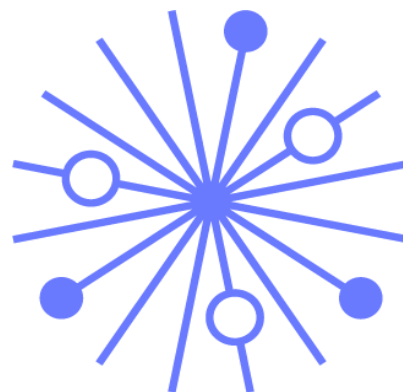




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→ Project information and services  
for applicants and networks



# Our task

NCP\_WIDERA.NET project helps by providing NCPs with operational **tools**, support **services**, and opportunities for transnational **know-how sharing**.



# Project objectives

- NCP\_WIDERA.NET **supports the capacity and effectiveness of the WIDERA National Contact Points** in low performing Member States and Associated Countries and **fills knowledge gaps to improve access to funding opportunities** under the Framework Programmes.
- The project aims to support **international networking and coordination**, and to **improve the quality of proposals** through better access to services provided by the NCPs during the application process, in particular with regard to Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area, as well as Pillar II actions.
- NCP\_WIDERA.NET identifies and **shares good practices** within the NCP community and **raises the standard of support** provided by NCPs to applicants.



# We help build capacity and effectiveness of WIDERA NPCs

We give a special attention to less experienced entities in low performing Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC) to bridge the knowledge gaps to enhance access to funding possibilities under the Framework Programme.

# How we're helping

**Database for external experts** offering pre-check services of proposals before submitting to the EC's calls

**Workshops** on proposal preparation, **Info Days**, and **materials** for applicants in national languages

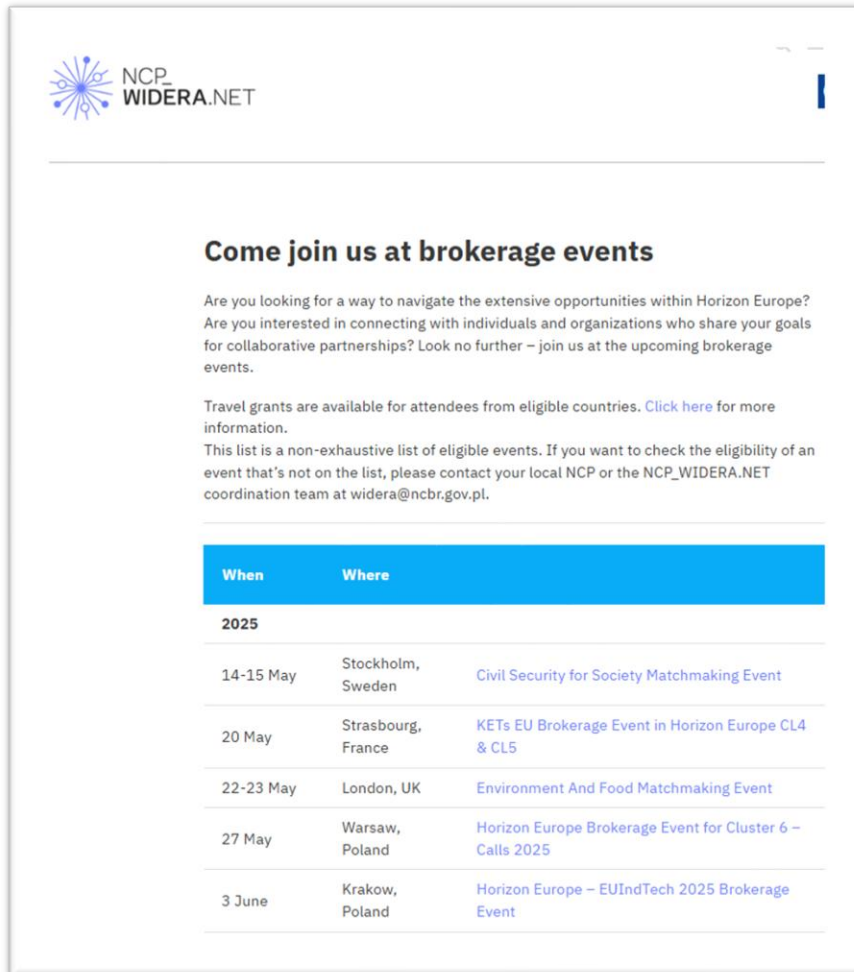
**ERA Knowledge Days** and Brokerage Events, Fact Sheets, Policy Briefs, Success Stories, Opportunities document

**Professional pre-check** services for grant proposals prepared by applicants from Widening countries

**Travel grants for matchmaking** events that include travel and logistics, for organisations applying to Pillar II clusters of Horizon Europe

Meetings for **NCPs** like NCP trainings, seminars, exchange visits and mutual learning workshops, informal *Friday chat over coffee* meetings

# Travel grants for brokerage events



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## Come join us at brokerage events

Are you looking for a way to navigate the extensive opportunities within Horizon Europe? Are you interested in connecting with individuals and organizations who share your goals for collaborative partnerships? Look no further – join us at the upcoming brokerage events.

