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RESULTS

Webinar series started!

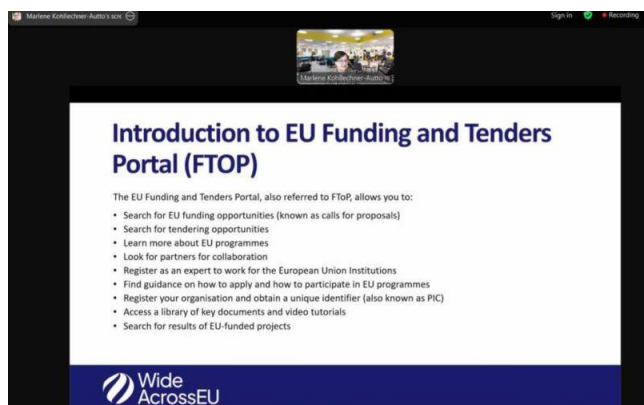
In response to the results of the questionnaires conducted the Wide AcrossEU Team created a series of 4 webinars, these webinars were hosted by Research Support and Collaboration Office at Umeå University in Sweden and RDI Support Services unit of the University Lapland, Finland.

Webinars held:

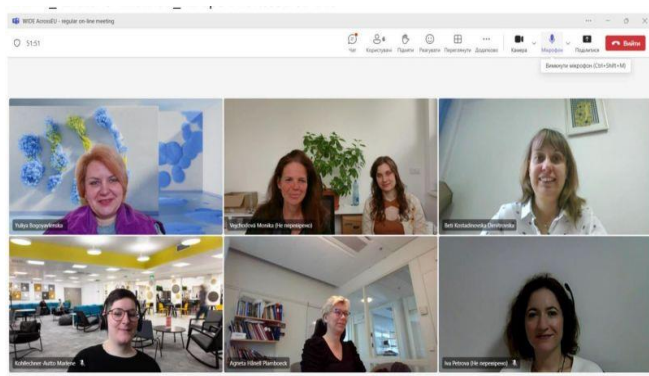
1. **MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Webinar (UMU)**
 - a. April 4th 13:00-14:00 CET
 - b. April 11th 10:00-11:00 CET
2. **Using the EU Funding & Tenders Portal (ULAP)**
 - a. April 7th 13:00-14:00 CET
 - b. April 8th 9:30-10:30 CET
3. **ERC Webinar (UMU)**
 - a. May 15th 13:00-14:30 CET
 - b. May 16th 10:00-11:30 CET
4. **Calls and Consortium Building (ULAP)**
 - a. May 26th 09:00-10:00 CET
 - b. May 27th 13:00-14:00 CET



Events



The WIDE AcrossEU Team's actions aim to increase the quality of project proposals submitted to the EU programme calls. In relation to the survey results provided within the WIDE AcrossEU, there were organised online webinars by the Partners from the University of Lapland and Umea University to researchers from non-widening countries from the University of Pardubice, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, and Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University during April and May, 2025



Team's results: WIDE AcrossEU project deliverables up to M12 – DONE!

Project management team fruitfully discussed the progress of the project. The evaluation and feedback about valuable webinars held by the Partners from the Umea University and the University of Lapland are presented. Steps before and after the project coordinators' meeting at Umea University in June 2025 were discussed. The most inspiring was the Job Shadowing opportunities, kindly prepared by the Teams of the University of Lapland and Umea University for May-June 2025. Team discussed perspectives of the Week of Regions and Cities, and the yearly Advisory Board meeting.

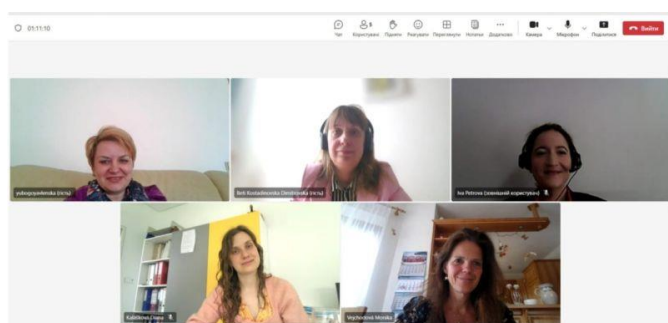


WIDE AcrossEU project holds on to the trend towards European leadership in R&D, uniting policymakers, industry leaders, and academia from Czechia, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Finland, and Sweden. During the first online meeting of the Advisory Board of the Horizon Europe project the presentation of the project, its publicity, activities, and its 12-month results to the Advisory Board was done. Questions, suggestions, and fruitful discussions filled the meeting and opened opportunities for the next meeting.

