



The European Centre of Excellence on Inclusive Gender Equality in Research and Innovation

**Creating Knowledge and Engaging in
Collaborative Action**

Widera National Contact Points' Event

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Call Information

Call: Horizon-Widera-2021-ERA-01

Topic: Horizon-Widera-2021-ERA-01-80

Type of Action: Research and Innovation Action (RIA)

Granting authority: European Research Executive Agency

Finance granted: € 4 996 758

Project start date: 1st October 2022

Project end date: 30th September 2026





Main Objective

Establish a world class European Centre of Excellence to streamline access to knowledge and expertise across R&I throughout the ERA, and provide thought leadership & direction in the design, implementation and evaluation of inclusive GEPs from an intersectional perspective



Call defines inclusiveness

- Intersecting social categories
- Sectorial level – better address innovation and the private sector
- Geographical inclusiveness



Call outcome

“Advancement of knowledge, policy and practice on inclusive gender equality in research and innovation institutions across Europe, with an intersectional perspective”

“Reduce disparities across Member States and strengthening of the ERA and its inclusiveness objective”

Consortium forming process

Phase 1

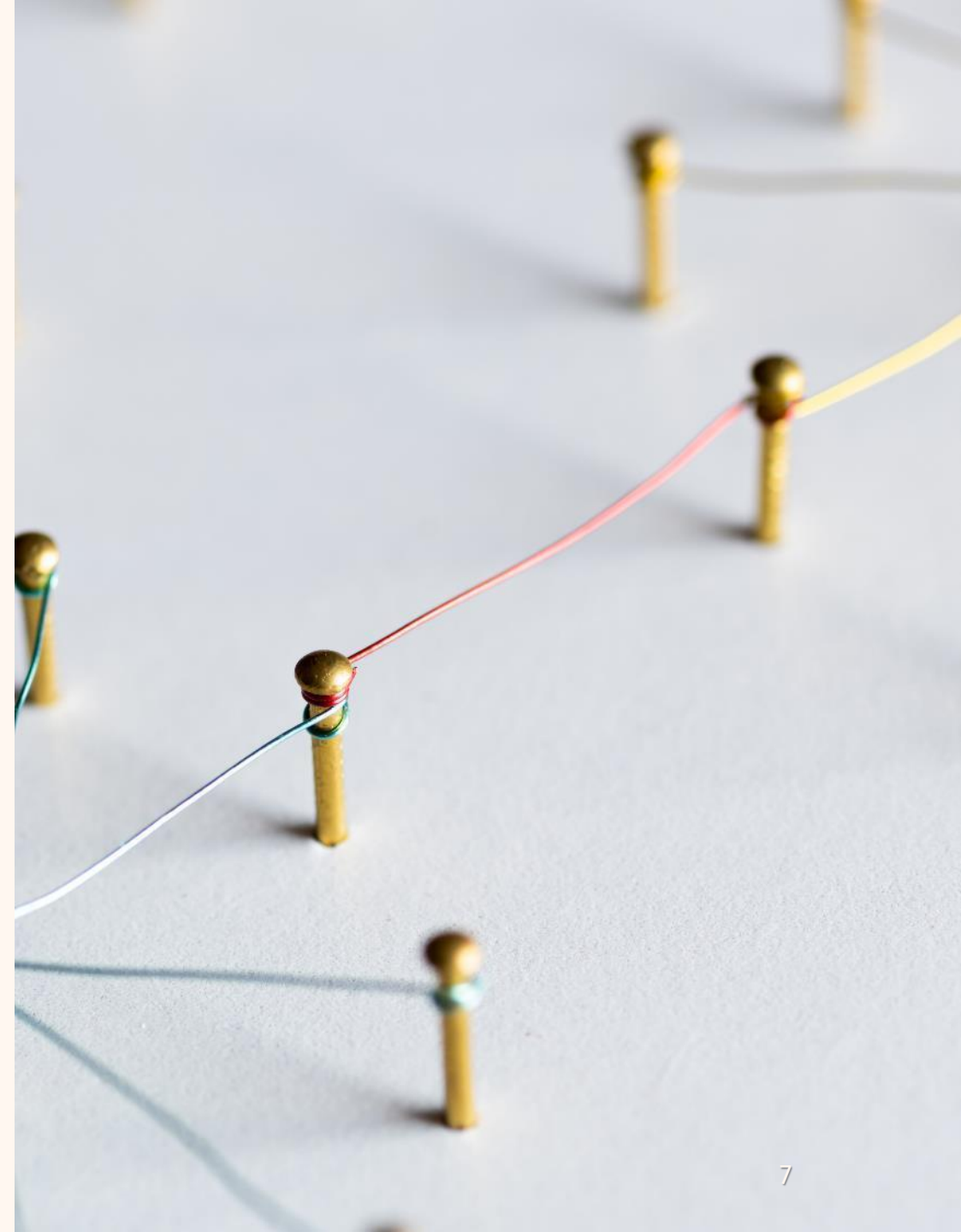
Many years working on gender equality in research & innovation – built up many contacts. Which contacts fit the call?

