

# Romanian Research Programme

**EEA & NO Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021** 



# **Outcomes**

✓ enhancing of the performance of Romanian research internationally

✓ enhancing collaboration between Romania and DS entities involved in the Programme

2009-2014 22,5 mil €



# CALL 2018 EEA grants

276 submitted applications (273 eligible)

346 experts used in Individual evaluation phase (317 UE, 21 USA-Canada-Australia, 8 other countries) 163 Rapporteurs (6 panels)



# CALL 2019 NO grants

285 submitted applications (280 eligible)

260 experts used in evaluation process (weighted average value of Hirsch Index 27,8)

143 Rapporteurs (6 panels)

On-line panel meetings (COVID-19)

Call for Small Grant Scheme (support for ERC candidates) - 2019

Call budget: 1,5 mil euro

- a research visit of 3-9 months
- grant assistance min 5.000 Euro max 50.000 Euro

### **Mandatory**:

- the RO researcher (Beneficiary of the grant) has to submit, with an institution from RO, a proposal to the next ERC calls within 24 months after finalizing the research visit.

# Research Programme Thematic areas



**Energy** 

5 projects (including CCS) 6.199.784 €

Environment
10 projects
12.389.939 €

Biotechnology

4 projects 5.032.418 €

42

funded projects

**Contracted budget** 

51.942.149 €

(99,94%)

**ICT** 

7 projects 8.798.435 €

Health

8 projects (including one addressing Roma issues)
10.049.898 € (1.177.523 € Roma)

Social sciences and humanities

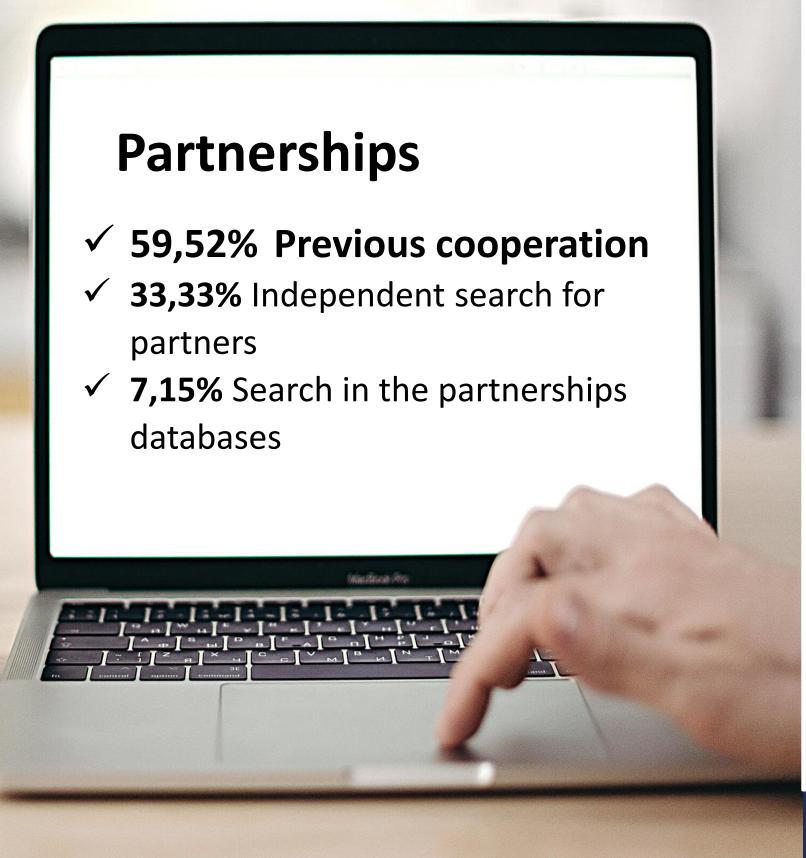
8 projects (including 3 addressing Roma issues)

9.471.675 € (3.780.598 € Roma)

