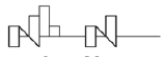




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Agenda

EEA and Norway Grants and AdaptationHubs for the WIDERA Community
9 September 2026 12:00 – 14:30 CET ONLINE

12:00 – 12:10 **Welcome by Adeline Kroll (Policy Officer of NCP_WIDERA.NET, RTD.A2, European Commission)**

12:10 – 12:25 Introduction to AdaptationHubs project **by Miljenko Sedlar**

12:25 – 12:55 Introduction to EEA and Norway Grants **by Aleksandra Witczak Haugstad**

12:55 – 13:25 "The Romanian Experience: M100 × EEA and Norway Grants" **by Maria Neneciu**

13:25 – 13:55 general Q&A session

13:55 – 14:30 time for in depth discussions with those participants who want to explore their country setting (EEA Norway Grants)

More info about AdaptationHubs: <https://adaptationhubs.eu/>

EEA and Norway Grants for the NCP-WIDERA-NET community

EEA and Norway Grants are connected to Norway's association agreement with the EU and have objectives very similar to those of the Cohesion Funds: support the social and economic growth and prosperity in regions lagging behind. The current EEA and Norway Grants agreements between Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein and the EU (FM 2021-2028) foresee the allocation of 3,2 billion euro until 2032 to Widening MS.

The part of the Grants which is allocated to Research and Innovation programmes, shares with the Widening policy agenda the objectives of contributing to a more balanced participation in Horizon of all parts of Europe (this and the next FP10). EEA and Norway Grants programmes will support collaborative research and innovation projects, similar to RIAs, but focused on bilateral cooperation between beneficiary/Widening and donor countries.

- Poland – allocation of 140 mill EUR in two programmes, one for Basic Research at NCN and one for Applied Research and Innovation at NCBR.
- Romania - allocation of 45 mill EUR to a Research and Innovation Programme - UEFISCDI
- Czech Republic – 43 mill EUR to a Research and Innovation Programme - TACR



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- Portugal – ca. 20 mill EUR to R&I in a Blue Growth Programme – DGPM and FCT

A typical project will be led by a university in a Widening state and include partners from both Norway or Iceland, and additional partners from the Widening country, in 3-year projects with budgets of 800K-1.75 mill EUR.

In addition to calls, the programmes will also organize capacity building measures in a variety of themes (RM-support, valorisation, open science) and provide grants-for-grants schemes to support Horizon applications.

The EEA and Norway Grants are organized by country and managed by national agencies. Our experience is that these are not always connected to EU Commission initiatives or even national NCP-organisations. It is therefore of great interest for us to engage with the WIDERA-NCP community. The timing is important as we now know how the EEA and Norway Grants will be allocated and programmes are currently being designed. The window of opportunity for closer integration and even synergies between the WIDERA activities and the Grants is currently open.

What about countries that have not established R&I programs with EEA and Norway Grants? There are funding opportunities in the bilateral funds and other programmes that could be explored. For example, Romania has used this type of funding to initiate a project to support the implementation of the Cities' Mission.