Travel grants are available for attendees from eligible countries. [Click here](#) for more information.

This list is a non-exhaustive list of eligible events. If you want to check the eligibility of an event that's not on the list, please contact your local NCP or the NCP\_WIDERA.NET coordination team at [widera@ncbr.gov.pl](mailto:widera@ncbr.gov.pl).

When	Where	
<b>2025</b>		
14-15 May	Stockholm, Sweden	<a href="#">Civil Security for Society Matchmaking Event</a>
20 May	Strasbourg, France	<a href="#">KETs EU Brokerage Event in Horizon Europe CL4 &amp; CL5</a>
22-23 May	London, UK	<a href="#">Environment And Food Matchmaking Event</a>
27 May	Warsaw, Poland	<a href="#">Horizon Europe Brokerage Event for Cluster 6 – Calls 2025</a>
3 June	Krakow, Poland	<a href="#">Horizon Europe – EUIndTech 2025 Brokerage Event</a>

The NCP\_WIDERA.NET project partners have launched a travel grants programme to support participation of **applicants from eligible Widening countries to Pillar II clusters, European partnerships and Missions brokerage events organised on-site.**

**up to 1,000 EUR to cover the costs of travel and accommodation to a matchmaking event**

The aim is to establish working contacts between coordinators looking for new partners and to increase the uptake in Horizon Europe proposal submissions.

Applications must be submitted via the relevant country-level organisations and are subject to the availability of funds.

For more information, including the list of eligible countries and the relevant managing institutions, please visit:

→ <https://www.ncpwideranet.eu/travel-grants/>

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**Free-of-charge proposal pre-screening** available to coordinators and WP leaders from eligible Widening countries.



## Database of experts:

1200+ from 50+ countries

## Proposals pre-screened so far:

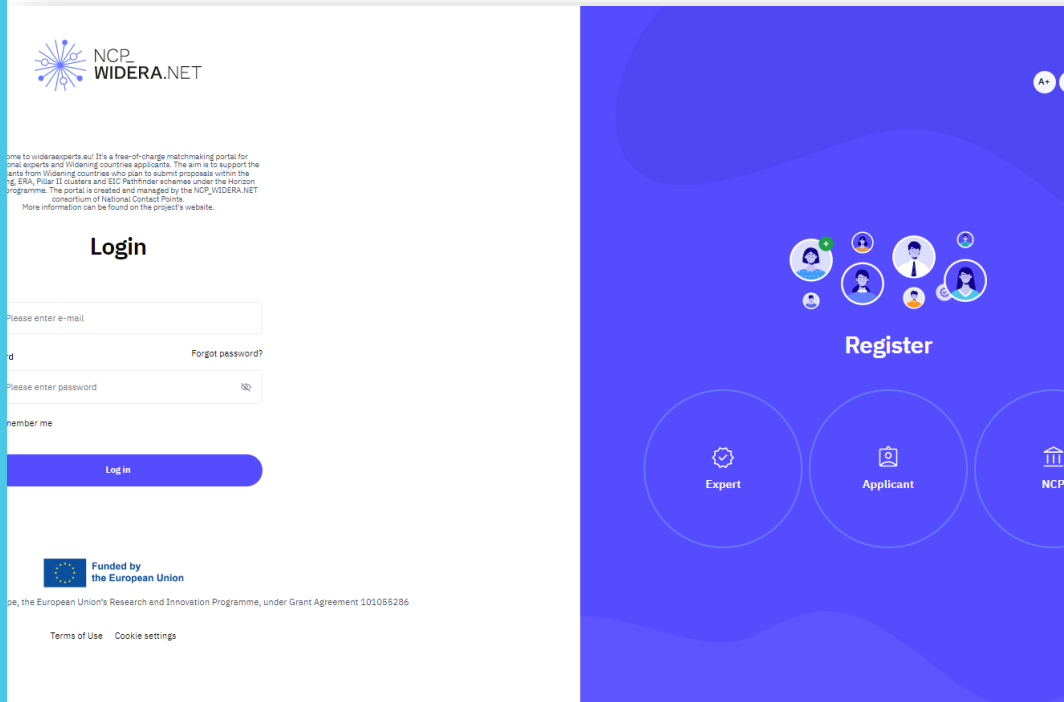
220+ proposals completed  
from 10+ countries

- Registration for Applicants, NCPs and Experts:  
[wideraexperts.eu](https://wideraexperts.eu)
- More information about the portal:  
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**Free-of-charge proposal pre-screening** available to coordinators and WP leaders from eligible Widening countries.



