



Invitation Meeting

WP4 & WP5 – Team members

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Unite! Widening

Raise Excellence
in **R&S&I** (*Research, Science and
Innovation*)
in **HEI** (*Higher Education Institutions*)
for **Widening** Countries

The Project

↳ Part of the Unite! Big Family:

Designed as a complementary initiative under the umbrella of the European University Alliance Unite!

↳ Advancing Scientific Excellence and Collaboration:

It aims to enhance excellence in science and knowledge valorization through strengthened cooperation between universities from Widening and non-Widening countries.

5 m €
Total Budget

5 years
2024 - 2028

14
Industry-
Embedded
Doctoral
Scholarships
1 m €

Focus on
Widening
countries

Consortium Partners



9

Universities from Widening and non-Widening countries

4

Companies & S&T Parks from Widening countries

WIDENING PARTNERS / COORDINATION
Portugal & Poland

Goals



Reduce differences and reinforce the R&I capacity of widening countries through collaboration and networking. This involves implementing structural R&I policies, institutional reforms, performance enhancements, and fostering the free circulation of knowledge, researchers and innovators



Strengthen Unite! as an alliance, promoting collaboration and involvement in a wide range of academic, research and corporate activities



Enhance the scientific, technological and innovation capacity of the Widening countries and overall Consortium of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), while promoting closer cooperation with non-academic actors



Expand activities and raise the excellence and innovation performance of Widening countries, in particular Poland and Portugal



Implement the European Research Area's widening policies and disseminate them, while enabling Open Science



Promote the implementation of gender equality plans in areas such as recruitment, research career assessment, work-life balance, leadership, research and excellent education practices

PL/PT Strategic Areas

Health & Biotech Coord. ULisboa

(includes: Medical Sciences, Biomedical Engineering & Biotechnology)

Urban & Resources Sustainability Coord. WroclawTech

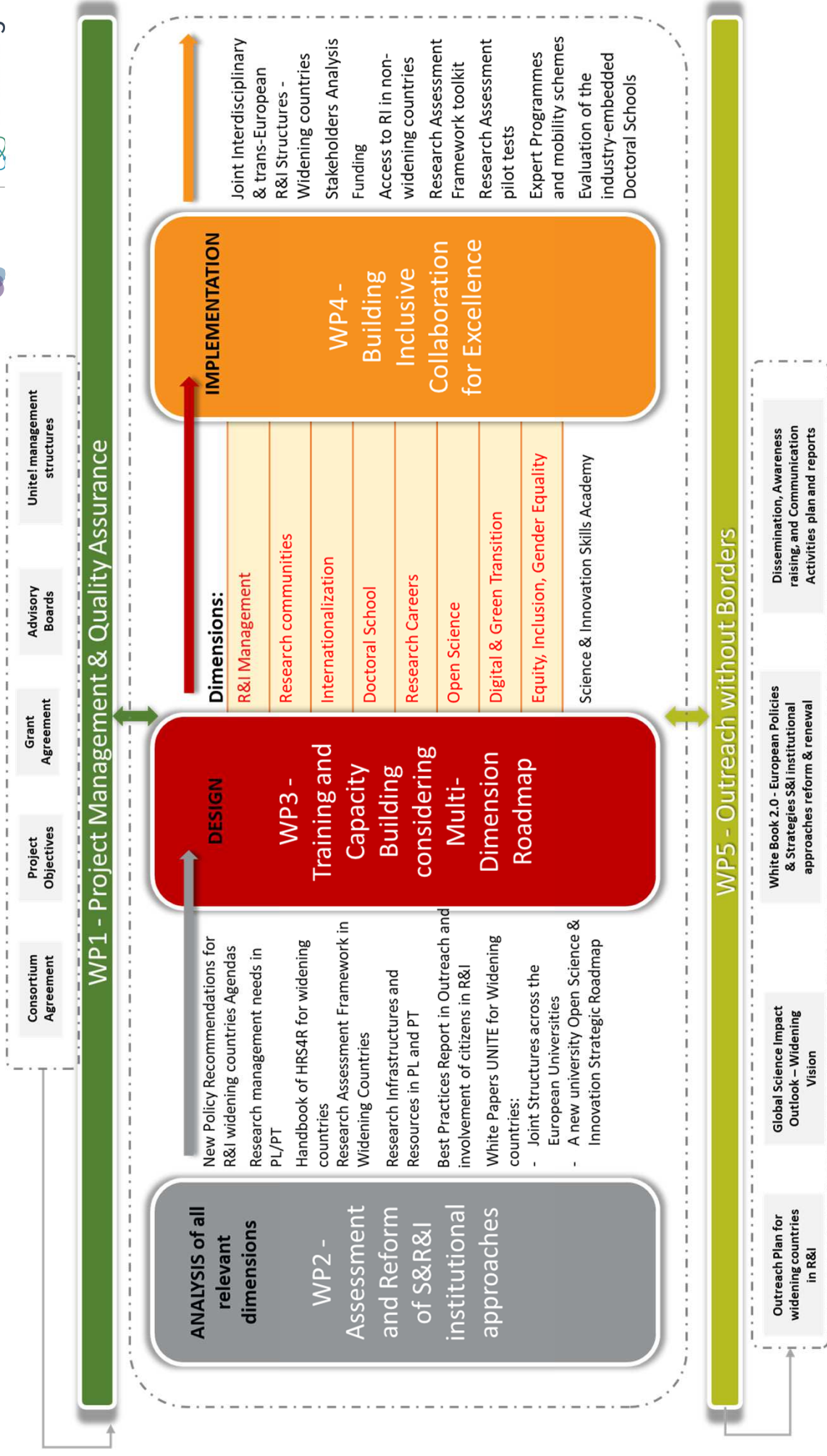
(includes: Sustainable, beautiful, inclusive and climate resilient cities, clean and secure energy, water and environment)

