1, BE-1, FI-1)
- **TBrainBoost:** 10 partners (SI-3, MT-1, DE-4, BE-1, NL-1)
- **USE IPM:** 12 partners (RS-1, AL-1, BA-1, HR-1, MK-1, PT-1, UK-1, IT-2, BE-1, FR-1, ES-1)

NEW CALLS 2024 AND 2025



AMENDMENT OF WP 2023 – 2025 (APRIL 2024)

New calls in 2024 and the beginning of 2025

- Destination 1 (ACCESS) - TEAMING for Excellence 2025 (last call in HE)
- Destination 2 (Talents) – ERA Fellowships 2025
- Destination 3 (ERA) – 3 topics 2024

TEAMING FOR EXCELLENCE 2025

Workshop on proposal writing – Autumn 2024

- HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage
- **Opening: 3 December 2024**
- **Deadlines: 10 April 2025 (First Stage)**
20 January 2026 (Second Stage)
- Total budget M€ 270.00
- Project budget M€ 8.00 – 15.00
- Complementary funding – at least the same as the requested budget from the EU
- No. of grants 18
- Project duration: up to six years
- CoE already supported by TEAMING grant are excluded



ERA TOPICS 2024: HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-ERA-02

- **Opening** 15 May 2024
- **Deadline** 25 September 2024
- **Type of Action** CSA
- **Overall budget (M€)** 28.00

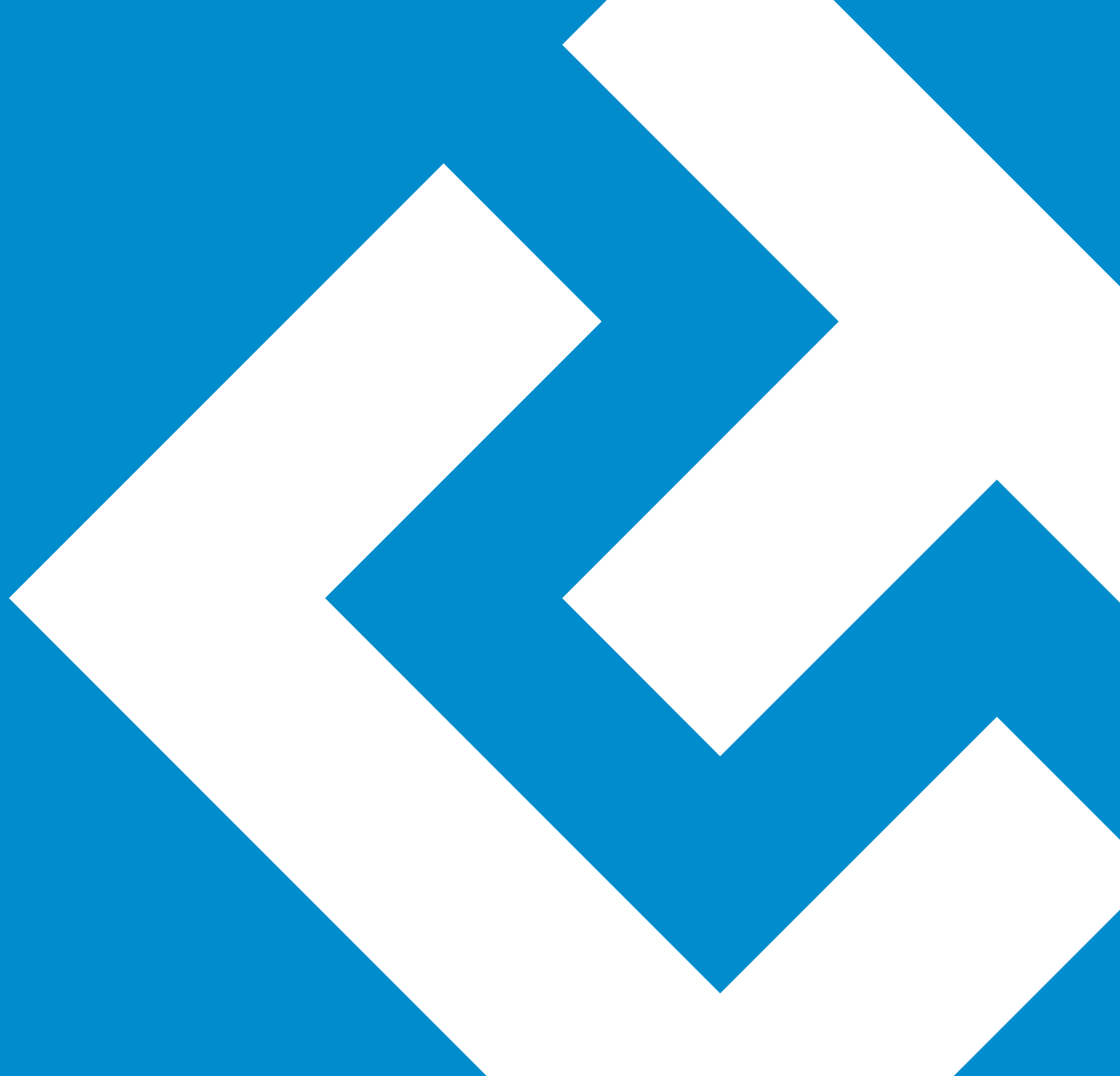


Topic	Budget (M€)	Project budget (M€)	Funded projects
<u>WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-01</u> Experimentation and exchange of good practices for value creation	2.00	Around 1.00	2
<u>WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-02</u> Science comes to town	6.00	Around 6.00	1
<u>WIDERA-2024-ERA-02-03</u> Talent ecosystems for attractive early research careers – pilot	20.00	1.00 to 2.00	15



