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Horizon Europe: Widening

Twinning

Call info

- Deadline: maybe 2026?
- Budget per project: **800-1,500 kEUR** (LUMP SUM)
- Duration: **3 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-02-01](#)
 - a) Green Deal – R&I topics addressing Green Transition
 - b) bottom-up – any R&I topic

Twining

Consortium

- **Coordinator**: from **Widening country**
- **Strategic partners**: at least two **world leading** institutions from eligible countries
- optional: other Widening partners (close link with coordinator)
- 1+2-4 setup proven successful
- 30% of HE budget can be invested in R&I costs
- 50% of R&I budget must go to Widening countries

Twining

Suitability and scope

– Who?

- Faculty/Department level (not individual small team).
- Cross-department/Cross-faculty initiatives.
- Teams with ambition to internationalize R&I and strong partners abroad.

– Why?

- Upscaling R&I collaboration.
- Training & dissemination events.
- Fellowships.
- Upgrading research support.

ERA Chairs

Call info

- Deadline: maybe 2027?
- Budget of the call: **97M**
- Budget per project: **1.5-2.5 MEUR; lump sum**
- Expected number of projects: **45**
- Duration: **5 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-01-01](#)
- **NO CONSORTIUM – JUST US AS COORDINATOR**

ERA Chairs

Suitability and scope

– Who?

- Any unit ready to host a new Research Group.
- Especially suitable in connection with newly established facilities / strategic investments.

– Why?

- Bring in **EXCELLENT RESEARCH & INNOVATION LEADER** (the ERA Chair person).
- The ERA Chair person may be temporary – hire permanent leader until 3rd year.
- Salaries for the ERA Chair and their team.
- Upgrading institutional culture – research support and integration of the ERA Chair.
- Research costs (not including salaries) up to 10% of budget.

Teaming

Call info

- Deadline: **first stage Spring 2025; second stage late 2025**
- Budget per project: **8-15 M€** (co-investment of same amount needed)
- Duration: **6 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-01-01-two-stage](#)

Teaming

Consortium

- **Coordinator**: from **Widening country**; hosting Centre of Excellence
- **Strategic partner**: at least one **world leading** institution from eligible country
- optional: other Widening partners (co-hosting Centre of Excellence)
- optional: other Strategic partner (must also be world leading)
- links to regional ecosystem advisable

- 1+1 setup feasible; 1+2/3 proven successful
- 10% of HE budget can be invested in R&I costs

Teaming

Suitability and scope

– Who? **New or upgraded Centre of Excellence**

- Heavily research-oriented units.
- Newly established facilities / strategic investments (OP JAK, NPO).

– Why?

- OP JAK investment matching HE funding.
- Institutional setup (autonomy in management, HR, operations, research support etc.).
- Pilot R&I project.
- Training and education linked to excellent R&I.
- Strategic partnership.

Excellence Hubs

Call info

- Deadline: maybe 2026?
- Budget of the call: **60M**
- Budget per project: **2-5 (+1) MEUR**
- Expected number of projects: **12**
- Duration: **4 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01](#)

Excellence Hubs

Consortium

- Partnerships of min. **2 place-based innovation ecosystems** from **2 different Widening countries**
- Each ecosystem needs to include **4 different types of actors**:
 1. **Academic**; 2. **Business** (at least 1 well-established); 3. **Public**; 4. **Societal**
- Coordinator can be any of them; umbrellas / associations are wellcome
- +1 MEUR available for mentoring of an emerging ecosystem established in rural areas, Western Balkans or Eastern Partnership including Ukraine

Excellence Hubs

Suitability and scope

– Who?

- Regionally strong economic sectors.
- Cross-sectoral networks with strong R&I vision.

– Why?

- Development of investment strategies / future projects.
- R&I component to build evidence for investment / future projects.
- Training and knowledge transfer.
- Staff exchange.

Pathways to Synergies

Call info

- Budget per project: **500-1,200 k€**
- Duration: **2-3 years** (tentative)
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-04-01](https://www.horizon-widerra.eu/2023-ACCESS-04-01)
 - a) [upstream synergy](#) – ERDF investment leading to Horizon projects
 - b) downstream synergy – Horizon results promoted via ERDF funding

Pathways to Synergies

Consortium

- **Coordinator**: from **Widening country**; recipient of ERDF/RRF/INTERREG...
- **Widening partners**: at least two institutions, at least one more country, all also recipients of ERDF/RRF/INTERREG...
- optional: other Widening partners, especially regional innovation ecosystem
- optional: mentoring/strategic partners from non-Widening countries

- min. 70% of budget to Widening countries

Pathways to synergies

Suitability and scope

– Who?

- VaVpl centres.
- OP VVV Teams.
- NPO / Excelles centres.

– Why?

- Project development.
- Internationalization strategy (fellowships and partnerships, promotion of infrastructure).
- HR Strategy (hiring).
- Training (non-scientific competences).

ERA Talents

Call info

- Budget per project: **1-3 M€**, lump sum
- Expected no. of funded projects: **20**
- Duration: **4 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2024-TALENTS-03-01](#)

ERA Talents

Consortium

- **Coordinator:** from **Widening country**
- **Partners:** at least two institutions, at least one more Widening country
- must include **both academic and non-academic sector** (may be covered by umbrella organizations and associations)

- at least 70% of budget expected to go to Widening countries

ERA Talents

Suitability and scope

– Who?

- Cross-sector international networks.

– Why?

- 3-24 month secondments – intersectoral with Widening dimension.
- Strengthening academia/non-academia cooperation.
- Improving training and lifelong learning.
- Boosting researcher entrepreneurship.
- Grant covers travel and salary of seconded persons; + related admin, dissemination etc. costs.
- Mandatory return phase of 12 months (salary not covered).

European Excellence Initiative

- Deadline: **20 Nov 2025**
- Call budget: **60 M€**
- Budget per project: **2-5 M€**
- Duration: max. **5 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-03-01](#)
- [**Why \(not\)? Need a link to strong university alliance!**](#)

ERA Fellowships

- Deadline: **automatic sub-submission from MSCA-PF-EF**
- Call budget: **8 M€**
- Budget per project: **1-5 M€**
- Expected no. of funded projects: **50**
- Duration: **1-2 years**
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-TALENTS-02-01](#)
- Automatic second chance for applicant to MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships (European Fellowships) with host in Widening countries

Hop-on Facility

- Deadline: **4 Sep 2025**
- Call budget: **40 M€**
- Budget per project: **300-600 k€**
- Expected no. of funded projects: **90**
- Duration: corresponding to hopped project
- Link: [HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-06-01](#)
- Joining funded projects without Widening partner; **track & approach**