Circular Economy & Materials Coord. WroclawTech

(includes: Circular economy, environmental engineering, chemistry , advanced materials and nanotechnology)

Digital & Autonomous Technologies Coord. ULisboa

(includes: Automation, Robotics and Digital)



WP/Tasks Duration in Months / Reporting Period (RP)	M1-M12				M13-M24				M25-M36				M37-M48				M49-M60			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
WP1 Project Management & Quality Assurance	WP1.1 (N1)				WP1.2 (N2)				WP1.3 (N3)											
Task 1.1 Project Management																				
Task 1.2 Quality Assurance, Tasks Monitoring & Risk Management									M1 – M60											
WP2 Assessment & Reform of S&R&I institutional approaches	WP2.1 (N4)				WP2.2 (N5)															
Task 2.1 Diagnosis and SOA towards a multi-dimensional roadmap	M1 – M12																			
Task 2.2 Strengthen Human Capital and respect the European Values					M6 – M18															
Task 2.3 Sharing Research Infrastructures and resources					M8 – M24															
Task 2.4 Reinforcing cooperation between Academia and Business					M8 – M32															
Task 2.5 Enabling a European Open Science and Innovation Area					M6 – M18															
WP3 Training and Capacity Building considering Multi-Dimension Roadmap	WP3.1 (N6)				WP3.2 (N7)				WP3.3 (N8)											
Task 3.1 Creation of Science, Research & Innovation Skills Academy					M6 – M24															
Task 3.2 Design of “Train the Tutors” and “Train the Support Staff” programmes					M12 – M24															
Task 3.3 Implementation of “Train the Tutors” and “Train the Support Staff” programmes									M18 – M44											
Task 3.4 Evaluation of Training impact									M22 – M54											
WP4 Building Inclusive Collaboration for Excellence									WP4.1 (N9)				WP4.2 (N10)							
Task 4.1 Joint interdisciplinary & Trans European R&I agendas to mitigate the gap between countries									M24 – M42											
Task 4.2 Contribution to the creation of industry/business-driven innovation links									M24 – M48											
Task 4.3 Principles of sharing virtual and physical R&I capacities including infrastructures									M24 – M44											
Task 4.4 Promotion of attractive, fair and cooperative research careers									M24 – M54											
Task 4.5 Industry-Embedded Doctoral Schools									M24 – M54											
WP5 Outreach without Borders	WP5.1 (N11)				WP5.2 (N12)				WP5.3 (N13)											
Task 5.1 Outreach to and inspiring local/regional innovation ecosystems													M32 – M48							
Task 5.2 Engaging with citizens, cities, regions and other non-academic actors													M20 – M60							
Task 5.3 Global outreach and internationalization																	M48 – M60			
Task 5.4 Contribution to European policies and strategies													M32 – M58							
Task 5.5 Dissemination and Communication									M1 – M60											

