



#### **Bridging the Gap**

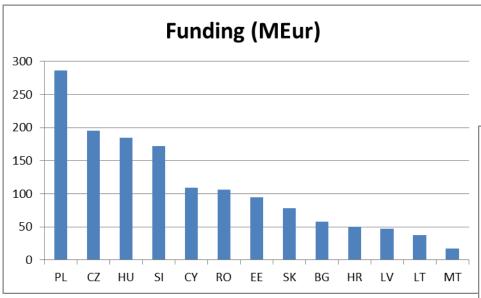
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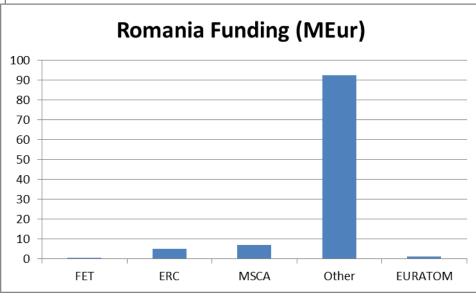
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### Romanian participation in H2020

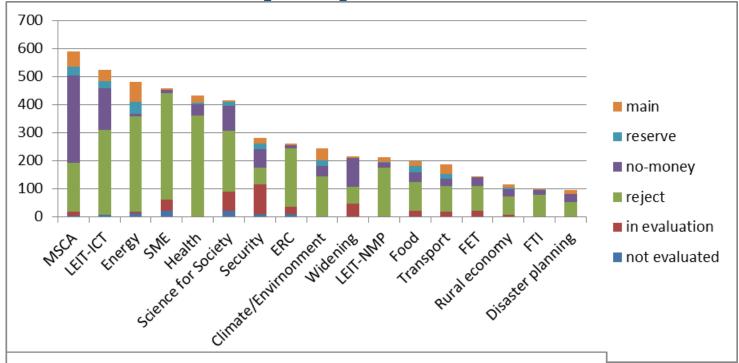


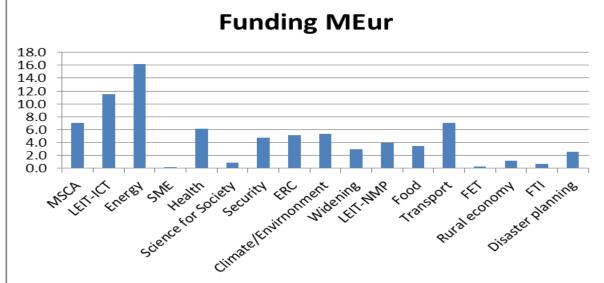


- 692 participations
- RO success rate 11%
  - > EU13 9.3% to 13.1%
  - > H2020 12.4% overall



#### Detail on proposal success in areas







### Why SPREADING



### **EXCELLENCE**

Some EU member states are experiencing **low participation in the Framework Programmes** because of :

- insufficient national R&I investment
- lack of synergies between certain countries national research systems and EU research landscape
- insufficient capacities
- reduced access to international networks.



"Put simply, we want Horizon 2020 funds to benefit as wide a range of European universities and research institutes as possible. We are determined to see that no part of Europe is left behind in research and innovation."

Carlos Moedas



# What is SPREADING



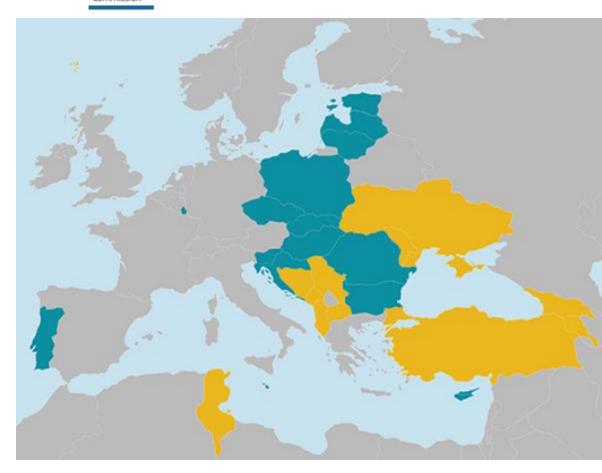
### **EXCELLENCE**

3 specific measures targeting "low RDI performing"
15 Member States:

Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia.

