

DRAFT 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: Overview of WIDERA 2026-2027 Calls: New and Established Opportunities**

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

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**

- **Project SCEWERO Strengthening the research Capacities for Extreme Weather Events in Romania**
Prof.dr.habil Adina-Eliza Croitoru, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca
- **Project VELES Excellence Hub - Strengthening the South-East Europe Smart Health Regional Excellence and Boosting the Innovation Potential**
Dr. Ioana Spanache, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)
- **Project EBIO-HUB: Chair of Research Centre in Biomedical Engineering**
Prof.dr.Ciprian Iliescu, National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest
Prof.dr.Cornel Cobianu, National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest
- **From Practice to Institutional Impact: Research Careers and Management in WIDERA Projects**
Prof. dr.habil. Ilinca Năstase, Technical University of Civil Engineering of Bucharest
Prof. dr.habil. Alina Minea, "Gh.Asachi " Technical University of Iaşi

13.00-13.40

Networking Lunch

13.40-15.30**Session 3: Fine-Tuning Your Project Idea: Feedback & Support**

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