STANDALONE WP 2025

In preparation



As of 2025, term „advanced partners“ will be replaced by „strategic partners“

More emphasis on empowerment rather than support

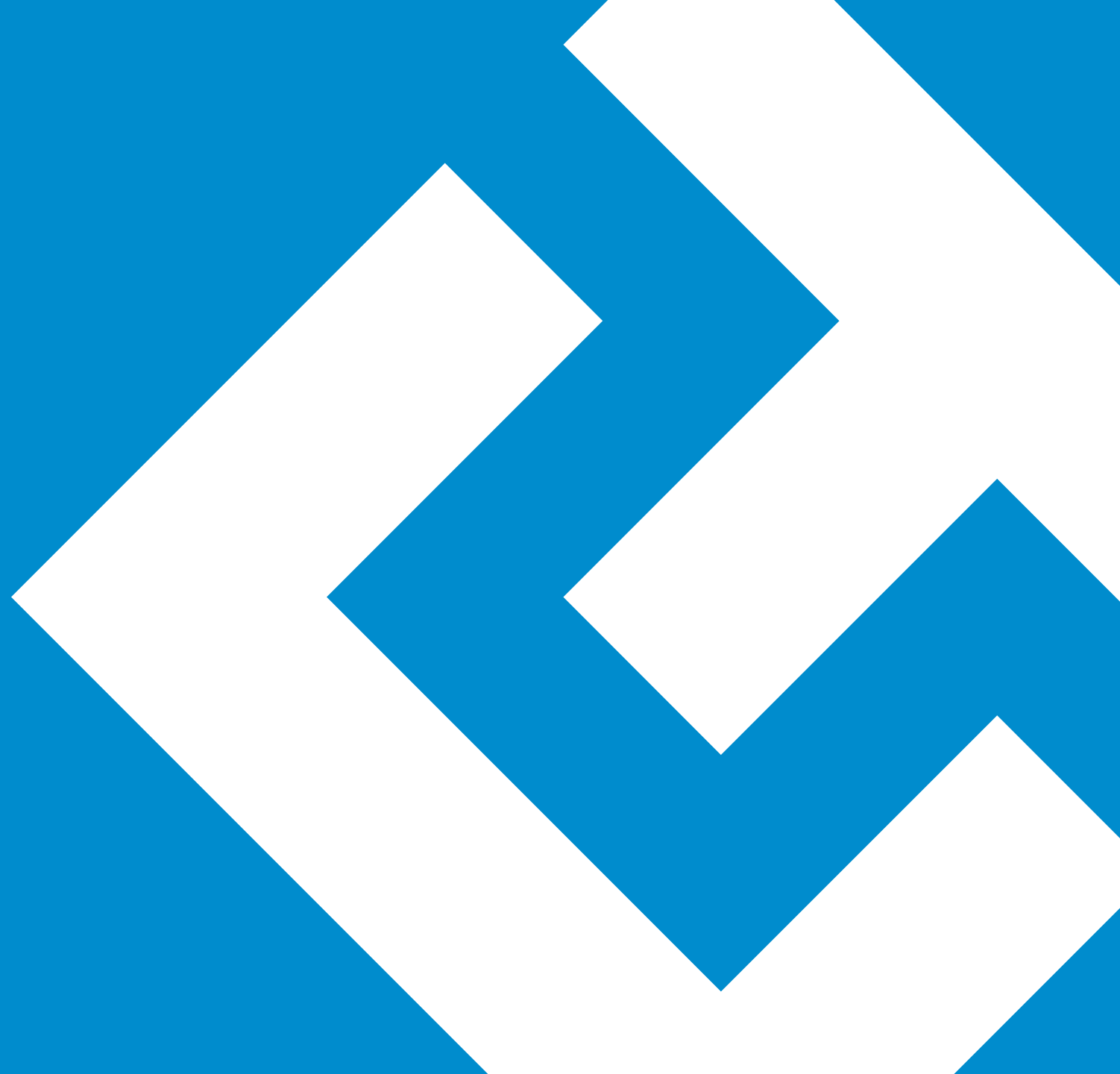
- **Excellence Hubs**

- more emphasis on leveraging investment to overcome innovation divide and synergies with the structural funds and the EIC
- address the need to complement the call of Regional innovation valleys (funded by the EIC – could be a subtopic under the Excellence Hub call
- synergies with European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT).