#### 12 Associated Countries:

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.





# Widening Participation



New set of measures in Horizon 2020 under the separate specific objective "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" (WIDESPREAD):

- Teaming for Excellence (CoEs)
- Twinning (institutional networking)
- ERA Chairs (bringing excellence to institutions)
- NCPs (information, communication, support)
  - Policy Support Facility (support for R&I Policy design)
- COST (stimulating cross border science networks)

Total Budget in H2020 ~ € 816 million



# Widening Participation



-Twinning aims to build on the huge potential of networking for excellence through knowledge transfer and, exchange of best practice between research institutions and leading partners.

-ERA Chairs will bring outstanding researchers to universities and other research organisations, in those countries, that have high potential for research excellence to help them attract, maintain and increase high quality human resources and implement the structural changes necessary to achieve excellence on a susta

# Twinning: Objectives



#### Aim of the action:

Strengthen a <u>defined field of research</u> in a <u>university or research organisation</u> from a <u>Widening country</u> by linking it with <u>at least two</u> internationally-leading research institutions in other Member States or Associated Countries

#### **Main objectives:**

- Enhance the S&T capacity of the linked institutions: Focus on institution from Widening country
- Raise the research profile of the institution and of its research staff

**The Partners:** Minimum 3 participants (eligibility condition)

ONE institution located in a "Widening" MS/AC (COORDINATOR)

At least two internationally-leading research intensive counterparts from two different MS or AC other than the country of the coordinator

#### **Eligible Costs:**

- ✓ Coordination and networking
- ✓ Joint activities
- ✓ Dissemination and outreach activities



## Twinning: WIDESPREAD-03-2018

#### -Specific Challenge (from WP):

The specific challenge is to **enhance networking activities between the research institutions** of the Widening countries and internationally-leading counterparts at EU level.

#### -Scope:

Twinning aims at significantly strengthening *a defined field of research* in a university or research organisation from a Widening country *by linking it with at least two internationally-leading research institutions* in other Member States or Associated Countries.

- -The duration of a Twinning project: up to 3 years.
- -Requested EU contribution up to 0.8 M€



#### Previous Twinning call (2015): statistics

Successful Proposals: country of coordinator



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# **ERA Chairs: Objectives**



#### **Objectives of the action:**

- Bring high quality researchers and managers (the ERA Chair and his/her team)
  to universities and other research organisations with the potential for research
  excellence.
- Institutions should implement structural changes to achieve excellence on a sustainable basis.

#### **Participants:**

 ✓ One single applicant (mono-beneficiary action) located in a Widening country (eligibility condition)

#### **Eligible Costs:**

✓ Salaries of ERA Chairs and his/her team and recruitment, administrative, travel and subsistence costs.



## ERA Chairs: WIDESPRE D-04-2018

**Specific Challenge**: ERA Chairs actions will address the specific challenge of creating the appropriate conditions for <u>high quality researchers and research managers to move and engage with institutions willing to achieve excellence in the scientific domain of choice and modify their research and innovation landscape.</u>

**Scope**: The ERA Chairs actions will support universities or research organisations with the <u>objective of</u> attracting and maintaining high quality human resources under the direction of an outstanding researcher and research manager (the "ERA Chair holder") and in parallel implement structural changes to achieve excellence on a sustainable basis.