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Building Inclusive Collaboration for Excellence

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Task 4.1 - JOINT INTERDISCIPLINARY & TRANS EUROPEAN R&I AGENDAS TO MITIGATE THE GAP BETWEEN COUNTRIES

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ML23 (ML4.6)	4 Matchmaking Events	WUST	Match making Events	2 days each	Darmstadt Graz Grenoble Helsinki	oct/28			4																																								
	1 - Boosting success in Horizon EU calls participation																																																
	2 - Open Science methodologies for ethical research																																																
	3 - Research infra-structures and improvement of research careers																																																
	4 - To define according to the Strategic Areas outputs																																																
ML20 (ML4.3)	Implementation/creation of 8 offices in PL and PT (TT,OS, MSCA Grant writing and an HR-Researchers office to support R & I Agendas Implementation)	WUST				apr/27																																											
D23 (D10.1)	Guidelines and recommendations for the further development of Joint Interdisciplinary & trans-European R&I Structures - Widening countries	TUDa	Report			jun/28																																											

- Apply innovative collaboration methodologies in PL & PT (e.g. matchmaking events).
- Strengthen institutional support (Grant Writing Offices, TTOs, Joint Interdisciplinary Agendas).

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Task 4.2 - CONTRIBUTION TO THE CREATION OF INDUSTRY/BUSINESS-DRIVEN INNOVATION LINKS

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- Create S&R&I Centers of Excellence in the defined Strategic Areas
- Focus on the Business/Academia Cooperation

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Task 4.3 - PRINCIPLES OF SHARING [VIRTUAL AND PHYSICAL] R&I CAPACITIES INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURES

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ML18 (ML4.1)	Creation of a thematic Unite! Community of researchers, extension of the Unite! Community on living labs	ULISBOA				jun/26																																																												
ML19 (ML4.2)	Handbook on good practices and data sharing for living labs	ULISBOA	Handbook			dec/26																																																												
D26 (D9.2)	Interconnecting Unite! living labs and pooling the data they produce	INP/UGA	Other			dec/26																																																												

- Create Living Labs to share research infrastructures & resources.

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Task 4.4 - PROMOTION OF ATTRACTIVE, FAIR AND COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CAREERS

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D27 (D10.3)	Toolkit to Research Assessment Framework – contents and materials (including the Development of UNITE Code of Ethics and Diversity in Research Environments in PL and PT); Development of the Research Transparency Dashboard – PL and PT – website; The updated HRS4R templates/guidelines to apply to the EC calls; A comprehensive guide to the research careers in PL and PT.	KTH	Other			feb/28																																									
D29 (D10.5)	Development of Expert Programmes to improve the success rate in ERA Chairs and Talent Attractiveness & Expert Tutoring for ERC Plus Programme Accelerator	KTH	Report			feb/28																																									
D28 (D10.4)	Implementation of 2 pilot tests in the context of Research Assessment – contents/reports for Visiting Chairs and Sabbatical Periods (mixed across the industry and academia)	KTH	Report			jun/28																																									

Promote Sabbatical periods for Researchers from ULisboa

- 6 Periods in the non-widening HEIs | Connection with Industry
- 10 Days totally funded (travel, accomodation and per diem value)

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Task 4.5 - INDUSTRY-EMBEDDED DOCTORAL SCHOOLS

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D30 (D9.3)	Mobility schemes to Joint Supervision programmes (1 Widening and 1 non- Widening supervisor) for PL and PT students – Digital framework	POLITO	Other			jun/26																																									
D31 (D10.6)	Evaluation of the industry-embedded Doctoral Schools in Widening countries	POLITO	Report			sep/27																																									

- Industry-embedded Doctoral School in Widening countries
- PhD grants (7PT + 7PL) financed by the project include a short stay (3M) at a non-academic partner, and a longer stay (6M) in a non-Widening HEI

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Outreach without Borders

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Task 5.1 - OUTREACH TO AND INSPIRING LOCAL/REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS

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D32 (D13.1)	Outreach Plan for Widening countries in R&I – report outlook along the success cases in PL and PT	UPC	Report			dec/27																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																													</

Academia–Industry Connections

- Non-academic Widening partners contribute to ecosystem development.
- Strengthen links with local innovation ecosystems.
- Enhance career permeability - Researchers moving between academia & industry.

