

Χρηματοδοτικές ευκαιρίες από το πρόγραμμα "Widening Participation & Spreading Excellence"

Βασιλική Καλοδήμου Εθνικό Σημείο Επαφής στον Ορίζοντα Ευρώπη

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Horizon Europe Structure: Widening Participation (2.96bn euro)

HORIZON EUROPE

EURATOM





- Προκήρυξη Twinning
-) Προκήρυξη ERA Chairs
- ▶ Προκήρυξη Excellence Hubs



Twinning – ERA Chairs - Διαφορά από άλλες θεματικές και τύπους δράσεων των προγραμμάτων πλαίσιο

- Mικρά στοχευμένα δίκτυα (Twinning)
- Πόροι προοριζόμενοι αποκλειστικά για capacity building οργανισμών, υπό την καθοδήγηση των advanced partners, μέσω:
 - ενίσχυσης της επιστημονικής τους βάσης
 - ενίσχυσης της ικανότητάς τους να καινοτομούν
 - σύνδεσής τους με το οικοσύστημα, ιδιαίτερα με τη βιομηχανία και τις ΜμΕ
 - ενίσχυσης συγγραφής προτάσεων
 - ερευνητικής συνεργασίας με τους advanced partners
 - κοινές δημοσιεύσεις με τους advanced partners
- Υλοποίηση της στρατηγικής ατζέντας οργανισμών με την επιλογή της κατάλληλης δράσης (Twinning ERA Chairs)



Twinning



Twinning: HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03-01

- Total budget: 149 mio euro
- ▶ Budget per proposal: 0.80-1.50 mio euro | Duration: 3 years
- Number of proposals to be funded: 100
- Coordinator: Legal entities from widening countries
- **Consortium**: At least two internationally research-based institutions from eligible countries in Horizon Europe, other than the country of the coordinator
- > Type of action: Coordination and Support Action
- ▶ 30% of the grant to research projects
 - 70% of research activities should be allocated at the coordinator
- Cross-cutting subjects: Gender Gender equality plans, open science, FAIR data
- Deadline: 18 January 2022



Scope (τι ζητάει η προκήρυξη)



Focused networks with high quality partners

- Selection of any scientific domain (bottom up)
- > Training and Mentoring programme for widening coordinators
- > Strategic networking activities between the Coordinator and advanced partner
- Mobility for qualified scientists (inward outward)
- > Utilise the experience and best practices of internationally leading partners
- Arrangements for new or on-going research partnerships
- Strengthen Research Management and Administration skills
 - Dedicated work package or task
 - Focus on proposal writing
 - Set-up a distinct unit, if not existing
- Stimulate scientific excellence and innovation capacity of the coordinator

Underpinned by scientific strategy

Gender Balance



Soft activities + research component

- short-term staff exchanges
- expert visits
- short term on-site or virtual training
- Workshops (including with non-academic actors, ie industry)
- conference attendance
- Dissemination of research work (publications)
- organisation of joint summer school type activities
- dissemination and outreach activities (ie. public campaigns)
- Research costs



Παραδείγματα δράσεων

- Provision of methodological tools (training programme)
- **>** KPIs
 - X increase in high impact publications
 - X number of Phd/master thesis on x subject
 - X number of interdisciplinary teams
 - Better organizational processes
 - X number of joint research project applications by the consortium
 - X workshops with industry
- "Seamless" mobility of researchers (well designed exchange schemes)
- Public engagement campaigns



- Ακρίβεια στο περιεχόμενο αποφύγετε ασάφειες ή πολύ γενικά κείμενα
- Δυναμικό "lead-in" από το Excellence
- Κατάρτιση σχετικών KPIs
- Σύνδεση στόχων και αποτελεσμάτων με KPIs
- Gender aspects in research methodology and implementation teams
- Αναφορά σε ένα φιλόδοξο όραμα του συντονιστή ή της κοινοπραξίας
- Αναφορά σε προηγούμενα έργα που αποτελούν συνέχεια μέσω του έργου
 Twinning