**Duration:** up to 5 years.

-Requested **EU** contributions

up to 2.5 M€

### Lessons learned



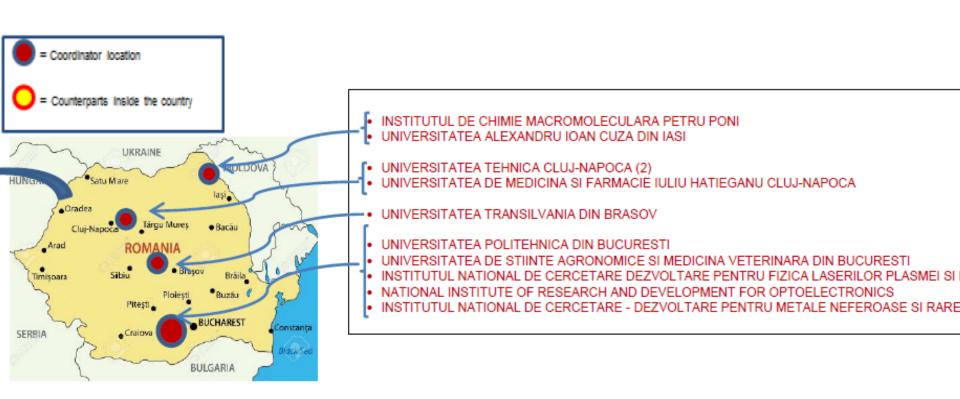
- •Clear definition of the **scientific strategy** towards excellence in the relevant research field;
- Better illustration of the scientific qualities of "advanced" partners and their added value to the project;
- •Outline the expected impact of the twinning exercise on the institution in the Widening country (and even at the national/regional level) based on **specific indicators**.
- Consistency between task and budget allocation is essential
- Realistic costs in proposals
- •Ensure autonomy and strong support from institute management (ERA chairs Research Executive

# Evaluation Criteria (Almex H, CSA)

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Excellence	Impact	Implementation	
-Clarity and	-The extent to which the	-Quality and effectiveness of	
<u>pertinence of the</u> <u>objectives;</u>	outputs of the project would contribute to each of	the work plan, including <u>extent</u> to which the resources	
-Soundness of the	the expected impacts mentioned in the work	assigned to work packages are in line with their objectives and	
concept, and	programme under the	deliverables;	
credibility of the	relevant topic;	-Appropriateness of the	
proposed		management structures and	
methodology	-Quality of the proposed	procedures, including risk and	
	measures to:	innovation management;	
-Quality of the		-Complementarity of the	
proposed coordination	Exploit and disseminate	participants and extent to	
and/or support	the project results	which the consortium as whole	
measures.	(including management of IPR), and to manage	brings together the necessary expertise;	
	research data where	Appropriateness of the	
	relevant.	allocation of tasks, ensuring	
		that all participants have a	
	Communicate the project	valid role and adequate	
	activities to different target	resources in the project to	
	audiences	fulfil that role.	



### **Fact Sheet Romania**





## Romanian Projects in Widening

H2020 ACTION (SEWP)	PROJECT (Acronym)	PROJECT OFFICERS	COORDINATOR
WIDESPREAD-2014-2 (ERA Chairs)	SupraChem Lab	Niamh DELANEY	Institution: INSTITUTUL DE CHIMIE MACROMOLECULARA PETRU PONI     Coordinator contact: Teodora RUSU
WIDESPREAD-04-2017	ROCSI	David PINA	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA DE MEDICINA SI FARMACIE IULIU     HATIEGANU CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Mara KISSIEDOU-BOB
Twinning - 2015	DATA4WATER	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA POLITEHNICA DIN BUCURESTI     Coordinator contact: Mariana MOCANU
Twinning - 2015	ENHANCE	Zakaria BENAMEUR	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA DE STIINTE AGRONOMICE SI MEDICINA VETERINARA DIN BUCURESTI     Coordinator contact: Gina FINTINERU
Twinning - 2015	LASIG-TWIN	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: INSTITUTUL NATIONAL DE CERCETARE DEZVOLTARE     PENTRU FIZICA LASERILOR PLASMEI SI RADIATIEI     Coordinator contact: Nicolaie PAVEL
Twinning - 2015	AMaTUC	Agnes HEGYVARINE NAGY	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TEHNICA CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Nicolae BALC
Twinning - 2015	ECARS	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMEN FOR OPTOELECTRONICS     Coordinator contact: Doina NICOLAE
Twinning - 2015	eHERITAGE	Zakaria BENAMEUR	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TRANSILVANIA DIN BRASOV     Coordinator contact: Mihai DUGULEANA
Twinning - 2015	EBSIS	Agnes HEGYVARINE NAGY	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA DIN IASI     Coordinator contact: Emanuel ONICA
Twinning - 2015	SUPERMAT	Paula MOTA ALVES	Institution: INSTITUTUL NATIONAL DE CERCETARE - DEZVOLTARE     PENTRU METALE NEFEROASE SI RARE - IMNR     Coordinator contact: Robert Radu PITICESCU
Twinning - 2015	ESPESA	Agne DOBRANSKYTE-NISKOTA	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TEHNICA CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Claudia MARTIS

