

Widening Impacts

Fall 2025 Webinar Series



SeaTechHub's Story

From Idea Conception to Post-Project Ambitions and Vision

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Abstract: *SeaTechHub: the Croatia-Cyprus Excellence Hub on Eco-Innovative Technologies for Healthy and Productive Seas* is a European Union Excellence Hubs (EH) project funded under the Horizon WIDERA call. The objectives for this webinar are to:

- Support the formation of an EH Community;
- Increase awareness of and support for SeaTechHub specifically, and EH projects and the Widening Programme more generally;
- Catalyze new collaborations;
- Disseminate best-practices and lessons-learned from elaborating the SeaTechHub proposal and executing the SeaTechHub project.

The primary target audiences are:

- Other EH projects and their external stakeholders;
- Stakeholders accelerating healthy lifestyles to disease prevention;
- Stakeholders for the EU Widening Program, including those with interests / activities in writing EU proposals and executing EU projects.

The webinar will begin with the proposal background that led to the SeaTechHub concept and consortium creation, cover the development of the proposal and execution of the project to date, and conclude with the post-project ambitions and vision. The webinar will include key characteristics of the project including lessons-learned and how the consortium will convert the challenges into solutions. The webinar is intended to consist of a ~35 min. presentation and ~15 min. of Q&A and open discussion.



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About SeaTechHub

Keywords: Blue Economy, Eco-Innovative Technologies, Healthy Seas, Maritime Technologies.

Summary: The aim of the SeaTechHub project is to strengthen Croatian and Cyprus place-based innovation ecosystems and improve access to excellence for R&I actors by cross-border collaboration on a common strategy and alongside value adding chains within the area of eco-innovative technologies for healthy and productive seas, focusing on sectors:

1. Aquaculture and fisheries,
2. Smart ports,
3. Maritime security and protection,
4. Research and Education, and
5. Maritime technologies,

which are aligned with Croatian and Cypriot Smart Specialization Strategies and have been identified as emerging and established sectors in the EU Blue Economy Report 2021.

The SeaTechHub consortium covers the quadruple helix of Croatian and Cyprus ecosystems: 2 research organizations, 4 public authorities, 5 business actors, and 3 NGOs. Strong willingness to actively participate has also been expressed by 49 institutions who have provided Letter of Support.

Objectives:

The objectives of the SeaTechHub project are to:

1. Facilitate long-term cross border and inter-sectoral collaboration to advance eco-innovative technologies for healthy and productive seas;
2. Perform joint research work to close knowledge gaps, consolidate and reinforce quadruple-helix linkages, and validate strategy and action and investment plans (AIPs);
3. Implement a set of mutual learning and skills development measures;
4. Raise visibility of Croatian-Cyprus innovation ecosystems by implementing strategic measures in the form of organizing networking, knowledge and experience transfer events.

These objectives will be reached through a set of measures that include a) development of the strategy and AIPs and their digitalization through an innovative platform utilizing blockchain-based tokenization, b) R&I projects selected considering cross-border and cross-sectoral needs within, c) conceptual design and pre-planning for pilots and demonstrators, and d) a set of accompanying measures and outreach activities.

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Background: The Widening Impacts Fall 2025 Webinar Series builds on the successes of the Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series that are part of the larger Widening Impacts initiative led by the SolarHub Excellence Hubs project. The overall aim of this Widening Impacts initiative is to increase the impacts of EU Widening Projects by creating a Dissemination, Exploitation, and Communication (DEC) platform to enable relevant projects and initiatives to showcase their capacities, activities, and impacts to a large and diverse set of key stakeholders for the EU's Widening Program. The platform's specific objectives are to

- Catalyze inter-project collaborations;
- Create new opportunities by reaching new audiences;
- Increase ecosystem and hub knowledgeability;
- Gain competitive advantage by sharing knowledge & best-practices;
- Better exploit project results and increase project impacts;
- Achieve critical mass when engaging with key funding and policy decision makers at institutional, regional, and national levels.

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Feb. 21 FINEST Centre: From Idea Conception to Post-Project Ambitions and Vision

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Promoting Innovation Excellence in Transformation of Coal Regions to Climate-Neutral, Thriving Economies

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