

Widening Participation: Twinning Financial Instrument

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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.

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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 eligble 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



Twinning – 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)
 - Twinning 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 opportinity to build a long-term collaboration, lead small research project and contribute to the development of the European Research Area.

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