

LERU-CE7 ON-LINE SEMINAR

DISPARITIES, OPPORTUNITIES, COMPLEMENTARITIES, SYNERGIES

Through Widening DOCS policies towards research excellence



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Programme

Moderator:

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Draško Veselinovič,
President of the Management Board, Slovenian
Business & Research Association in Brussels

	Programme	Representative
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome from the host	Prof. Dr. Tanja Dmitrović , Vice-Rector of the University of Ljubljana
10:05 – 10:20	LERU introductory words and LERU position on regional and sectoral disparities and recommendations for CE7 university policies	Prof. Dr. Kurt Deketelaere , Secretary-General, The League of European Research Universities - LERU
10:20 – 11:20	1. EU Disparities (regional and sectoral) and Widening projects supporting excellence throughout Europe New Widening instruments have been introduced under H2020 to address and reduce the disparities in research and innovation performance between countries in the EU Framework Programmes, but large disparities between Member States persist. There are also large disparities between Widening regions.	
10:20 – 10:50	Results of the last analyses on regional and sectoral disparities in EU and the main reasons for those disparities	(tbc) Mr. Lewis Dijkstra , Head of Economic Analysis Sector, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
10:50 – 11:05	Good practice: successful Teaming project, CETOCOEN Excellence - Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment	Mr. Martin Scott , Head of Innovation Management, University College London (UCL) Prof. Martin Bobak , CETOCOEN's lead Principal Investigator at UCL
11:05 – 11:20	Good practice: successful Twinning project WIDENLIFE Widening the Scientific Excellence for Studies on Women's and Fetal Health and Wellbeing	(tbc) Prof. Dr. Joris Vermeesch , Head of the KU Leuven Laboratory for Cytogenetics and Genome Research
11:20– 11:35	Break	
11:35 – 12:35	2. Opportunities (in Horizon Europe) New EU framework programme Horizon Europe is introducing some new Widening instruments (Hop-On, Excellence Hubs, ...) together with novel schemes for the strengthening of the ERA. There are also some new regions eligible for hosting the Widening projects. Some ERA calls will also address the importance of strengthening the science management and the research ecosystems in the Widening regions...	
11:35 – 12:05	Areas of intervention in Horizon Europe to address Widening Participation and Sharing Excellence	(tbc) Mr. Stijn Delauré , Policy Officer, unit A3 'R&I Actors and Research Careers', DG RTD, European Commission
12:05 – 12:20	Possible future collaboration between LERU and CE7 universities in Horizon Europe and Widening schemes	(tbc) Ms Annika Glauner , Senior Research and Program Manager at EU GrantsAccess, University of Zurich
12:20 – 12: 35	Discussion	

12:35 – 13:05 Lunch break

13:05 – 14:15 **3. Complementarities**

There are other EU initiatives, programmes and Widening friendly calls foreseen to complement the Widening programme. This part of the seminar will shed light on these initiatives and open the space for discussions on how CE7 universities can prepare for them.

13:05 – 13:25 **Linkages between European Universities initiative and Widening strategy, including the Excellence initiative**

Mr. Stijn Delauré,

Policy Officer, unit A3 'R&I Actors and Research Careers', DG RTD, European Commission

13:25 – 13:45 **EIT policy towards Widening initiative**

Mr. Marian Belko,

Education Impact Officer,
European Institute of Technology - EIT

13:45 – 14:05 **Importance of the COST actions for strengthening collaborations and networks**

Dr. Ronald de Bruin,

Director of COST Association - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

14:05 – 14:15 Discussion

14:15 – 15:15 **4. Synergies**

Research and innovation performance correlates with the efficiency of national research and innovation systems. Besides the Widening Programme, there are many opportunities at regional or national level to increase research and innovation performance through synergies with European Structural and Investment Funds, national funds, Recovery and Resilience Facility and other funding sources in the new financial perspective 2021-2027. An important part of the synergies is also an investment in research infrastructure in Widening regions.