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## **Projects and EC Contribution**

PROJECT (Acronym)	PROJECT OFFICERS	COORDINATOR	Total EC Requested Contribution (EUR)
SupraChem Lab	Niamh DELANEY	Institution: INSTITUTUL DE CHIMIE MACROMOLECULARA PETRU PONI     Coordinator contact: Teodora RUSU	2,465,620.00
ROCSI	David PINA	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA DE MEDICINA SI FARMACIE IULIU     HATIEGANU CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Mara KISSIEDOU-BOB	399,750.00
DATA4WATER	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA POLITEHNICA DIN BUCURESTI     Coordinator contact: Mariana MOCANU	999,493.75
ENHANCE	Zakaria BENAMEUR	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA DE STIINTE AGRONOMICE SI MEDICINA VETERINARA DIN BUCURESTI     Coordinator contact: Gina FINTINERU	1,097,020.00
LASIG-TWIN	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: INSTITUTUL NATIONAL DE CERCETARE DEZVOLTARE     PENTRU FIZICA LASERILOR PLASMEI SI RADIATIEI     Coordinator contact: Nicolaie PAVEL	1,066,112.50
AMaTUC	Agnes HEGYVARINE NAGY	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TEHNICA CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Nicolae BALC	999,443.75
ECARS	Soraya IMPENS	Institution: NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR OPTOELECTRONICS     Coordinator contact: Doina NICOLAE	1,000,000.00
eHERITAGE	Zakaria BENAMEUR	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TRANSILVANIA DIN BRASOV     Coordinator contact: Mihai DUGULEANA	975,625.00
EBSIS	Agnes HEGYVARINE NAGY	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA DIN IASI     Coordinator contact: Emanuel ONICA	867,205.00
SUPERMAT	Paula MOTA ALVES	Institution: INSTITUTUL NATIONAL DE CERCETARE - DEZVOLTARE     PENTRU METALE NEFEROASE SI RARE - IMNR     Coordinator contact: Robert Radu PITICESCU	996,000.00
ESPESA	Agne DOBRANSKYTE-NISKOTA	Institution: UNIVERSITATEA TEHNICA CLUJ-NAPOCA     Coordinator contact: Claudia MARTIS	1,246,860.00
			12,113,130.00



## **How is Romania doing in widening?**

Widening Country	EC Contribution	Population
Romania	12.113 M€	20 M
Cyprus	27.930 M€	1.17 M
Bulgaria	18.190 M€	7.12 M
Estonia	17.266 M€	1.3 M
Hungary	29.926 M€	9.8 M
Slovakia	17.019 M€	5.4 M
Czech Republic	17.310 M€	10.5 M
Latvia	18.386 M€	1.96 M
Portugal	36.690 M€	10.3 M
Slovenia	18.788 M€ Agency	2.06 M

