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Alliance4Life

We cordially invite you to attend

Alliance4Life's Conference "Widening Instruments – Participants' View"

Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 09:30 – 13:00
followed by Networking & Snacks

at the Permanent Representation of Estonia to the EU,
Rue Guimard 11/13, 1040 Brussels

The Conference will pay special attention to our experience with the Widening measures and the resulting recommendations for shaping future Framework Programme. We will present our [Policy paper on the efficiency of WIDESPREAD measures](#), which contains both desktop research and results of structured interviews with Alliance4Life's member representatives.

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Due to the limited availability of seats, early registration is recommended to ensure your participation. Please register **before 4 December 2023**.

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The conference targets a broad audience from politicians to policy-makers and practitioners in the field of research and innovation interested in the widening topic of the next Framework Programme.

The event is organized in cooperation with the Estonian Research Council in Brussels and the Embassy of Estonia in Belgium.



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09:30 – 10:00 Registration

Welcoming words

H.E. Mr. **ARTUR KINK**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Estonia to the Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

SPEAKERS

10:15 – 10:45 "Horizon Europe mid-term: what we've learned and what's next" **SIGNE RATSO** Deputy Director-General, DG RTD

10:45 – 11:15 "The widening component in Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 – lessons learnt and future perspectives"
STEFAN WEIERS, Head of Sector 'Widening, ERA and Research Infrastructure Programming', DG RTD

11:15 – 11:45 "Alliance4Life Highlights"
JIRÍ NANTL, Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic, Chair of Alliance4Life

11:45 – 12:15 "Policy paper on efficiency of WIDESPREAD measures"
TOIVO MAIMETS, Professor, University of Tartu, Estonia, Deputy Chair of Alliance4Life

12:15 – 13:00 Networking and snacks

The Alliance for Life Sciences (www.alliance4life.eu) is an association of twelve biomedical universities and research institutes from eleven Central and Eastern European countries. It is a role model of progressive health research institutions that stay at the forefront of the CEE region's modern institutional governance and culture. We aim to empower low-performing Member States in their scientific excellence and innovation upscaling through strategic structural reforms, mutual learning, and better participation in EU-funded research and innovation actions. We also ensure, encourage, and motivate the creation of a culture that will reward outstanding scientific performance while simultaneously bridging the innovation gap in Europe.