14:15 – 14:30 **Future planned synergies between Horizon Europe and Structural funds, RRF and national funds in the period 2021-2027 in Slovenia**

Dr. Tomaž Boh,

Director General, Science Directorate,
Ministry for education, science and sport
of Slovenia

14:30 – 14:45 **Good practice: Synergy between HORIZON and ERDF in case of ELIXIR European research infrastructure in Slovenia and importance of this investment for University of Ljubljana capacity building in the medical field**

Prof. Dr. Brane Leskošek,

Head of ELIXIR Slovenia,
University of Ljubljana

14:45 – 15:00 **Synergies between ESIF and H2020 in Czech Republic - lessons learned and future steps**

Dr. Václav Velčovský, Ph.D.,

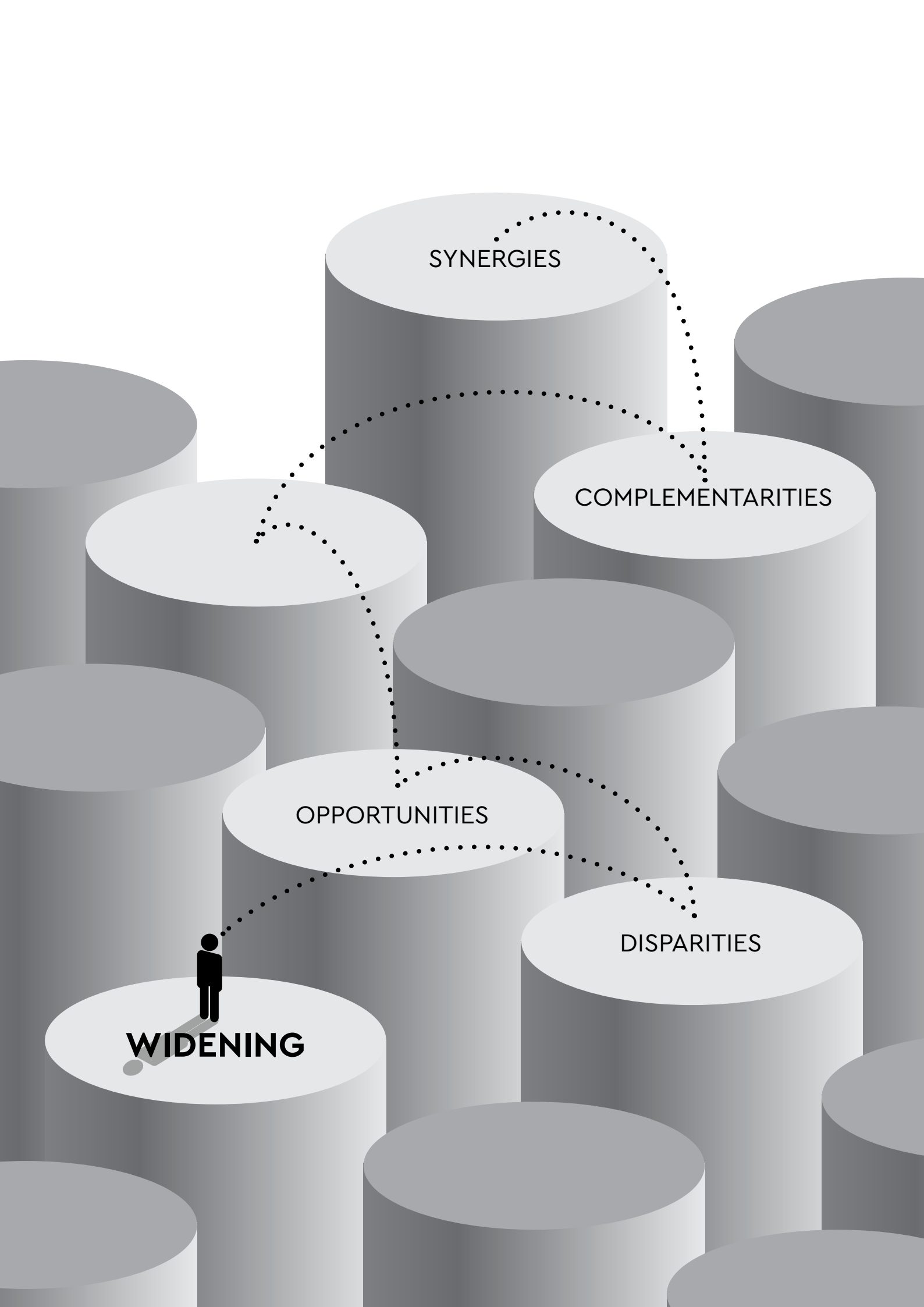
Vice-Minister for International Affairs,
EU and ESIF, Ministry of Education, Youth,
and Sports of Czech Republic

15:00 – 15:15 **Future planned synergies between Horizon Europe and Structural funds, RRF and national funds in the period 2021-2027 in Estonia**

Prof. Dr. Anu Noorma,

Director General of the Estonian Research
Council and professor at University of Tartu

15:15 – 15:25 **Final discussion on what is needed at CE7 universities and how the synergies could be improved or added to the present models**



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