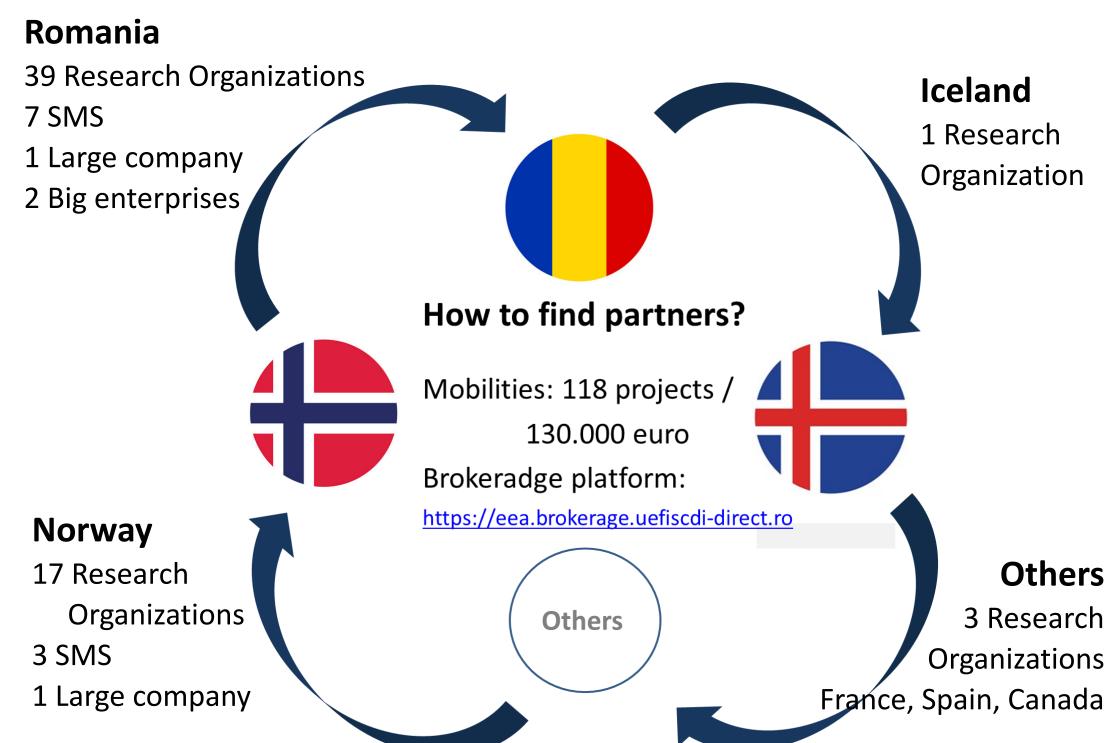
1.164.000 € CCS (Carbon Capture and Storage)

4.958.121 € Roma

(9,54%)