Twinning Παραδείγματα - Στατιστικά



Παράδειγμα 1: MULTICOOP Project



Assessment of chemical cocktails in combination with bioactivity testing for food and feed safety

- **Coordinator**: University of Chemistry and Technology Prague (CZ) € 416 k
- **Budget**: € 998 k **Duration**: 01/01/16 31/12/18
- Advanced partners:
 - 1. The Queen's University of Belfast (UK) € 291 k
 - 2. University of Vienna, Dept of Agrobiotechnology IFA-Tulln (AT) € 291 k









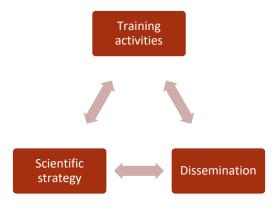


Παράδειγμα 1 : MULTICOOP Project



Objectives

Transfer of competences, techniques between the 3 partners







Impact

- 10 joint research publications in food safety (combined food toxicity on food toxicants)
- 14 papers with GOLD/GREEN access
- Joint projects funded under H2020 (January 2017 onwards)
- > EIT Food Hub in Czech Republic
- Identifying potential areas for future research





Παράδειγμα 2: REPARES project

- New Twinning Project (2018 Call), same team
- Subject: Research on antibiotic resistance spread through wastewater treatment plants
- Partners involved: 1. TU Delft NL
 - 2. Westus NL Centre of Excellence
 - 3. Aalborg University DK
 - 4. Catholic University of Portugal PT

Table 3.1a: List of work packages

Work package No	Work Package Title	Lead Participant No	Lead Participant Short Name	Person- Months	Start Month	End month
1	Increasing UCT's level of scientific excellence	1	UCT	45	3	36
2	Increasing ability to successfully apply for international projects	2	TUDelft	11	12	36
3	Fostering cooperation with non-academic sector	3	Wetsus	11	1	36
4	Advancing European community's know-how on ARG's occurrence and spread in Europe	5	UCP	47	1	36
5	Management and Dissemination	1	UCT	30	1	36

Abstract from the Proposal



Παράδειγμα 3: Έργο Twinning project με ελληνική συμμετοχή



Twinning Open Data Operational - **TODO** project: https://todo-project.eu/

Coordinator: Faculty of Geodesy, University of Zagreb

Greek partner: University of Aegean, **Dept of Information and Communication Systems**

