

FINAL AGENDA

Info-day

WIDENING 2026-2027: Advancing Research Excellence, Talent and Institutional Capacity

29th of January 2026, 09.00-15:30 (Bucharest time)

Hybrid event

09.00-9.30

Registration and Welcome coffee

9.30-9.40

Opening remarks

9.40-10.50

Session 1: WIDENING 2026-2027

Overview of WIDENING Calls 2026-2027: New and Established Opportunities

Dr. Daniela Dragomir, NCP Horizon Europe Widening&ERA, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

WIDERA Calls 2026-2027: Legal and Financial Considerations

Cristina Anania, RO NCP Coordinator, Legal and Financial National Contact Point for Horizon Europe, National Authority for Research (ANC), Romanian Office for Science and Technology to European Union - ROST

10.50-11.00

Coffee break

11.00 -13.00

Session 2: Stories of Impact: Lessons from Successful Widening Projects

TWINNING

- **SCEWERO project: A challenging journey from proposal idea to implementation and impact**
Prof.dr.habil Adina-Eliza Croitoru, "Babeş-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca

EXCELLENCE HUBS

- **VELES in Practice: Building and Operating a Regional Excellence Hub**
Dr. Ioana Spanache, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

ERA Chairs

- **ERA Chair Program - learning from others**
Prof.dr.Ciprian Iliescu, National University of Science and Technology "POLITEHNICA" Bucharest
- **eBIO-hub Project: From Excellent Science in Bioengineering to business**
Prof.dr.Cornel Cobianu, National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA" Bucharest

From Practice to Institutional Impact: Research Careers and Management in WIDERA Projects

- **Turning WIDERA Projects into Institutional Change: Lessons from Research Management Practice**
Prof. dr.habil. Ilinca Năstase, Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest
- **Strategy for research careers and management, A personal perspective**
Prof. dr.habil. Alina-Adriana Minea, "Gheorghe Asachi" Technical University of Iaşi

13.00-13.40

Networking Lunch

13.40-15.30

Session 3: Fine-Tuning Your Project Idea: Feedback & Support (individual meetings)

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