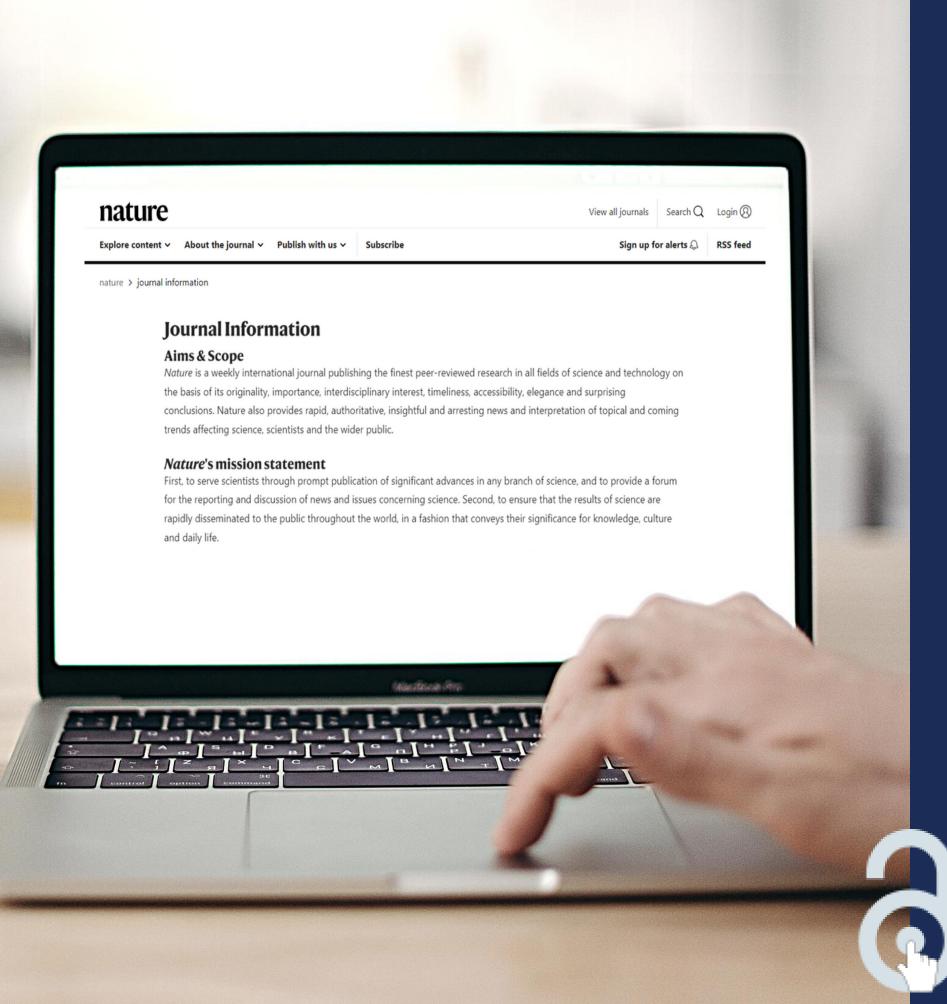






<b>√</b>	Number of articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications	364/100	
<b>√</b>	Number of <b>joint</b> articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications	111/50	
<b>√</b>	Number of j <b>joint</b> applications for further funding	60/10	
<b>√</b>	Number of <b>joint</b> registered applications for Intellectual Property Protection	15/7	
<b>√</b>	Number of Donor States research groups involved in projects	52/50	
<b>√</b>	Number of pro ROMA organizations involved	9/4	
<b>√</b>	Number of researchers supported	1022/650	
	Number of jobs created	101/80	
<b>V</b>	Conferences 552 out of which 128 joint conferences		

Books/chapters 21





Number of joint articles submitted to peer-reviewed publications

111/50

88 published Open Access

36 in Quartile 1 14 in top 10 journals in the field



Number of joint applications for further funding

# 48 EU source

- out of which 5 funded
- 20 in evaluation

# 8 non EU source

- one funded
- 5 in evaluation

60/10



### Number of joint registered applications **15/7** for Intellectual Property Protection

- Metodă expediționară de testare in-situ a contaminării cu E. coli și coliformi totali din ape destinate consumului uman (PI: Moldovan)
- Sistem si metoda pentru determinarea unei rezistente electrice foarte mici sau a rezistentei electrice la contact interfacial (PI: Craciunescu)
- Echipament si metoda pentru orientare si pozitionare in proceduri de endoscopie (PI: Gruionu)
- Robot si instrument medical flexibil pentru navigatie in sisteme anatomice tubulare (PI: Gruionu)
- Sistem energetic de control al factorilor climatici in vederea reducerii consumului energetic in sere (PI: Jerca)
- ✓ Sistem si metoda de telemetrie pentru vehicule folosind tehnologii 5G (PI: Vochin)
- GAMMAHEAL: Method for inducing and evoking rhythmic brain activity by using sensory, electrical, optical, or magnetic stimulation (PI: Muresan)
- ✓ Template-directed electrodeposition of plasmonic micro/nanostructured interconnected hemisphere-voids lattice on gold electrodes for (EC-)SERS applications (PI: Farcau)
- ✓ Method for selection of strigolactone analogs and mimics with plant biostimulants effect (PI: Oancea)
- ✓ High throughput method to select microbial consortia responding to strigolactones (PI: Oancea)
- New strigolactones mimics and their use as biostimulants for vegetables (PI: Oancea)
- Biotechnological process to prepare selenium nanoparticles (PI: Oancea)
- Trichoderma pseudokoningii strain that respond to strigolactone (PI: Oancea)
- Instalatie si procedeu pentru fotodegradarea 17β-Estradiolului si a acetaminofenului (PI: Socaci)
- Technology for the treatment of wastewater discharged into sewerage networks and the wastewater treatment plants with elevated ammonium concentrations using mixed microalgae - bacteria granulated biomass (PI: Tiron)

- European Patent Office EPO
   The World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO

# issued

"Method, human machine interface, machine computing unit and computer programs to control at least one actuator to carry out at least one task" (PP: Transylvanian Institute of Neuroscience, Cluj-Napoca) – non-joint (EPO)

# in evaluation

"Technology for the treatment of wastewater discharged into sewerage networks and the wastewater treatment plants with elevated ammonium concentrations using mixed microalgae - bacteria granulated biomass" (PP: National Research and Development Institute for Industrial Ecology ECOIND, Bucharest) – joint (EPO)

