

## Meet WIDE AcrossEU

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## Events



From September 24 to 26, 2025, the University of Lapland welcomed the consortium of the WIDE AcrossEU project management team to Rovaniemi. The goal of the meeting was not only to complete the M15 report and load it into SyGMA, but also to discuss new development strategies and opportunities for international cooperation in science, education, and innovation during the next Horizon Europe period. The first day of the program, on September 24th, was focused on job TBD. Partners presented the results of M15, achievements, and set key tasks for the next period, extending until the end of 2026. The attention was focused on preparations for the upcoming 1st report and 1st period evaluation, with the aim of designing actions to ensure sustainability and performance by the WIDE AcrossEU. In addition to official meetings, PMT had the opportunity to learn about R&I infrastructure at the University of Lapland, including science labs and educational spaces, and to work productively with the management team of Research, Development and Innovation support services of LUC.



September 25-26, 2025, the Arktikum - Arctic Science Center & Museum in Rovaniemi - became a home for R&I programs and projects, to which 'the door is always open'. The WIDE AcrossEU project and the Lapland University Consortium's RDI-support services welcomed researchers, RDI-staff and policy makers to the 'Future Funding Landscape-2025' international conference. The event's first day was devoted to the future possibilities of financing the joint research projects in Europe, to explore the European Union's future funding plans, including the 10th Framework programme, Cohesion funds, the 2026/2027 Horizon Europe programme, as well as Smart Specialization Strategies and their implementation in Lapland and Västerbotten. Key speeches include the EU policy in the fund sector for 2028-2034, the preparation of



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Horizon Europe's work program for 2026-2027, the development of Interreg, and the smart specialisation priorities. During discussions organised in both in-person and online formats, examples and good practices of implementing these strategies in a regional context were presented, providing participants with practical insights on integrating innovation into local economies

The 26th of September, the second day of the 'Future Funding Landscape-2025' international conference, was aimed at discussing the future prospects of financing according to the European Union priorities. The participants have the opportunity to be inspired by the presentation on new programs, discussing their development, and learning about the prospects of WIDERA, which aims to contribute to countries and institutions that are traditionally less involved in European research programs. These discussions have become the basis for creating the roadmaps for the next few steps and prioritising cooperation over the next few years. The meeting in Rovaniemi has become more than just an event - it has become a platform for dialogue, the exchange of experiences, and the strengthening of cooperation among universities, research centers, NCPs, and policymakers from different European countries. The event demonstrated that WIDE AcrossEU is progressing successfully by uniting knowledge and resources to create innovative solutions that sustain development and competitiveness for Europe at a global level!



The webinar series is designed to support the research community, particularly Ukrainian, strengthen the research ecosystem, and enhance capacities for managing innovative projects in the context of post-war recovery.

Horizon Europe, Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), UNESCO, Estonian Research Council (ETAG), National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN), Swedish Research Council (VR), Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), and Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) - programs available for all great Consortium Members!



The WIDE AcrossEU Consortium has one trend to share: investing the team's time in increasing capacity and effectiveness on a weekly or monthly basis. This time contribution to the Team's development was gifted by NCP\_WIDERA.NET, which unites National Contact Points, to fill knowledge and skills gaps to improve access to funding opportunities. International Information Day on European Excellence Initiative (EEI) was held on the 29th September 2025, and help to much in disclosing WIDERA 2025 and WIDERA-2026, 2027.



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## Opened calls for project proposals

### **1. Monitoring and Evaluation of the Societal Readiness Pilot**

- o **Opened on 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2025**
- o **The European Commission has a strong interest in learning from the implementation of Societal Readiness actions piloted in eight topics from the Cluster 5 work programme 2025, and resulting in an estimate of eighteen projects to be implemented. Conclusions on the pilot's monitoring and evaluation will be the basis for the European Commission's decision to replicate further these actions, to improve its implementation and possibly widen its use to other fields of application.**
- o **Single stage call**
- o **Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**

### **2. Development of sustainable and design-to-cost batteries with (energy-)efficient manufacturing processes and based on advanced and safer materials (Batt4EU Partnership)**

- o **Opened on 25<sup>th</sup> September of 2025**
- o **Proposals could consider the involvement of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) whose contribution could consist in providing added value regarding integral evaluation of safety of materials.**
- o **Single stage call**
- o **Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2026**

### **3. Understanding and overcoming barriers to the scale-up of innovations supporting EU Missions**

- o **Opened on 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2025**
- o **This call invites research-led interdisciplinary consortia to investigate the barriers (socio-technical, economic, cultural, and regulatory) that impede the scaling of technological and non-technological solutions. The projects activities shall cover all five EU Missions.**
- o **Single stage call**
- o **Deadline: 31<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**



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## Other opportunities

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