











## **Horizon Europe**

Twinning to boost the scientific and innovation capacity of the Universiteti i Tiranes to develop sustainable nanosensors for water pollution detection

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## Kick off Meeting Agenda

Tirana Conference Center, Oval Room A, Tirana, 5<sup>th</sup>, October, 2022

## **Project Summary**

The SUSNANO project is funded by HORIZON Europe program under the call HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-02 (Twinning Western Balkans). The overall aim of the SUSNANO project is to boost the scientific excellence and innovation capacity in sustainable nanosensors for water pollution detection of Universiteti i Tiranes (UT) and its high-quality Twinning partners: Fundació Institut Català de Nanociència i Nanotecnologia, Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci and Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl. To achieve this aim, SUSNANO will implement a research and innovation strategy over 3 years based upon 5 objectives implemented via 5 corresponding WPs:

Objective 1: Conduct exploratory research on sustainable nanosensors to detect water pollution in Albania The goal is to develop innovative sustainable nanosensors to detect heavy metals, pesticides and antiobiotics. The validated sensors will be used in field tests to provide an environmental assessment of rivers and lakes in Albania. Objective 2: Transfer knowledge between experienced researchers (ERs) of UT and the Twinning partners The goal is to organise short term staff exchanges, trainings and seminars for UT's ER's and the Twinning partners' ERs to complement the preparatory research undertaken in Objective 1.

Objective 3: Enhance career prospects of early-stage researchers (ESRs) of UT and the Twinning partners The goal is to enhance the career prospects of UT's ESRs and the Twinning partners' ESRs by organising short- and medium-term exchanges, training workshops/seminars, summer schools & joint PhD programme.

Objective 4: Improve UT's management and administrative capacity for European R&D programmes The goal is to improve the skills of UT's Directorate of Scientific Research, Projects and Foreign Relations in proposal preparation, project management and innovation management for European R&D funding programmes.

Objective 5: Raise the research profile of UT and the Twinning partners The goal is to raise the research profile and scientific reputation of UT and the Twinning partners through a comprehensive range of dissemination, exploitation, communication & outreach activities

Wednesday, October 05, 2022	
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Opening Ceremony Welcome speech Representative from University of Tirana Representative from Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Tirana
10:00 am to 10:30 am	Brief Introduction to Agenda  SUSNANO Overview - Project aims and foreseen results  [Majlinda Vasjari, University of Tirana]

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10:30 am to 11:00 am	Presentation of Project partners  P1: Universiteti I Tiranes  [Majlinda Vasjari]  P2: Fundacio Institut Catala de Nanociencia i Nanotecnologia (ICN2)  [Arben Merkoci]  P3: Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci (UPO)  [Michal Otyepka]  P4: Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl  [Giles Brandon]
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	Coffee break
12:00 pm to 14:00 pm	WP1 - Preparatory Research Project  [Majlinda Vasjari, University of Tirana]  WP2 - Short-term staff exchanges and trainings for experienced researchers  [Ruslán Alvarez, Fundacio Institut Catala de Nanociencia i Nanotecnologia]  WP3 - Research internships and trainings for early-stage researchers  [Veronika Šedajová, David Panáček, Michal Otyepka, levgen Obraztsov Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci]  WP4 - Research Management and Administration Skill Development  [Giles Brandon, Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl]  WP5 - Dissemination, Exploitation, Communication and Outreach  [Giles Brandon, Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl]  WP6 - Project Management  [Majlinda Vasjari, University of Tirana]
14:00 pm to 15:30 pm	Lunch Break
15:30 pm to 16:00 pm	SUSNANO management. Setting up SC, EEAB.  Grant and partnership agreements, relevant documents and guidelines; administration and documentation records.  Communication Plan - Contact list (team member names, roles, departments, emails, phone)  [Majlinda Vasjari, Giles Brandon]
16:00 pm to 16:15 pm	Action plan for the first project year. Setting up for implementation of WP 1-6 partners tasks, research plan, exchanges of ERs, ESRs, trainings, summer school, open days, etc.  [Majlinda Vasjari, Ruslan Alvarez, Michal Otyepka]
16:15 pm to 16:30 pm	Project web-site presentation. Project Management system.

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	[Giles Brandon, Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl]
16:30 pm to 16:45 pm	Project finances [Giles Brandon, Intelligentsia Consultants Sàrl]
16:30 pm to 17:00 pm	Concluding Remarks

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