"GAMMAHEAL: Method for inducing and evoking rhythmic brain activity by using sensory, electrical, optical, or magnetic stimulation" (Transylvanian Institute of Neuroscience, Cluj-Napoca) – joint (WIPO)

"Biotechnological process to prepare selenium nanoparticles" (PP: National Institute for Research & Development in Chemistry and Petrochemistry ICECHIM Bucharest) – joint (WIPO)

"Trichoderma pseudokoningii strain that respond to strigolactone" (PP: National Institute for Research & Development in Chemistry and Petrochemistry ICECHIM Bucharest) – joint (WIPO)

#### INTERFAȚA DE CONTROL A PROIECTULUI

#### **CONTRACTARE ON-LINE**

CONTRACTUL DE FINANTARE NR 36 din 01/01/2021

Cod depunere: EEA-RO-NO-2018-0106 Status contractare: Contract Actualizat

Accesati contract..

istă Acte Aditionale

Raportare Indicator

RAPORTARE ON-LINE						
Nume Etapă	Perioadă Raportare	Buget	Cofinanțare	Total		
area perovskite solar cells by using large area deposition techniques	01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021	1.983.311,53	228.008,94	2.211.320,47		
ctures obtained by large area deposition techniques (printing and sputtering) and s for large area structures	01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022	1.949.781,14	241.406,47	2.191.187,61		
optimized small photovoltaic modules and fabrication of glass large photovoltaic	01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023	1.646.359,81	242.178,93	1,999,539,74		
optimized small photovoltaic modules and fabrication of glass large photovoltaic	01/01/2024 - 30/04/2024	160.750,00	0,00	160.750,00		

Inapoi la lista proiectelor..

Our indicators' reporting platform developed in-house is available online for a real time reporting of the indicators achieved and is considering a very useful tool for project officers in terms of permanently monitor of the targeted indicators.



#### User guide is available here

I. Peer-reviewed scientific publications submitted / Joint peer-reviewed scientific publications submitted

 A single scientific publication submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, conference, book or other peer-reviewed publication. The publication should be A single scientific publication submitted with co-authors from the Donor State and Beneficiary State partners. It may be submitted to a peer-revie Beneficiary State and Donor State organisations, funded under EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021.

Reported articles: 9 Finalized, 0 Working, 0 Reopened, 8 Validated, 0 Invalidated

Reported conference proceedings papers: 13 Finalized, O Working, O Reopened, 9 Validated, O Invalidated

Reported books / book chapters: 2 Finalized, 0 Working, 0 Reopened, 2 Validated, 0 Invalidated

Reported other publications: O Finalized, O Working, O Reopened, O Validated, O Invalidated

#### II. Joint registered applications for Intellectual Property Protection (IPP)

 Any application for registration of copyright, industrial design, trademark, patent or community design. The application should be filed jointly by Pr (of Beneficiary State and/or Donor State) or European Patent Office, or third countries' Patent Offices.

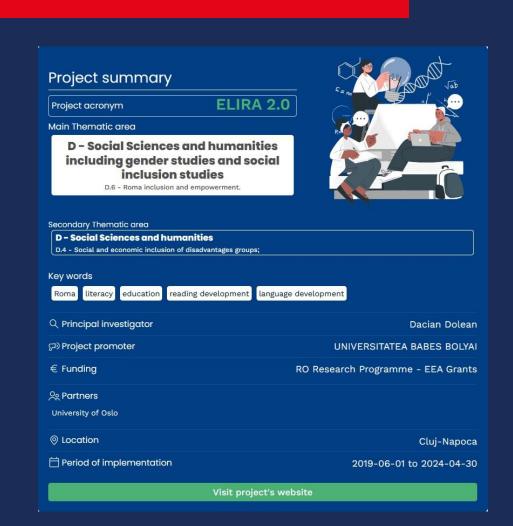
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# Platform of results

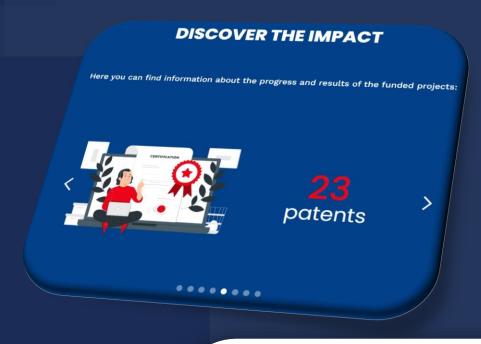
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Monitoring based on reports