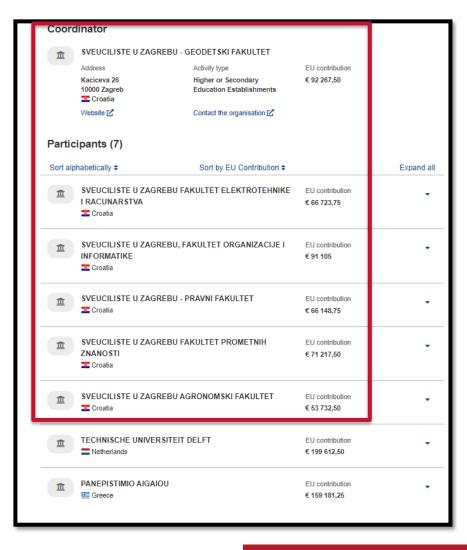
University of Zagreb

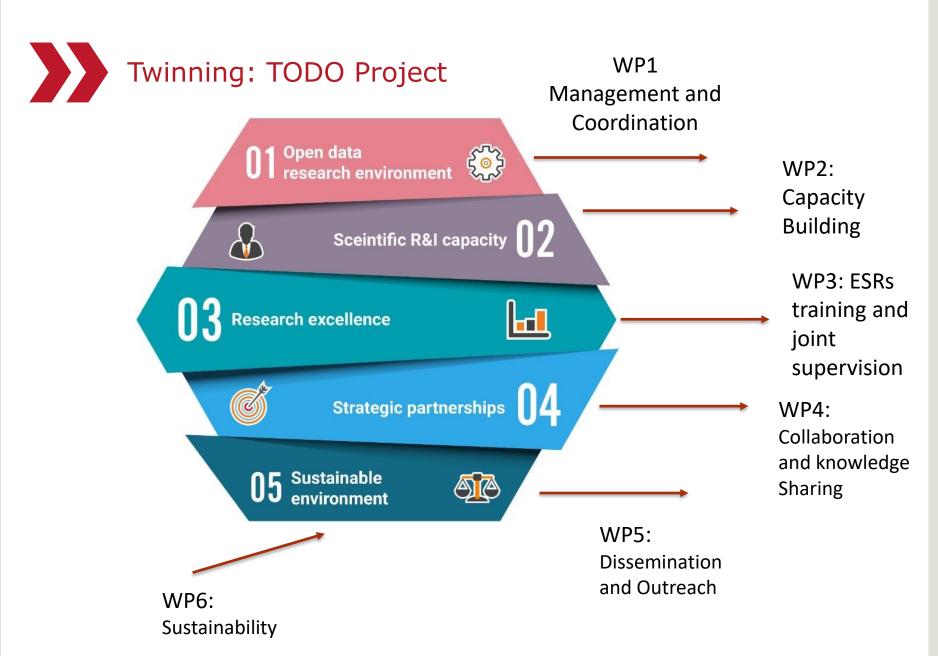
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing
- Faculty of Organization and Informatics
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture

Delft University of Technology and University



TODO project at Cordis https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/857592







Νέα έργα από Βόρεια Ελλάδα



Earth Observation Training in Science and Technology

https://eotist.cbk.waw.pl/project.html

Advanced partner from Greece: CERTH/ITI

Objectives

SWOT analysis allowed defining specific objectives to be reached:

- **O1.** Enhance S&T capacity of the coordinating institution;
- **O2.** Upgrade research profile of the coordinating institution and the profile of its staff by training and mobilizing of personnel;
- O3. Increase research excellence and stimulate innovation of the coordinating institution;
- **Q4.** Achieve sustainable progress and future development for the today's seed group in CBK PAN:
- **O5.** Promote the involvement of early stage researchers in the CBK PAN;
- O6. Develop joint research initiatives and projects;
- **O7.** Improve proposal preparation and management/administration skills in the CBK PAN.



http://istoscenter.eu/

<u>Advanced partner from Greece:</u> AUTH/RU on Soil Dynamics and Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering



Στατιστικά (Η2020)

Top Participants						
Legal Name Q	Country Q	City Q	H2020 Participations	H2020 Net EU Contribution		
Totals			904	€ 195.166.504		
TARTU ULIKOOL	Estonia	TARTU	10	€4.051.846		
INSTITUTO DE MEDICINA MOLECULAR JOAO LOBO ANTUNES	Portugal	LISBOA	7	€3.923.663		
KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN	Belgium	LEUVEN	14	€ 2.734.699		
Masarykova univerzita	Czechia	BRNO STRED	5	€2.585.348		
FRAUNHOFER GESELLSCHAFT ZUR FOERDERUNG DER ANGEWANDTEN FORSCHUNG	Germany	MUNCHEN	12	€2.310.499		
UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA	Portugal	LISBOA	5	€ 2.188.651		
TECHNOLOGIKO PANEPISTIMIO KYPROU	Cyprus	LEMESOS	6	€2.179.449		
CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE CNRS	France	PARIS	16	€1.707.303		
THE CHANCELLOR MASTERS AND SCHOLARS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	United Kingdom	CAMBRIDGE	9	€1.886.436		
TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL	Estonia	TALLINN	4	€1.680.105		
INSTITUT JOZEF STEFAN	Slovenia	LJUBLJANA	6	€1.648.883		
UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	Cyprus	NICOSIA	4	€1.579.516		
UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO	Portugal	BRAGA	3	€1.571.199		
MALTA COLLEGE OF ARTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Malta	PAOLA	4	€ 1.570.754		
TALLINN UNIVERSITY	Estonia	TALLINN	5	€1.550.014		
UNIVERSITEIT GENT	Belgium	GENT	7	€1.455.795		
CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE	Italy	ROMA	7	€1.302.058		