Phase 2

WIDERA – include widening countries

Phase 3

Core team – brain stormed ideas – basic structure and outlines
Gaps – who could fill these?



Consortium links...



INSPIRE: Consortium

Spain: FUOC, Notus

Argentina: FLACSO

Austria: Joanneum Research

Belgium: Hasselt University

Denmark: Southern Denmark University

Germany: Fraunhofer, GESIS, Portia

Greece: Innosystems

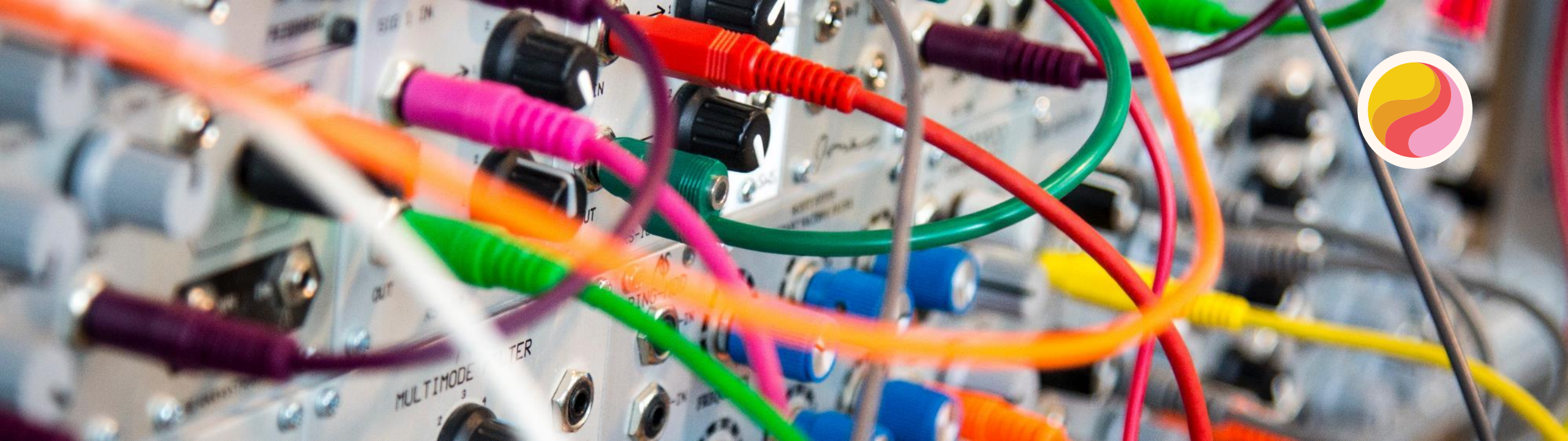
Hungary: Europa Media

The Netherlands: Radboud University

Poland: Jagiellonian University

Slovenia: ZRC-SAZU





Proposal development

Messy: Extensive talks – core members

- How should we structure the centre?
- Think tank? Hubs? Centralised? Distributed?
- Main thematic areas?
- Geographical coverage?
- Methodology?

