

# WIDERA Excellence Hubs

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## AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30

### WELCOME BY CO-ORGANISERS

**Tanya Politi**, METACITIES Excellence Hub

**Kostas Vavekis**, Director PRAXI Network/FORTH

**Katarzyna Buszkiewicz-Seferyńska**, Coordinator NCP\_WIDERA.NET

### EXCELLENCE HUBS UNDER HORIZON EUROPE

**Dr. Joerg Niehoff**, Deputy Head of Unit, RTD. A2: ERA Governance and Implementation,  
European Commission

## Session A

09:30 – 09:50

### OVERVIEW – STATISTICS - TIPS

**Vassiliki Kalodimou – Maria Mikroni**: National Contact Point for WIDERA, PRAXI Network  
/ FORTH

09:50 – 11:00

### EXCELLENCE HUBS BY SECTOR: THEMATIC AREAS & PARTNERSHIPS

*Presentations by Coordinators*

**SMART CITIES - DIGITAL**: **Spyros Denazis**, University of Patras, METACITIES

**HEALTH-ICT**: **Lora Georgieva**, GATE CoE, Sofia University, VELES

**ENERGY**: **Chrysovalantis Ketikidis**, Centre for Research and Technology Hellas, COALition

**FOOD**: **Vasilis Valdramidis**, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, EXCEL4MED

**AGRICULTURE**: **George Zalidis**, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, CARBONICA

**BLUE ECONOMY:** *Barbara Arbanas, University of Zagreb, SeaTechHub*

**HEALTH:** *Joao Malva, University of Coimbra, CHAngeing*

11:00 – 11.20

*Break*

## Session B

11:20 – 11:30

**CORE COMPONENTS: HORIZON-WIDERA-2023-ACCESS-07-01: Excellence Hubs  
INDUCTION INTO THE PANEL DISCUSSIONS**  
Vassiliki Kalodimou, PRAXI Network / FORTH

11:30 – 12:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION 1: JOINT R&I STRATEGY (INCL. Q&A)**

**Moderator: NCP\_WIDERA.NET partner**

Duygu Kuzyaka, Solar Energy, Research and Applications: SOLARHUB

Irene Pavlova, GATE Center of Excellence, VELES

Joao Malva, University of Coimbra, CHAngeing

Nikolina Pomenić, Regional Development Agency of Primorje-Gorski kotar, INNO2MARE

Kosyo Stoychev, University "St. Kliment Ohridski", COALition

Marios Tzouvaras, Eratostenes Center of Excellence, CARBONICA

12:30 – 13:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION 2: JOINT R&I PROJECT (INCL. Q&A)**

**Ian Gauci Borda, Malta Science Council for Technology, NCP\_WIDERA.NET**

George Katsaros, ELGO DIMITRA, EXCEL4MED

Vasos Vassiliou, CYENS Center of Excellence, METACITIES

Marko Simic, University of Ljubljana, INNO2MARE

Andrea Chrastinová Kalinayová, FUNGLASS Center of Excellence

Barbara Arbanas, University of Zagreb, SeaTechHub

Cristian-Dragoş Dumitru, University of Medicine, Pharmacy, Science and Technology of

Târgu Mureş, COALITION

13:30 – 14:00

*Break*

14:00 – 14.45

**PANEL DISCUSSION 3: INVESTMENT & ACTION PLAN, SPECIFICATION FOR PILOTS (INCL. Q&A)**

**Rui Munhá, Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT),  
NCP\_WIDERA.NET**

Odysseas Spyroglou, International Development Ireland, SOLARHUB

Ioanna Spanache, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), VELES

Natalia Suci, University of Coimbra, CHAngeing

Blahomir Skoupy, CEITEC BUT, GlaCerHub

Xenia Loizidou, Isotech, SeaTechHub

14:45 – 15:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION 4: ACCOMPANYING MEASURES (INCL. Q&A)**

**Moderator: NCP\_WIDERA.NET partner**

Hande Eryilmaz, Center for Solar Energy, Research and Applications, SOLARHUB

Gabby Grechlarsson, Malta Chamber of Commerce, EXCEL4MED

Maria Matsangidou, CYENS Center of Excellence, VELES  
Didoe Prevedourou, Hellenic American College (HAEC), METACITIES  
Mario Vukelić, Science and Technology park of the University of Rijeka, ltd, INNO2MARE

15:30 -15:45

## SUMMARY - CLOSING

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