

A részvétel szélesítése és az Európai Kutatási Térség megerősítése

Destination 1:
Improved access to excellence

Draft Work Programme 2021 – 2022

European Excellence Initiative

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– aim: **building up R&I capacities in widening countries** to enable them to advance to the **competitive edge at European and international level**



Five proposed actions for different target groups:

- TEAMING
- TWINNING
- Excellence Hubs
- **European Excellence Initiative – Strengthening capacity for excellence in universities and surrounding ecosystems**
- Support for R&I policy making in the Western Balkans

European Excellence Initiative

(EEI)



Budget and deadlines

Topic	Type of Action	Budget (EUR million)	Expected EU contribution per project (EUR million)	Number of projects expected to be funded
		2021		
Opening: 09 Jun 2021				
Deadline: 04 Nov 2021				
European Excellence Initiative Strengthening capacity for excellence in universities and surrounding ecosystems	CSA	30.0	1.5 to 2.0	15

Eligibility

- Coordinator: only legal entities established in widening countries
- Universities in EUN can participate but excluded from receiving funding

- ❑ **Aims at the transformation of HE sector and their surrounding ecosystems, including non-university research centres.**

Specific outcomes:

- ❑ **cooperation between the partner HEIs in the network, and with actors in surrounding ecosystems, jointly creating critical mass to contribute better to major societal challenges**
- ❑ **preparations to embark onto the potential future European Universities initiative**

- ❑ **successful cooperation models for modernisation/ transformation at R&I level**
- ❑ **act as a regional role model of successful transformation**
- ❑ **facilitate future synergies between the EEA and the ERA, in particular in relation to the EUN alliances**

- ❑ **Pending the evaluation of the European Universities pilot portfolio in 2021-2022, the EEI in 2021 will focus on capacity building for networks of higher education institutions and partners in the local ecosystem, with a view of preparing the networks towards the full roll-out of the European Universities initiative in the years to come.**

Expected outcome



Scope

- significantly strengthening cooperation between **at least two organisations** from **higher education sector in a Widening country /countries**
- with **at least two internationally-leading institutions** from two different MS / AC

Strategy with a shared agenda to

- a) develop R&I strategies and roadmaps with impact for society
- b) preparing the NW towards the establishment of a EUN alliance (or similar)
- c) strengthening attractiveness of researchers' careers, including reform in career assessment
- d) co-operation with surrounding ecosystem actors for the transmission of knowledge and talents, e.g. through creation / reinforcing of technology transfer offices and cooperation platforms

- e) transition to knowledge- and digitally-driven universities, conducting Open Science
- f) creating proximity to and engaging citizens for solving societal challenges
- g) supporting institutional change through inclusive gender equality plans

1. **Enhance** the scientific and technological **capacity** of the linked institutions with a principal **focus on** the entities from the **WiC(s)**
2. Help **raise** the **excellence profile** of the **HEI from WiC** and the **excellence profile** of its **staff**
3. Strengthen the NWs towards realising **integrated cooperation** between the participating entities **in the R&I dimension, in synergy** with the entities' **education and training missions**

SCOPE

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