

The NCP_WIDE.NET project: The main aim...

 ... is to create a transnational network of **National Contact Points (NCPs) for Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation under** Horizon 2020 in order to facilitate transnational co-operation between NCPs, with a view to identifying and sharing good practices and raising the general standards of support to program applicants.

Methodology to meet the goals

- transfer of knowledge,
- capacity building,
- of stakeholders satisfaction,
- workshops and trainings addressed to NCP needs expressed during the self-evaluation exercise,
- networking meetings,
- trans-national collaborative events, as well as mentoring visits dedicated to less experienced NCPs

EU H2020 actions under the separate specific objective: "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation"

The core aim is to fill in the gap between research and innovation in countries lagging behind the rest of Europe in terms of scientific output by investing in selected knowledge institutions, enhancing research excellence, creating new Centres of Excellence or creating space for international cooperation for researches

The main instruments:

Teaming

Twinning

ERA-Chairs

The Policy
Supporting Facility

COST

NCPs



Twinning aims to build on the huge potential of networking for excellence through knowledge transfer and exchange of best practice between research institutions and leading partners.

Example of a successful TWINNING project:

Relations of with the H2020-TWINN programme (1)

Table 1.2: Summary of the relations of Project name with the work programme.

H2020-TWINN-2015: Spreading excellence and widening participation

Specific challenge: to address networking gaps and deficiencies between the research institutions of the low performing Member States and regions and internationally-leading counterpart sat the EU level.

Scope: Significantly strengthening a defined field of research in a particular knowledge institution (a research active university or a public research organization or a private non-profit organization) by creating a link between this institution and at least two internationally leading institutions on other member states. Twinning will:

Project name

This partnership joins , a non-profit private research institution hosted by the from , a low performing Member State, with four internationally-leading counter parts at the EU level, the , the from

The implementation of the strategy in the field of will enhance the S&T capacity of the linked institutions and will help to raise staff's research profile as well as of the other institutions involved. This will be done by the implementation of short-term staff exchanges and expert visits; short-term training and workshops; a summer school, an international conference and innovation mentoring sessions.

Relations of with the H2020-TWINN programme (2)

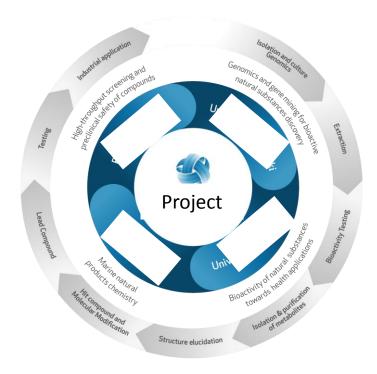
- Enhance the S&T capacity of the linked institutions;
- Help raise staff's research profile.

Contribute to the overall Smart Specialisation Strategy of the specific location of the initiating institution The implementation of these actions will promote networking and synergies among members of the partnership and reduce the gaps and deficiencies between them in the field of marine biotechnology. The contribution to the economic growth will be done by the implementation of a stakeholder's survey (regional, national and international level) and brokerage with stakeholders to prepare market-oriented projects. This will help to dismantle trade barriers, increase the ways of communication knowledge partners and promote among enhancements and its conversion in business.

Marine resources and their sustainable management and exploitation by means of, for example, the development of blue biotechnology is one of the main areas of interest identified by the **Northern**

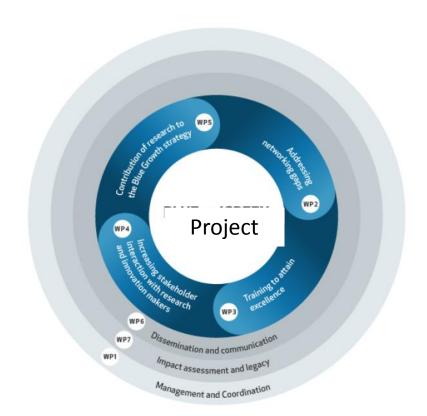
in the RIS3 for the Northern Region of for the period 2014-2020.

is expected to have an important long-term impact at the national and regional level as addressed in a letter of support from (see Annex).



