

## Training Webinar

### Science - diplomacy for international collaboration: International Strategies and EU science and diplomacy

26-27 March, 2025  
Wageningen, The Netherlands

**Venue:** Online event (link will follow)

#### *Aim of the training webinar:*

This training will introduce the key steps in the provision of an adequate support in the development and implementation of European and international cooperation strategies for universities, research centers and governmental institutions, as part of the CROSSPATHS capacity building program.

The training will address the internationalization process in terms of policies (regional, national, EU and international), developing diplomacy and science-policy dialogue. The focus is on Europe and the global challenges, technological sovereignty and the future food systems in Europe and global regions (e.g. priority setting, organizational management and communication and examples from Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union institutions. Key issues will include:

- How to promote and integrate in the current strategic programmes and scientific projects the European principles and values of research - as open as possible, respecting research freedom, integrity, and gender equality;
- How to strengthening the scientific cooperation in Europe – key partnerships and ‘the European neighborhood’, with consideration to countries that neighbor the EU, view on the role of R&I and competitiveness;
- How to mobilize science and diplomacy (policy) dialogues within and between the knowledge and governmental institutions for addressing the global challenges of climate change, pandemic, digital transition, and green transition;
- How to operate in international partnerships: skills, diplomacy in multi-cultural consortiums;
- Sharing best practices and examples from EU projects and interactive workshop sessions.

## Provisional P R O G R A M

26 March	
<i>International Strategy Development at Institutional level: Europe</i>	
<b>9:30-9:40</b>	Welcome by the WUR team
<b>9:40-10:00</b>	Introduction of the webinar training and an acquaintance with participants
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	The EU cooperation Strategy of WUR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Introduction to the Mid-term Strategic Planning - Europe and global regions: priority setting, organizational management and communication</li> <li>• Regional perspectives and global challenges</li> <li>• Central and Eastern Europe and Widening Participation</li> </ul> (Peter Jongebloed and Vanya Simeonova, WUR EU office and Europe Council)
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	European Commission – policy and institutions, Brussels: Cooperation process (Peter Jongebloed, Rens Koele)

<b>11:30-12:00</b>	Discussion and Q&A: Sharing challenges with the participants
<b>12:00-12:45</b>	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>12:45-13:15</b>	Collaboration in EU Joint programming initiatives: Public to public partnerships and Science – diplomacy and science-policy interface (Abigail Muscat, WUR Joint programming office)
<b>13:15-13:45</b>	European cooperation at the Department level of the Animal Sciences Group of WUR Hans Spoolder, WUR
<b>13:45-14:00</b>	Discussion and closure
	<b>27 March</b> <b><i>Sharing best practices in international strategies and EU projects</i></b>
<b>10:00-10:30</b>	Key steps of the WUR Strategic Planning in the part of International cooperation Jelle Maas, WUR Regional Account management and Public affairs
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	Cooperation in the CEE2Act Consortium in the CEE region: a Horizon Europe project Hilke Bos-Brouwers, WUR Food and Biobased Research
<b>11:00-11:30</b>	External guest lecture: EU cooperation experiences of Slovakia in the Widening process and Horizon Europe (knowledge and innovation area of bioeconomy) Miroslav Konecny ADDSEN
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	Q&A to the speakers
<b>11:45-12:15</b>	European principles and values of research - as open as possible, respecting research freedom, integrity, and gender equality
<b>12:15-13:00</b>	Lunch
<b>13:00-13:45</b>	Interactive exercise with the audience
<b>13:45-14:00</b>	Final reflections and closure