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# Widening Participation & **Strengthening the ERA:** **WP 2022 novelties**



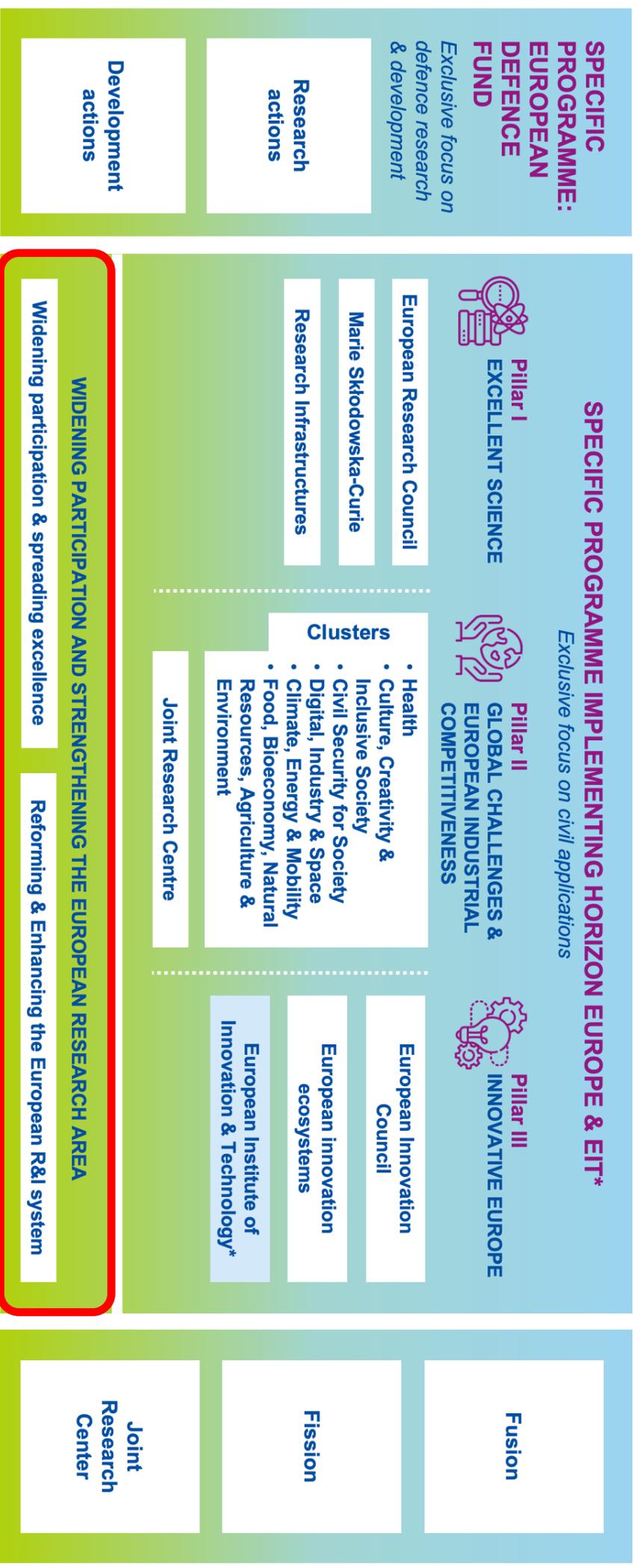
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# Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area (ERA):

## Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence

- Teaming
- Twinning
- ERA Chairs
- COST
- Support to NCPs, pre-proposal checks and advice
- Brain circulation
- Excellence initiatives:
  - Excellence Hubs
  - European Excellence Initiative for Universities
- Hop-on

€ 2,96 billion

## Reforming and enhancing the European R&I system

- Scientific evidence & foresight
- Support to the ERA development
- Support to national R&I policy reform, including Policy Support Facility
- Attractive researcher careers
- Open science, citizen science and science communication
- Ethics and integrity
- Gender equality
- Support to dissemination & exploitation
- Support to international cooperation