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Task 5.2 - ENGAGING WITH CITIZENS, CITIES, REGIONS AND OTHER NON-ACADEMIC ACTORS

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ML27 (ML5.4)	2 S&R&I Hackathons to external actors of academia	WUST	Hackathon	2 days each (simult. location)	Lisbon Wroclaw Stockholm & Lisbon Wroclaw Barcelona	dec/26																																											
ML28 (ML5.5)	Designation of society ambassadors of R&I in the 2 cities – 4th and 5th year (PT and PL)	WUST	Dissemin. Session/ Event	2 days 4th Year, 5th Year	Wroclaw Lisbon	dec/28																																											
ML29 (ML5.6)	Organization of Science & Innovation Days (Night Science Events) (ULisboa#8; Wroclaw Tech#1)	WUST	Events	1 day each	9 locations	dec/28																																											
	R&I Museums Story Tellers Context; R&D Escape Rooms) - (ULisboa#2; Wroclaw Tech#2)	WUST	Events	1 day each																																													
ML30 (ML5.7)	1 Yearly Award about the best R&I practice in Lisbon and Wroclaw 4TH and 5th year (PT and PL) – (ULisboa#2 / Wroclaw Tech#2)	WUST	Dissemin. Session/ Event	2 days 4th Year, 5th Year	Wroclaw Lisbon	dec/28																																											

Key outreach initiatives:

- 2 Hackathons organized with non-academic actors.
- Society Ambassadors of R&I in PL & PT.
- Citizen engagement: Science Nights; R&I Museums Storytellers; R&D Escape Rooms.

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Task 5.3 - GLOBAL OUTREACH AND INTERNATIONALIZATION

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D33 (D13.2)	The Global Science Impact Outlook Report – the vision from the side of Widening countries - report	UPC	Report			dec/28																																																												

- Use best practices from non-Widening partners to shape strategies in Lisbon & Wroclaw.

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Task 5.4 - CONTRIBUTION TO EUROPEAN POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

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D34 (D13.3)	The Complete White Book 2.0 - European Policies & Strategies concerning the [Reform and renew the] Science & Innovation institutional approaches	TUDa	Report			oct/28																																									

- Promote balanced conditions in ERA & European Research values.

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Task 5.5 - DISSEMINATION AND COMMUNICATION

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ML24 (ML5.1)	Offical Launch of Project Website	WUST				apr/24																																										
D35 (D11.1)	Plan for dissemination, communication and exploitation. Dissemination, Awareness raising, and Communication Plan - strategies for Widening countries	WUST	Report			jun/24																																										
ML25 (ML5.2)	Conference: How to sustain the local ecosystems with external actors	WUST	Conf.	1,5 days	Wroclaw	jun/26																																										
ML26 (ML5.3)	Intermediate Brussels Conference: From Widening to EUI [European Universities Initiatives]	WUST	Conf.	1,5 days	Brussels	jun/26																																										
D36 (D12.1)	Plan for dissemination, communication and Exploitation - Updating. Dissemination, Awareness raising, and Communication Activities - Intermediate report	WUST	Report			dec/26																																										
D37 (D13.4)	Plan for dissemination, communication and exploitation - Final Report. Dissemination, Awareness raising, and Communication Activities - Final report	WUST	Report			dec/28																																										
ML31 (ML5.8)	Final Conference: Sharing RI to forward discoveries, breakthroughs in S&T and generate value in Widening countries (ULisboa)	WUST	Conf.	1,5 -2 days	Lisbon	dec/28																																										

- Development of Communication & Dissemination Strategies
- Intermediary and Final Conferences (Wroclaw, Brussels, Lisbon)

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