- **Hop-on Facility** Introducing a conditionality on the eligibility of host projects restricting it only for project in the first reporting period

- **EIC widening pre-accelerator (pilot)** – bridge the gap between step 1 and step 3 in the EIC Accelerator for SMEs from Widening countries, will be discussed mainly at the EIC Programme Committee

INFODAYS AND WORKSHOPS



EVENTS

- **CZ-SK akce „Mezinárodní pre-screening – efektivní součást přípravy projektů“**

- Kde: Bratislava (hybridně)
- Kdy: 29. května 2024 (13:30 – 15:00 hod.)
- **Prezentace a video záznam [zde](#)**



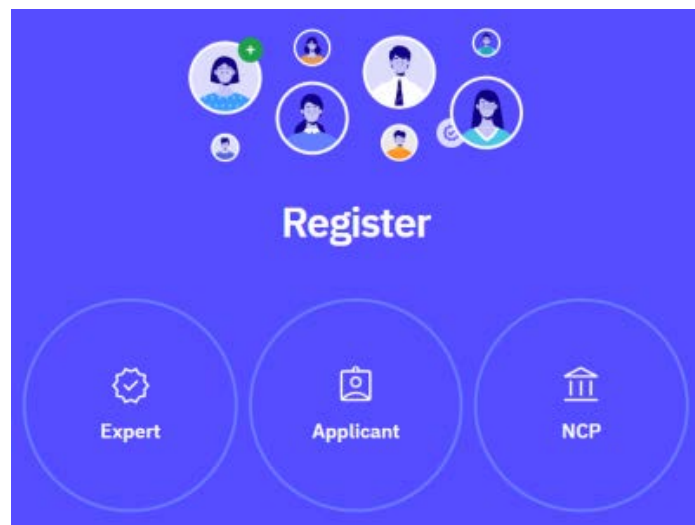
- **Widening NCPs – International Infoday on ERA Talents**

- Where: online
- When: 25 June 2024 (9:00 – 13:00 o'clock)
- More information <https://bit.ly/3Rc350e>
- Registration



NCP_WIDERA.NET PROJECT SERVICES

Project pre-screening, travel grants,
publications, e-newsletter ...



Total for CZ	71
Used	26
Remaining	45

PROJECT PROPOSAL PRE-SCREENING

- **Wideraexperts.eu** is a free-of-charge portal that facilitates the matchmaking of experts with applicants preparing proposals (as Coordinator or WP Leader) to the following HE calls: Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters and EIC Pathfinder schemes
- **The aim is to ensure the quality of proposals thanks to the feedback from independent experts / evaluators.** Anyone from Widening countries preparing a project can register as an applicant. **The service of independent experts for Czech applicants is provided free of charge by the Technology Centre Prague through the Portal.**
- A summary description of this service including the User Guide is [here](#)
- For information in Czech, click [here](#)

TRAVEL GRANTS



Continuous call for applications for travel grants to support the participation of Czech entities in brokerage / matchmaking events of Horizon Europe Pillar 2 Clusters including Institutionalised European Partnerships

Grants of maximum amount of €1,000 are reimbursed to the Czech applicants by TC Prague on the basis of application, signed contract and reimbursement request (follow-up form, hotel invoice, flight ticket etc.)

Come join us at the upcoming Pillar II clusters brokerage events

Are you interested in connecting with individuals and organizations who share your goals for collaborative partnerships? Look no further – join us at the upcoming brokerage events. Travel grants are available for attendees from eligible countries.

Total for CZ 80
Used 46
Remaining 34



**18. – 19. 6. 2024 Brusel
– TECH for Smart Cities**



NCP_WIDERA.NET Application for Brokerage Event participation

1. Applicant

First name:	
Surname:	
Organization:	
Position:	
Address of the organization:	
E-mail address:	

2. Event information
(please attach the confirmation / validation of your registration and the programme of the event)

Name of the event:	
Horizon Europe thematic area:	



Our newsletter

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2024



April



February



January

NCP WIDERA.NET Horizon Europe Widening and ERA programs Applicant's success rate

Widening & ERA Program

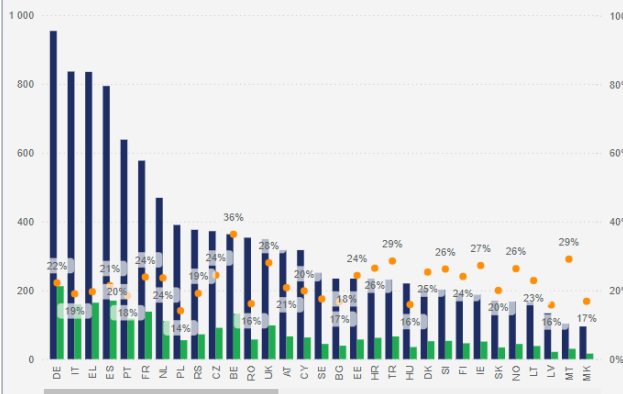
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Applicant's Success rate (%) - Beneficiaries vs Applicants by Country

● Applicants ● Beneficiaries ● Applicant's Success rate (Beneficiaries vs Applicants), %





QUESTIONS? DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME

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