Knowledge and Support Hubs



INSPIRE
Sustaining Change



INSPIRE
Widening Participation



INSPIRE
Intersectionality



INSPIRE
Innovation



Methodology



KNOWLEDGE –BUILDING UP THE EVIDENCE BASE

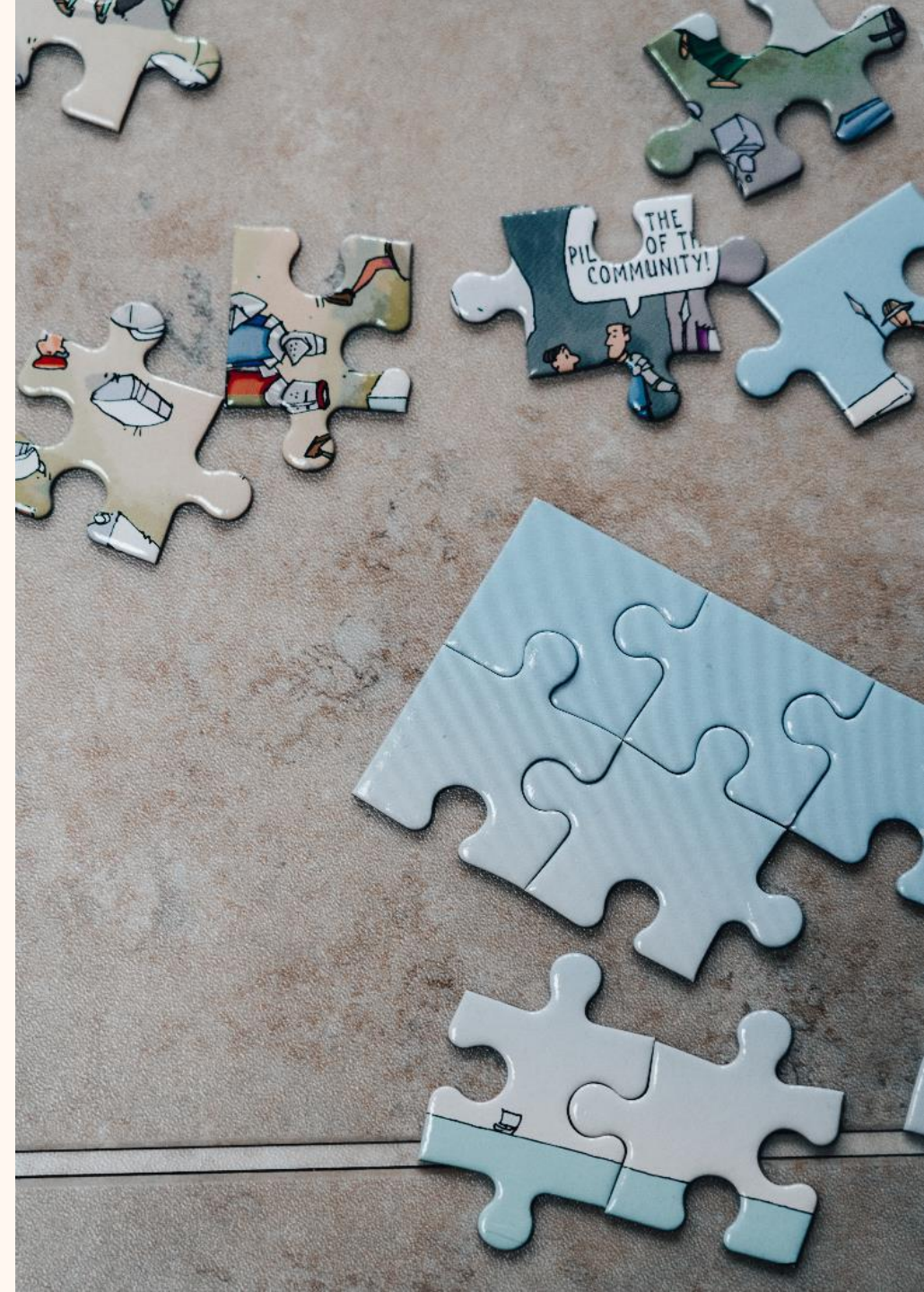
Inclusive GEPs – how can we build on the knowledge that has been created on gender equality in R&I over previous decades –but extend this to other axes of discrimination?

SUPPORT

Capacity building through practice
CoPs have proven an effective mechanism to support institutions throughout their journeys' change process

Work Packages

WORK PACKAGE 1	Management	UOC
WORK PACKAGE 2	Strategic analysis and steering	Notus
WORK PACKAGE 3	Building the evidence Base: GEP implementation and institutional change	UR
WORK PACKAGE 4	Drive practice-based knowledge creation and suport services	JR
WORK PACKAGE 5	Technical and logistical infrastructure	INNO
WORK PACKAGE 6	Scalable training, support and service provision	SDU
WORK PACKAGE 7	Dissemination, sustainability and policy impact	EM



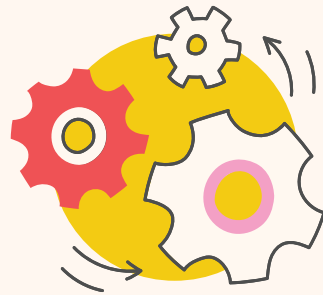
Tips and tricks potential applicants



Know the field

What are the main challenges in your field?

How will you provide solutions to these?



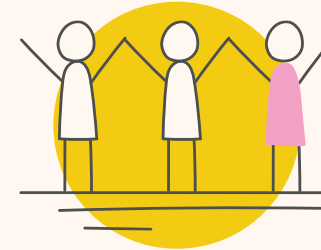
Collaborative Process

Bottom-up



Ambitious

Provide convincing detailed account of how you will make a difference



Great team

Combining experience with desire for novel approaches



Dedicate time

Two people full time for 3 months coordinating team + all contributions from partners

Thank you.



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