- The service covers **Horizon Europe calls under Widening, ERA, Pillar II clusters, Institutionalised European Partnerships, Missions and EIC Pathfinder schemes.**
- Applicants register in the portal and a corresponding NCP (each country covers its own applicants) matches their proposal with an expert from the database. The choice is based on matching keywords, expert's experience and track record.
- After signing the contract (that includes an NDA), the expert provides written recommendations.
- Remuneration for the service (600 EUR gross) is paid by the NCP organization from the NCP\_WIDERA.NET project budget
- Check the [ncpwideranet.eu/wideraexperts](https://ncpwideranet.eu/wideraexperts) for the list of eligible Widening countries.



# Feedback from the applicants

(...) We got **very helpful recommendations** regards both the research part and both the impact and other parts of the proposal. In our case we had a meeting with our NCPs as well and it was **definitely worth to have more people involved**.

The service **helped enormously** the team preparing the Twinning proposal. Since the team had no experience with preparation of a proposal in Horizon Europe, the **evaluator's comments helped a lot to understand the requirements of the call**, the sense of the information to be provided in each section of the proposal and the role of the evaluator.

The service **significantly contributes to the quality of the proposal**. It is, in my view, **one of the most effective ways how to help** coordinators from Widening countries to close the gap with regard to their experienced counterparts.

**Very useful service**, especially for those with low experience in handling EU projects.


The reviewer provided **comprehensive feedback on the Excellence and Impact Sections**, covering not only **technical aspects but also market perspectives**. Our interaction lasted over 4 hours and **greatly enhanced our proposal across all areas**.

Extremely good. Despite the short deadline, the **expert was very efficient** in providing me with the **relevant feedback**. (...) Very good initiative, it **should be made permanent service**.

The **expert assigned was very qualified**, gave very **interesting remarks and feedback**. (...)The expert has the arts & crafts & history & culture background, **very high level of knowledge**.

The **interface is client oriented**, very clear and simple. The work of the **expert was very professional and well structured**. The **communication of the recommendations was also very clear**, no ambiguities.

# Follow us and check out our publications



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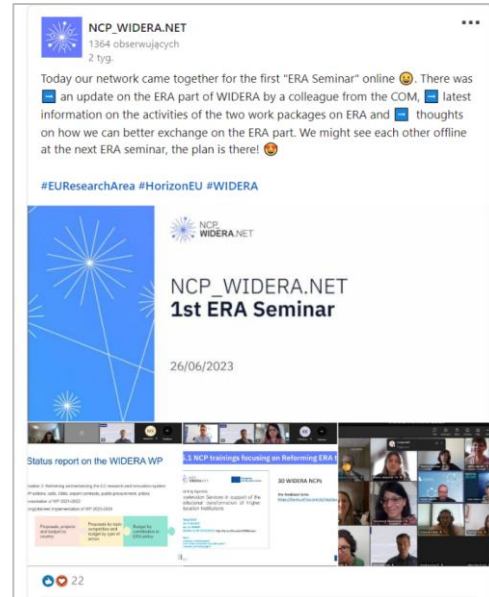


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The new European Innovation Scoreboard is published! The amount of information and data is almost overwhelming! For a quick start, the summary is worthwhile. If you are interested in a specific country, the individual country reports will help you.

**Key statements:**


- Most EU Member States have increased their innovation performance over the past 8 years.
- Compared to last year, innovation performance is growing at a slower pace.
- Belgium, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, and Sweden are Innovation Leaders with innovation performance well above the EU average (>125% of EU average).
- Austria, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ireland, and Luxembourg are Strong Innovators with performance above the EU average.
- Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, and Spain are Moderate Innovators with performance below the EU average.
- Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Slovakia are Emerging Innovators with performance well below the EU average (< 70% of EU average).
- Fun Fact: the European Innovation Scoreboard is funded by the WIDERA work.