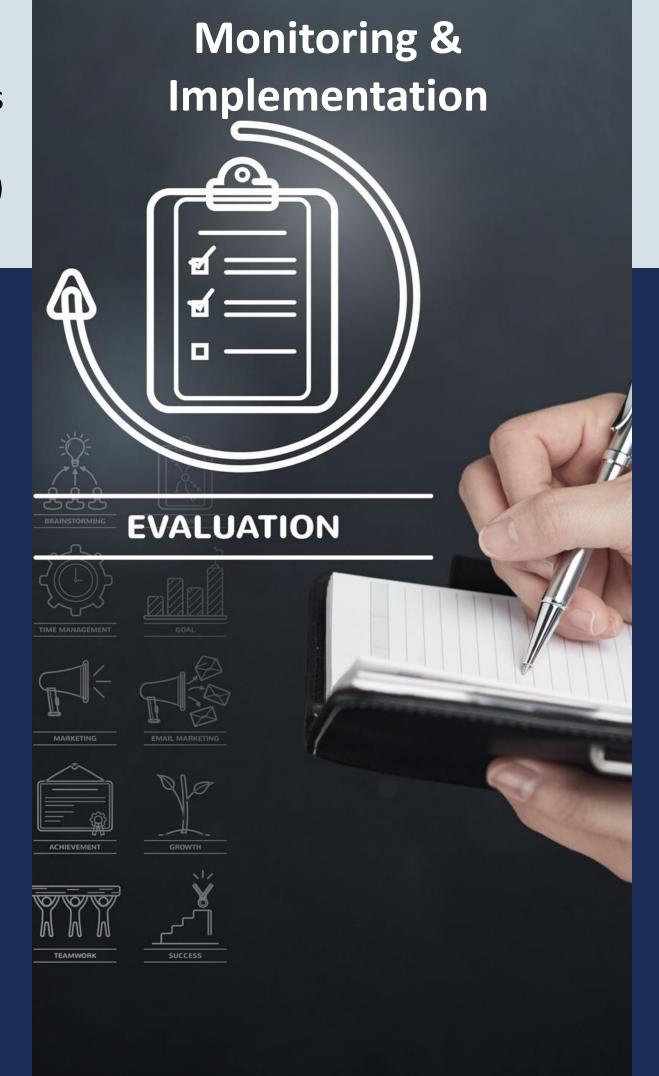
Monitoring missions (11 visits)

# 2022-2023

# Mid-term scientific evaluation of the projects

40 experts involved (experts/rapporteurs)

- assessment of mid-term results achieved
- identification of possible problems and risk and their mitigation plan
- recommendations for the PIs



Monitoring based on technical meetings, regular emails

On the spot verification visits

# **2023-2024**

# Scientific evaluation of the projects final reports

same experts involved
(experts/rapporteurs)

- scientific work carried out by the projects
- collaboration at partnership level
- dissemination of results
- final results achieved
- possible recommendations for PIs



Support for Ukrainian refugees - 100.000 euro (2022)

- ➤ SSH: "Widening ESS participation RODA-NSD cooperation in implementing ESS round 9 in Romania" 249.502 Euro (2019)
- ➤ Bioinformatics: "Towards the integration of European human molecular data in research and health" 259.080 euro (2021)







**W** 

M100: "Towards Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities through Mutual Learning, Engagement and Capacity-Building" - 1.340.620 euro

## The partnership:

RO - UEFISCDI, Urbanize Hub,

The Romanian Order of Architects

NO - Nordic Edge, NTNU

**IC - RANNIS** 

M100: "Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities: Planning, Piloting, Inspiring" - 1.396.140 euro

### The partnership:

RO - UEFISCDI, Cluj-Napoca Municipality,

**Bucharest – District 2, Suceava Municipality** 

NO - Stavanger Municipality, Trondheim Municipality

IC - Reykjavik Art Museum

# **M100** Bilateral Initiatives

https://m100.ro/













Research in the spotlight





# **Communication & Visibility**



"Research In The Spotlight" at the High Level Conference on Science Communication
Bruxelles, March 2024

4 series of the video podcast Research in the spotlight
42 episodes
more then 6.400 viewers