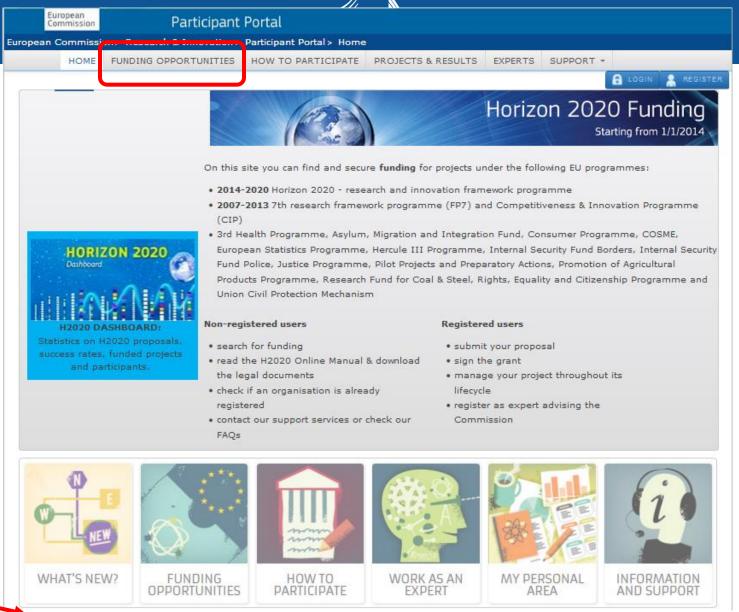
### **Next Calls**



	<b>ERA Chairs</b>	Twinning
Call identifier	WIDESPREAD-04-2019	WIDESPREAD-03-2018
Call open	26 July 2018	15 May 2018
Deadline	15/11/2018	15/11/2018
Info to applicants	March-April 2019	March-April 2019
TTG	18/07/2019	18/07/2019
Budget	30 million Euro	30 million Euro
Project size	2.5 million Euro	0.8 million Euro
Project duration	Up to 5 years	Up to 3 years
Type of action	CSA	CSA

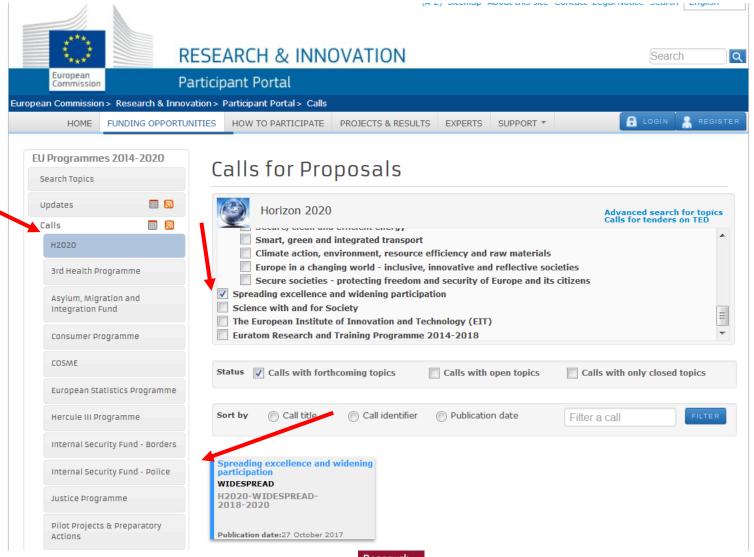


**Participant Portal** 



http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html





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Topic: WIDESPREAD-01-2018-2019: Teaming Phase 2

Forthcoming

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Publication date: 27 October 2017

Types of action: CSA Coordination and support action

**DeadlineModel:** single-stage **Opening date:** 15 May 2018

Deadline: 15 November 2018 17:00:00

Time Zone : (Brussels time)

Topic: WIDESPREAD-03-2018: Twinning

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Topic: WIDESPREAD-04-2019: ERA Chairs

Publication date: 27 October 2017

Types of action: CSA Coordination and support action

DeadlineModel: single-stage Opening date: 26 July 2018

**Deadline:** 15 November 2018 17:00:00

Time Zone: (Brussels time)





### Thank you for your attention!

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/spreading-excellenceand-widening-participation