ERA Chairs



ERA Chairs: HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-TALENTS-01-01

- Duration: 5 years
- Total budget: 80 mio euro
- ▶ Budget/proposal: 1.50 2.50 mio euro
- Number of proposals to be funded: 32
- Eligibility: Coordinators from widening countries
- Consortium: Possibility for joint application between the coordinator & organization (from any part of the world EXCEPT the country of the coordinator) currently hosting the ERA Chair
- > Type of Action: Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
- Deadline: 15 March 2022





The ERA Chair

- Must be identified
- Outstanding researcher of any nationality settling in a widening organisation
- Enjoy freedom/autonomy from the host organization
- > Resource allocation, apply freely for funding, supervise team members
- May undertake teaching duties
- Full time or part time

ERA Chair & the team

- > Set up a permanent research team **integrated** in the coordinator
- Open-transparent recruitment No prior contractual relationship of 50% of team members
- Set up a leader of the team within the first 3 years of the project



- CV of the ERA Chair
- Technical and scientific support to be provided by the coordinator
- Investments in facilities, infrastructures or effective use of existing facilities
- Recruitment by the European Charter for Researchers & Code of Conduct

Demonstration of commitment

- Letter of Commitment by the ERA Chair
- Letter of the head of the coordinator about giving the ERA Chair holder adequate support

Contractual arrangements and multiple stays

- Salary, travel, perks should be outlined in proposal
- Timeline outlined in proposal
- Sustainability arrangements



Institutional reforms

- > establishment of a research unit for spill over effect within the organisation
- better research management, IPR etc

Fund raising - Sustainability

improved success to competitive research funding

Attractiveness

- Improved attractiveness of the institution to attract international and excellent researchers
 - international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral mobility of researchers and innovators



Eligible costs

- > Salaries / ERA Chair and team members
- Recruitment costs
- Travel costs
- Administrative costs
- Up to 10% research costs (linked to seconded personnel to the coordinator)
- Trainings
- Meetings
- Publications
- Intellectual Property Management

Gender equality plans



ERA Chairs Παραδείγματα – στατιστικά - ανταγωνιστικά στοιχεία πρότασης



Case 1: SuprachemLab (RO)



Laboratory for Supramolecular Chemistry for adoptive delivery systems

Host: Intel Centre @ Petru Poni Institute for Macromolecular Chemistry, based in IASI, Romania **ERA Chair**: Fmeritus Professor Marc J.M. Abadie, University of Montpellier,

Aim: Establish a competitive research group in hybrid materials for adoptive self-organised supramolecular structures

Budget: € 2.5 m- **Duration:** 01/07/15 - 30/06/20

Resources:

- 1. Newly build Intel Centre for Bionanoconjugates and biopolymers worth of 5 million euros
- 2. Experience of Nobel Prize holder in Chemistry Prof. Jean Marie Lehn

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Case 1: SuprachemLab (RO)



Achievements

- 57 open-access articles in scientific journals on Drug Delivery
- 9 in-house trainings brought >20 leading scientists
- 10 outgoing trainings: Montpellier institute of Membranes (FR), Namur University (BE), EU Surface Analysis Users Meeting (UK)
- Scientific agreements with CNRS (FR), Imperial College (UK), Fraunhofer Institut fur Biomediziniche (DE), Royal Institute of Technology – Dept of Chemistry (SE)
- 5 in-house event for cooperation with industry, patenting and tech-transfer,
 >25 participation in industry-based events.
- Membership in clusters, national & international (Danube Framework for RRI)