Iceland Liechtenstein Norway
Norway grants grants

93 posts on social media



Performance

Reach **6** 7.4K ↓ 2.1%

Content interactions  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  344  $\uparrow$  24.6%

Followers 6
Lifetime
7.6K

Link clicks 1

135 ↑ 28.6%

# Mass Media



Un podcast creat și produs de D|MBC, selectat de SCIENCE EUROPE ca exemplu de bună practică în comunicarea științei

26 Mar., 10:23 AM - Update - DIMBC







Research in the Spotlight, podcastul de brand creat de D|MBC - The Media and Branded Content Company, a fost selectat de SCIENCE EUROPE ca exemplu de bună practică în comunicarea științei, dintre mai multe proiecte de comunicare realizate de alte state europene. Proiectul românesc de comunicare a fost prezentat în cadrul conferintei High Level Conference on Science Communication. Unlocking the Power of Science Communication in Research and Policy Making. Connecting research, government, industry, and society organizată de Science Europe, pe 12-13 martie 2024, la Bruxelles.



VIDEO De ce elevii romi au performanțe mai slabe la învățătură? Cercetarea avansată arată că motivele nu țin de etnie, ci de condițiile de viață ale copiilor - Cercetătorul Dacian Dolean



aprilie 2022 - Ø 4 minute read - D 3 comment

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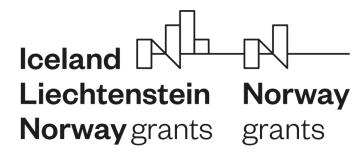
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Cercetările arată că, așa cum elevii din România au rezultate mai slabe la școală decât cei din alte țări, și elevii romi au performanțe mai slabe decât cei de altă etnie, arată, într-o prezentare publicată recent, cercetătorul în educație Dacian Dolean. Dar astfel de cercetări nu spun motivele acestei situații: pentru a le afla, e nevoie de cercetări avansate, iar un astfel de studiu, de lungă durată, ajunge la concluzia: nu etnia, ci mediul socio-economic este cauza dificultătilor de alfabetizare a copiilor





Research in the spotlight - un instrument util pentru comunicarea științei

Adriana Rotar, responsabil comunicare UEFISCDI

15 Martie 2023

Încurajarea dialogului și crearea contextului favorabil comunicării publice a rezultatelor cercetării, într-o manieră facilă, accesibilă publicului larg s-au numărat, întotdeauna, printre prioritățile Unității Executive pentru Finantarea Învătământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării (UEFISCDI). În calitate de agenție de finanțare poți să acționezi pe mai multe paliere: să oferi cadrul propice organizării unor evenimente, campanii recurente și chiar un podcast propriu care să le permită cercetătorilor să-și expună cercetările.

Deoarece ne-am dorit să facem cunoscute proiectele implementate în cadrul Programului Cercetare finanțat din Granturi SEE și Norvegiene 2014-2021 (EEA & Norway Grants) într-un mod atractiv și, totodată, să oferim cercetătorilor posibilitatea de a-si prezenta proiectele, echipele de cercetare si rezultatele obtinute, altfel decât erau obișnuiți, am lansat, în decembrie 2021, video podcast-ul "Research in the spotlight".



Granturile SEE și Norvegiene: noi competiții, provocări și oportunități pentru cercetarea românească

Alexandru Batali

26 Iulie 2018



S-au împlinit 10 ani de când cercetarea românească este conectată la Granturile SEE și Norvegiene și la beneficiile asociate unor astfel de mecanisme financiare: dezvoltarea de proiecte stiintifice bilaterale, consolidarea relațiilor cu Statele Donatoare (Norvegia, Islanda și Liechtenstein) și cresterea gradului de participare și a performantelor cercetătorilor români în competitiile europene. În noul ciclu de cooperare (2014-2021), Operator de Program este Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării (UEFISCDI), care a lansat deja în acest an o competitie majoră, Proiecte Colaborative de Cercetare, acompaniată de una suport, cu buget mai mic: Proiecte de Mobilităti. Într-un interviu acordat în exclusivitate revistei Market Watch, Magda Resiga, Directorul General Adjunct al UEFISCDI, și Monica Cruceru, Coordonatorul Programului de Cercetare Granturi SEE și Norvegiene 2014-2021, au evidentiat noutătile și specificul actualului Program de Cercetare si al noilor competitii.

# What's next?

EEA&NO Financial Mechanisms 2021-2028