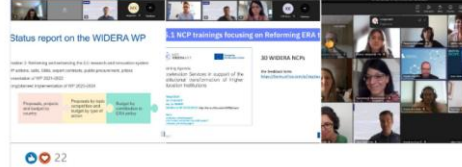
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Today our network came together for the first "ERA Seminar" online 🙌. There was an update on the ERA part of WIDERA by a colleague from the COM, latest information on the activities of the two work packages on ERA and thoughts on how we can better exchange on the ERA part. We might see each other offline at the next ERA seminar, the plan is there! 🙌

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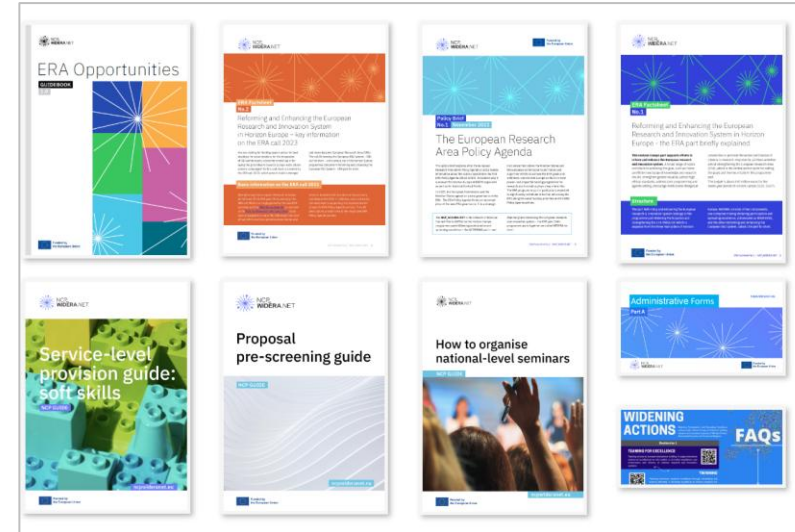
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1 NCP trainings focusing on Reframing ERA

30 WIDERA NCPs




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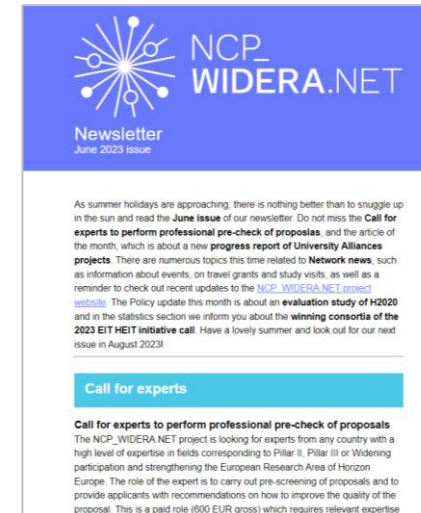
## Our newsletter

We run a monthly newsletter about policy developments, event also keep our readers posted about the outcomes of our projects. You can subscribe here. You can also have a look at our past issues.

**2023**



June May April



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## Newsletter

June 2023 Issue

As summer holidays are approaching, there is nothing better than to struggle up in the sun and read the June issue of our newsletter. Do not miss the **Call for experts to perform professional pre-check of proposals**, and the article of the month, which is about a new **progress report of University Alliances projects**. There are numerous topics this time related to **Network news**, such as information about events, on travel grants and study visits, as well as a reminder to check out recent updates to the **NCP\_WIDERA.NET project website**. The Policy update this month is about an **evaluation study of H2020 and in the statistics section we inform you about the winning consortia of the 2023 EIT HET initiative call**. Have a lovely summer and look out for our next issue in August 2023!

**Call for experts**

**Call for experts to perform professional pre-check of proposals**  
The NCP\_WIDERA.NET project is looking for experts from any country with a high level of expertise in fields corresponding to Pillar II, Pillar III or Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area of Horizon Europe. The role of the expert is to carry out pre-screening of proposals and to provide applicants with recommendations on how to improve the quality of the proposal. This is a paid role (600 EUR gross) which requires relevant expertise.



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Fun fact: this important scoreboard is funded by the #WIDERA work programme 😊 Did you know?

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**Marc Tachelet** @tachelet · 1d

The 2023 edition of the European Innovation Scoreboard 📊 is out now!

Since 2001, the #EUInnovation Scoreboard has analysed innovation performance across EU countries & global competitors

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Read key takeaways in the #thread

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The understanding of biological phenomena requires the contribution of #CitizenScience.

This #EUacademy e-learning course gives students & teachers the right tools to get involved.

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