Case 2: University of Tartu: Institute of Technology

3 ERA Chairs by one Institute



SynBioTec: ERA Chairs on Synthetic Biology

> ERA Chair Holder: Dr. Petri – Jaan Lahtvee



GasFermTech

ERA Chairs on Gas Fermentation Technologies

> ERA Chair Holder: Dr. Kaspar Valgepea

MATTER: ERA Chairs on Materials in Xtreme Environments

ERA Chair Holder: Not recruited yet

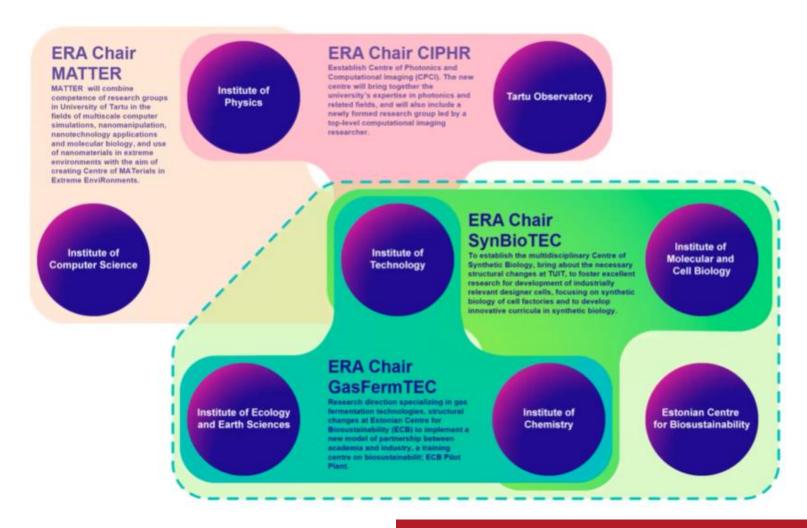
Plus: Seed funding for research costs by Estonian Research Council







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TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKO	OOL	Estonia		TALLINN		3	€ 7.497.500
UNIVERZA V LJUBLJANI		Slovenia		LJUBLJAN	Д	2	€4.999.996
THE CYPRUS INSTITUTE		Cyprus		NICOSIA		2	€4.999.250
EESTI MAAULIKOOL		Estonia		TARTU		2	€4.967.375
INSTITUTO DE BIOLOGIA MOLECULAR E CELULAR-	IBMC	Portugal		PORTO		2	€ 4.955.799
TALLINN UNIVERSITY		Estonia		TALLINN		2	€4.896.363
ICETA INSTITUTO DE CIENCIAS, TECNOLOGIAS AGROAMBIENTE DA	E	Portugal		PORTO		2	€4.724.545
CENTRO DE NEUROCIENO BIOLOGIACELULAR ASSOCIACAO	CIAS E	Portugal		COIMBRA		1	€ 2.500.000
INSTITUTUL REGIONAL D ONCOLOGIE IASI	E	Romania		IASI		1	€ 2.500.000
UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS		Cyprus		NICOSIA		1	€2.500.000
FACULDADE DE MEDICINA UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBO		Portugal		LISBOA		1	€ 2.499.999
Medical University Of Varn	а	Bulgaria		VARNA		1	€ 2.499.979
SVEUCILISTE U ZAGREBU FAKULTET ELEKTROTEHN RACUNARSTVA		Croatia		ZAGREB		1	€ 2.499.958
KOC UNIVERSITY		Turkey		ISTANBUL		1	€2.499.938
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UNIVERSIDADE DO MINH	0	Portugal		BRAGA		1	€2.499.755
POLITECHNIKA SLASKA		Poland		GLIWICE		1	€ 2.499.500



Στοιχεία ανταγωνιστικής πρότασης

Επίπεδο οργανισμού

- Παραδοχή αδυναμιών του ινστιτούτου/εργαστηρίου του φορέα υποδοχής
- Διάθεση για διαρθρωτικές αλλαγές που να επηρεάζουν και τον φορέα υποδοχής
- Δέσμευση του φορέα υποδοχής για μέγιστη αυτονομία στον ERA Chair

Συμπληρωματικές επενδύσεις

- Εξοπλισμός που θα αποκτηθεί και θα διατεθεί για τις ανάγκες του έργου
- Seed funding π.χ. για έρευνα