€ 0,44 billion

# Widening participation and strengthening the ERA WP

- **Destination #1:** Improved access to excellence
  - Teaming
  - Twinning (incl. special call WBC)
  - **Excellence Hubs**
  - European Excellence Initiative for Higher Education Institutions
  - R&I Policy making in Western Balkans
  - **Hop-on facility**
  - (under other actions) COST
- **Destination #2:** Attracting and mobilising the best talents
  - ERA Chairs
  - **Fostering balanced brain circulation**
- **Destination #3:** Reforming and enhancing the EU research and innovation system 2021-2024

# NEW: Excellence Hubs

## Target groups:

- Placed based Innovation ecosystems based on the quadruple helix model (research institutions, firms, regional/local authorities, societal actors)

## Objective:

- Develop innovation excellence in a regional context in widening countries
- Strengthen linkages between science and business
- Elaborate cross border strategic R&I agendas
- Mobilise investments

## Expected impact:

- Excellent innovation ecosystems in widening countries in relevant domains of cutting-edge science and innovation
- Long term joint R&I strategies underpinned by concrete action plans
- Common investment plans for R&I including infrastructures leveraging investments in a synergistic manner

# NEW: Excellence Hubs

## How:

CSA grant (4 years) up to 5 million

- consortium structure: at least two quadruple helix ecosystems from two different countries
- No advanced partner, non-widening partners accepted as long as co-ordination and center of gravity (at least 70% of budget) remains in widening countries
- Mandatory participation of established business partners

## Content:

- Cross-border joint R&I strategy aligned with strategic priorities
- Joint R&I project consolidating academia business linkages
- Action and investment plan for implementation of the strategy
- Conceptual design and pre-planning for pilots and demonstrators (if applicable)
- Accompanying measures e.g. to raise visibility, citizen engagement, technology transfer, entrepreneurship training, staff exchange, mutual learning etc

# HOP ON FACILITY

**Policy objective:** Contributes to achieving the **Inclusiveness ambition of the future ERA** policy by involving research institutions from Widening countries in Horizon Europe Pillar 2 actions.



**Call: HORIZON-WIDERA-2022-ACCESS-07-01**

**Type of action:** RIA

**Opening: 28 Jan 2022 \* – Cut-Off dates: 20 Apr 2022; 10 Nov 2022**

**Indicative budget (EUR million): 40.00**

**Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million) 0,2 to 0,5**

**Expected number of projects to be funded: 80**

**\* Proposed postponement for technical reasons**

# HOP ON FACILITY: KEY FEATURES (1)

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

- A consortium funded under Pillar 2 or the EIC Pathfinder actions of Horizon Europe with a valid grant agreement but with no partner from a Widening country;
- A legal entity from a Widening Country wishing to join this collaborative R&I action.

How:

- The proposal must be submitted by the coordinator of the consortium funded under Pillar 2 / EIC Pathfinder of Horizon Europe.
- All consortium partners need to agree on the accession of the new partner.
- The proposal should include a detailed description of the profile of the new partner and its role in the existing project and the R&I relevance and complementarity needs to be demonstrated.
- The additional partner and task should be highlighted by colours in a document based on the description of the ongoing action. A dedicated proposal template with clear instructions will be published soon.



## HOP ON FACILITY: KEY FEATURES (2)



### Implementation:

- Selected consortia will be invited to submit an **amendment request** for accession of a new partner, modification of the description of the action and upgrade of the budget.

### Costs:

- The budget increase must be **exclusively for the benefit of the new partner**.
- An additional **coordination fee of up to 10%** of the increased budget can be allocated to the coordinator of the consortium..

## HOP ON FACILITY: EXPECTED IMPACTS

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- At system level, **mobilise excellence and increase visibility** of the participants from the Widening countries, improve knowledge circulation, and **reduce lack of participation** of Widening countries in thematic domains.
- At organisation level, **open up silos** of established closed consortia and improve research excellence of the Widening country's institutions in specific fields.
- At the level of the beneficiary, provide **new competencies and skills** (from working in transnational projects) **including on research management and dissemination and exploitation of results.**