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Widening Participation: Twinning Financial Instrument

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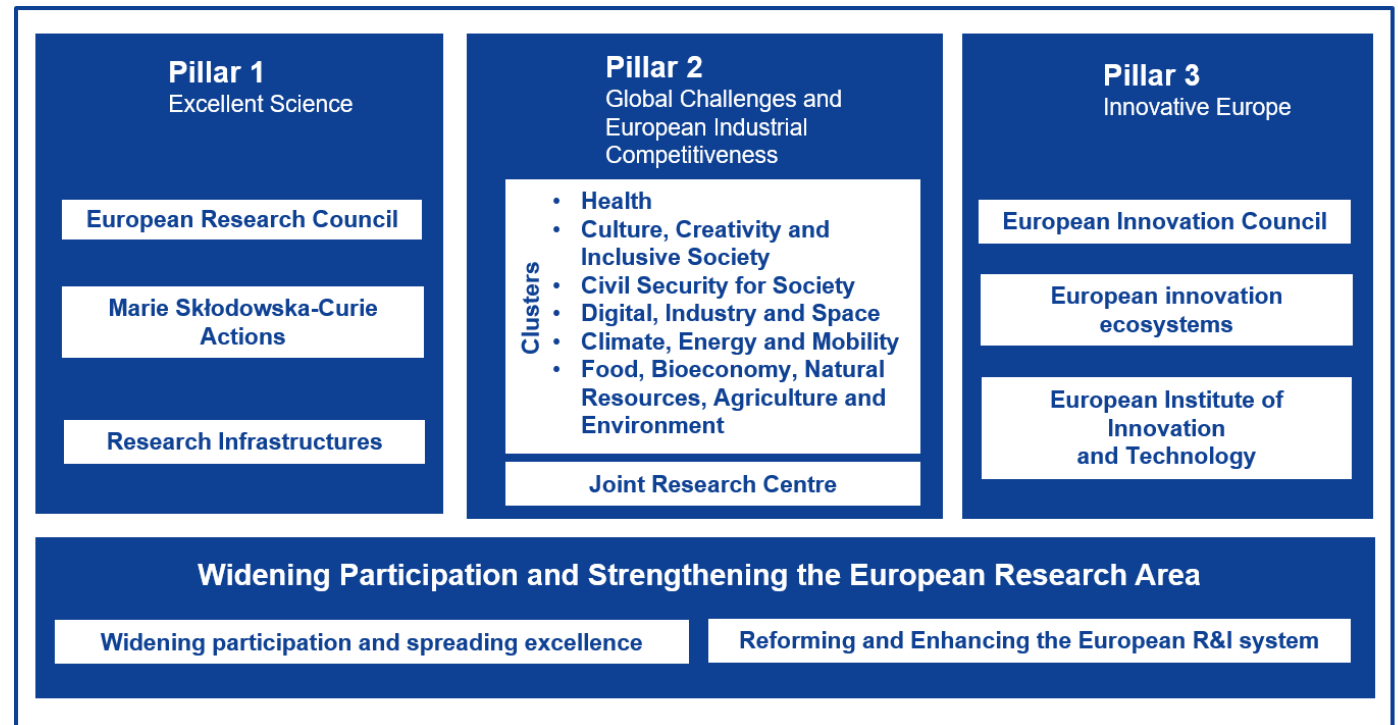
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Widening participation

Widening participation aims at **connecting research and innovation** in Widening countries to a broader European network of excellence, with the goal of strengthening the Widening countries and allowing the EU as a whole to advance.



Twinning – What is it ?

- Twinning action (CSA) aims to enhance networking activities between the research institutions between Widening countries and **top-class leading counterparts at EU level.**
- Policy objectives: 1) ***develop excellence in a chosen R&I domain***, 2) ***increase visibility*** 3) ***and upskill its staff.***
- Twinning actions intend to ***raise the research profile of the institution*** from the Widening country as well as ***research profile of its staff.***



Twinning – Why ?

- There are no prescribed topics
- **30%** of the allocated budget (EUR 0,80 and 1,50 million) can be **spent on R&I activities**
- Wide range of eligible costs: short term staff exchanges; expert visits and short-term on-site or virtual training; workshops; conference attendance; organisation of joint summer school type activities; dissemination and outreach activities, research activities
- 3 years projects



Twining – How ?

- 1 coordinator or Coordinating Legal Entity from a **Widening country (Lithuania)** and
- 2 **advanced** research institutions from two different Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC)
- Twining proposals will have to clearly outline the **scientific quality** and the **operational capacity** of the partners involved in the twinning exercise.
- 30 pages CSA form





Twinning - is an opportunity to build a long-term collaboration, lead small research project and contribute to the development of the European Research Area.

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