concept and approach

..... WPs and structure



..... workpackages

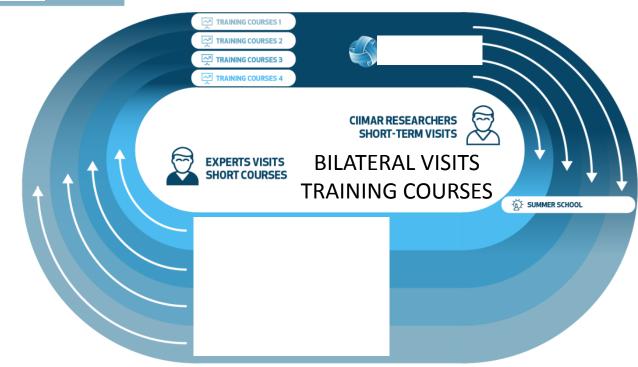
Table 3.1.b: List of Work packages

WP number	Work Package title	Lead participant name	Person- months	Start month	End month
1	Management and coordination		28	M1	M36
2	Addressing networking gaps		22	M1	M36
3	Training to attain excellence		23	M1	M36
4	Increasing stakeholder interaction with research and innovation makers		13.5	M1	M36
5	Contribution of research to the Blue Growth strategy		18.5	M12	M36
6	Dissemination and communication		8	M1	M36
7	Impact assessment and legacy		14	M1	M36

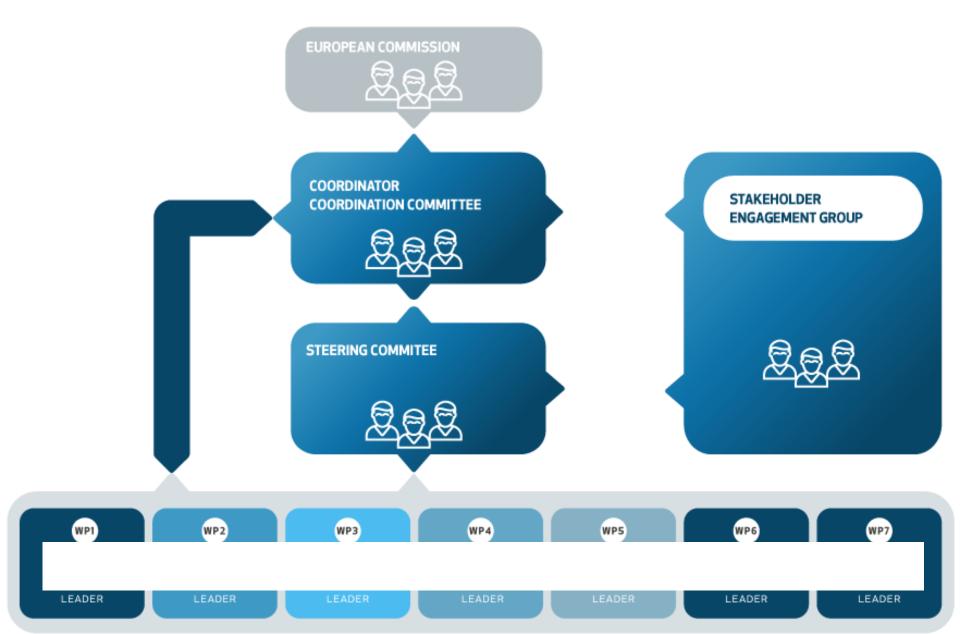


Schematic representation of WP2 initiatives

Schematic representation of WP3 initiatives



Management structure of



.....'s scientific productivity

Table 1.3: Summary of scientific productivity for the period 2008-2012, in the main scientific area of Biotechnology².

Scientific outputs	Number (2008-2012)	
International peer-reviewed publication	1438	
Citations October 201	.7: 27419	10824
Citations per output	12.89	7.53
h-index	33	
Outputs in Top 1% percentile		0
Outputs in Top 5% percentile	64	
Outputs in Top 10% percentile	212	
Outputs in Top 25% percentile		735
Outputs with International collaboratio	43	