Προφίλ ERA Chair

Στρατηγική - βιωσιμότητα

- Ενσωμάτωση ERA Chair και της ομάδας στον φορέα υποδομής
- Ενσωμάτωση της ομάδας στα αναπτυξιακά σχέδια του φορέα υποδοχής π.χ.δημιουργία νέου κέντρου, νέου ινστιτούτου, κ.ά.
- Fund raising



Excellence Hubs: HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-04-01

Details

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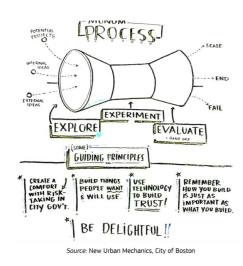
Total budget: 50 mio euro

▶ Budget per proposal: 3-5 mio euro

> Type of action: Coordination and Support Action

▶ Eligibility: At least 2 place-based R&I ecosystems from widening countries

Quadruple helix ecosystem





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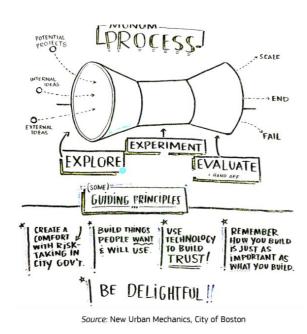
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What are place-based ecosystems?

Mutually reinforcing actors in a territorial context, quadruple helix:

- Universities and non-university research centers
- Business entities (or revenue generating startUps of at least 3 years)
- Public authorities/appointed agencies
- Societal actors (civil society, cultural actors, end users, media)

What is the scope of the project?

- Define thematic scope of consortium by common denominator in related smart specialisation strategies and/or European policy priorities such as green and digital transition
- Create innovation culture



Excellence Hubs: Consortium structure

- Minimum requirement: Two placed based innovation ecosystems from two different countries, all components of quadruple helix
 - per ecosystem at least one research institutions + one established commercial company (existing at least 3 years, proven commercial revenues) must sign the Grant Agreement (GA)
 - Umbrella organisations may replace individual partners
 - For large ecosystems **not all members need to sign** the GA
 - ➤ Entities and ecosystems **from advanced countries are eligible** if justified and center of gravity of the project (budget share +- 70%) remains in widening countries



Excellence Hubs: Important components of the project

Coherent and balanced package of actions:

- > Cross-border joint R&I strategy aligned with strategic priorities

 Based on challenges and opportunities by Smart Specialisation Strategies

 and/or European Policies
- Action and investment plan for implementation of the strategy Mobilisation of structural funds, national funds, venture capital Societal actors (civil society, cultural actors, end users, media)
- Conceptual design and pre-planning for pilots and demonstrators
 Specification of R&I infrastructure, feasibility and proof of concept studies
- Joint R&I project consolidating academia business linkages Marketable solutions
- Accompanying measures

 Raise visibility, citizen engagement, technology transfer, entrepreneurship training, staff exchange, mutual learning



Horizon Europe Infoday: Widening & ERA

Programme

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General introduction to ERA-Widening
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10:45
Widening participation Session 1
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10:45
Strengthening the European Research Area Session 1
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14:00
Strengthening the European Research Area Session 2
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Widening participation Session 2
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Documents

- · Horizon Europe strategic plan
- Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area work programme

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/events/upcoming-events/horizon-europe-info-days/era-and-widening_en



Περισσότερες πληροφορίες (2)

- Έγγραφο βάσης European Research Area: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM%3A2020%3A628%3AFIN
- Data Management Plan & FAIR Principles: https://www.biodiversa.org/1677/download
- ➤ Horizon Europe guidance on gender equality plans

 https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/ffcb06c3-200a-11ec-bd8e-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-232129669
- Dashboard

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Σνημερωτική εκδήλωση «Widening Participation & Spreading Excellence στον Ορίζοντα Ευρώπη», Πέμπτη, 9 Δεκεμβρίου 2021:
https://praxinetwork.gr/events/enimerotiki-ekdilosi-widening-participation-spreading-excellence-ston-orizonta-evropi/

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