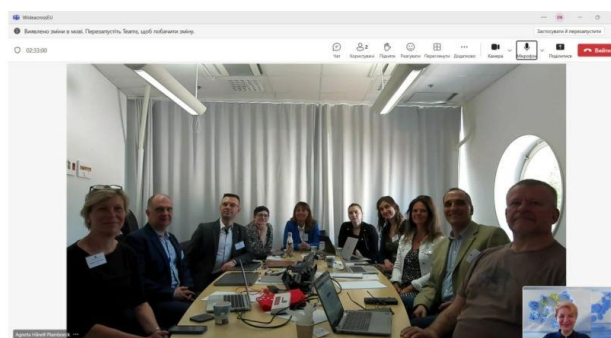
May 2025 was inspired by WIDE AcrossEU Job Shadowing in Rovaniemi. The brilliant Team of the University of Lapland organised a program for widening countries' representatives from the University of Pardubice, Ss. Cyril



and Methodius University in Skopje and Zhytomyr Polytechnic State University. The program “RDI support services” introduced the structure and management of the unit, statistics to be collected and analysed, RDI-teams work, individual trajectories of scientists, budgets, project management, Horizon Europe programme opportunities. All processes – from project proposal preparation to project implementation and administration. The best solutions and practices were presented, which the University of Lapland uses, including analysis of calls, teams, and idea creation, project proposal preparation processes.



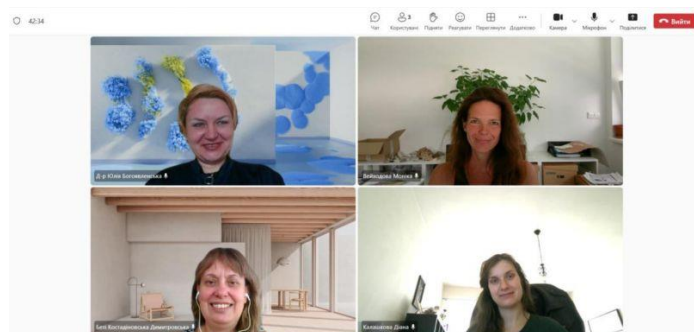
Within the monitoring of progress and co-creating future plans, the WIDE AcrossEU project management team is making evaluation of job shadowing at the University of Lapland in Finland, and progress towards the team meeting. Time is fruitfully spending on joint work on a new HE project proposal. The discussion is about an online workshop on ‘Research Ideas in Horizon Europe, opportunities for exchange and connection’ and expectations for the productive team meeting and the second job shadowing at the University of Lapland.



In June 2025 project meeting in Umea University started with M12 results, outputs, and deliverables feedback, and future tasks to be done for M18. AI tools integration for the R&I platform upgrade version was discussed. Best R&I infrastructure solutions were shared by experienced partners from Umea University, and programs to go forward together were presented. Questions on financial management for the HE project were disclosed and answered. Attention was paid to next meeting opportunities in Rovaniemi, autumn 2025, and to expectations for an online workshop on research ideas for HE-2025.

Within the Job Shadowing program, the Umea University team has focused on preparation and training for trainers on scientific research. The pre-award services included communication with researchers, support for career growth, project proposal preparation, consultations with faculty, strategic partnerships, and budgets. Post-award services sessions had been dedicated to supporting the implementation and the process of reporting. Teams are ready to go forward!





In June 2025, the project management team discussed the 'Train the trainers' event - Job Shadowing in Umeå University and took the best solutions as good practices to be developed and implemented in the widening universities. A networking event focused on economics and business was discussed to be more widely presented in future steps. Topics and expectations for the project team meeting and HE event at the University of Lapland to be held this autumn fruitfully discussed. And, preparing for the reporting period started!

Opened calls for project proposals

1. **MSCA4Ukraine Fellowships 2025**
 - Opened on 15th of May 2025
 - To support new research and transferable skills and competences, leading to improved employability and career prospects within and outside academia and contributing to rebuilding Ukraine's R&I sector once the conditions allow
 - Expected duration of action is 36 months
 - Deadline: 16th September 2025
2. **European Excellence Initiative (EEI)**
 - Opened on 8th of May 2025
 - The objective is to raise the excellence of science in Europe through deeper and geographically inclusive strategic cooperation in alliances of higher education institutions
 - Single stage call
 - Duration should not exceed 5 years
 - Deadline: 20th November 2025
3. **Support for R&I policy making in the EU enlargement countries**
 - Opened on 6th of May 2025
 - The actions funded under this topic will provide support to national and regional R&I and education for the countries Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, and Ukraine
 - A key element in this is the support to the development and implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies and macro-regional strategies in cooperation with the JRC and the Policy Support Facility
 - Single stage call
 - Deadline: 16th November 2025

Other opportunities

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/>

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