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Project Summary

WIDE AcrossEU consortium consisting of partner institutions from Czechia, North Macedonia, Ukraine, Finland and Sweden have diverse experience with participation in Horizon Europe (HE), Synergic EU R&I funding, Smart Specialisation Clusters and other international R&I funding schemes; consider this call as the opportunity to strengthen institutions from Widening countries and upscale them on higher level through capacity, skills and competence building and networking actions.



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The key objective of the project "WIDE AcrossEU" is to move us, participants from Widening countries (the core group - 3 higher education institutions from the Czech Republic, North Macedonia and Ukraine), who are formerly a current single beneficiaries of regional funding programmes (ERDF, IPA, Interreg and similar investments for R&I infrastructure), to higher level and prepare us for wider and more successful participation in direct EU funding programmes.



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Specific Objectives

1

To map the needs and requirements of target groups in Widening partners - State of Play

2

To strengthen competitiveness of target groups in Widening countries by acquiring new transferable skills for R&I staff

3

Access to networks and partnerships to secure more successful proposal and create a base for lead partner roles for Widening partners

4

To better use R&I infrastructure funded under ERDF or similar investments

5

To create strategies for R&I and Human Resources

6

To improve access to excellent European R&I networks and communities

Newsletters



Newsletter #1



Newsletter #2



Newsletter #3



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About the project

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WIDE AcrossEU: Empowering Research and Innovation Across Borders



Three ambitious universities in Czechia, North Macedonia, and Ukraine, who are current beneficiaries of regional funding programmes (ERDF, IPA, Interreg and similar investments for R&I infrastructure), are ready to transform their research and innovation potential with the help of WIDE AcrossEU. This project, launching in May 2024 with a budget of €1.2 million, aims to elevate our institutions in the competitive world of EU funding programs. Led by the University of Pardubice in the Czech Republic and supported by experienced partners from Finland and Sweden, WIDE AcrossEU is set to make a significant impact.

Charting the Course

Our first task is to understand the unique needs and aspirations of our partner universities. By identifying their challenges and strengths, we set the stage for targeted skill-building. Through workshops, training sessions, and seminars, we equip R&I staff with the tools they need to succeed.



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But skills alone aren't enough. We also open doors to new networks and partnerships, paving the way for successful EU funding proposals. The goal is clear: transform us into key players on the EU funding stage.

Maximising Resources



To truly progress, we need to make the most of existing R&I infrastructure funded by ERDF and similar investments. These resources are essential for our advancement. Strategic plans for R&I and human resources are crafted, ensuring our journey is not just swift but also sustainable.



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The Path Ahead

Over the next 40 months, from May 2024 to August 2027, we expect to see our partners' transformation. By the project's end, we envision universities that not only compete but excel in direct EU funding programs. This transformation will be evident in three key areas:



Synergy and Collaboration

Enhanced collaboration between Horizon Europe, and ERDF, IPA, RRF, INTERREG, and overall European R&I networks through internationalisation, valorisation and technology uptake.



Competitiveness

A significant boost in success rates for international research funding, driven by accelerated knowledge transfer and innovation.



Strategic Networks

Establishment of robust R&I networks, aligned with smart specialisation strategies.



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Long-Term Impact

Our efforts aim for long-term benefits. By modernising R&I systems and retaining top research talent, we'll witness structural improvements that resonate beyond the project's lifespan. Mobilising national and EU resources for strategic investments will create waves of progress, while our enhanced international outreach will shine a spotlight on the participating institutions.

WIDE AcrossEU isn't just a project; it's a journey towards a brighter, more innovative future for universities in Czechia, North Macedonia, and Ukraine. Together, we're not just advancing research and innovation; we're charting a course towards excellence.



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Results

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Project outputs

Update: **02.04.2025**
In person meetings: **2**
Online meetings: **15**
Project proposals submitted with WIDE AcrossEU support: **33**

Questionnaires

- Analysis of the needs, requirements, and expectations of target groups



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Project proposals submitted
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Deliverables



Plan for
dissemination
and
exploitation
including
communication



Data
Management
Plan



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Scientific results (publications)

A Bibliometric Review of Innovations in Sustainable Tourism Research: Current Trends and Future Research Agenda



European Integration Imperatives of Transformation of Financial Support for Sustainable Development of Rural Territorial Communities Research: Current Trends and Future Research Agenda



Conference Proceedings for International Scientific and Practical Conference "Ukraine's Post-War Recovery: Challenges, Strategic Priorities, Resource Provision, and Future Development Potential



The Financial Mechanism of Project Management in Conditions of Digitalisation.



Analysis of the needs, requirements, and expectations of target groups



A robotic complex for the production of shoe insoles



Research and Innovations Capacity Development in the EU and for widening countries



AR project management in e-commerce: automation of sales processes on the example of an online clothing store and prospects for AI utility and platform development





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Research Infrastructure

- R&I infrastructure online platform





















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