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Horizon Europe project won by FORTHEN Alliance universities

A consortium made up by three FORTHEN members has been granted 1,500,000 Euros within the frame of Horizon Twinning (HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-03) call. As a result of this successful action, a Twinning project, entitled *Establishing a Laboratory of Cultural Heritage in Central Romania* (ELABCHROM), will be implemented between January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025, by the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (Romania) as coordinator, in partnership with the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) and the University of Burgundy, Dijon (France).

This project is the first one won so far by a consortium exclusively made from universities members of the FORTHEN Alliance.

The EU's Horizon Europe Twinning funding line supports the widening of the European Research Area, by "twinning" an emerging research institution with at least two other institutions with certified performance in research. Thus, the coordinator will have the opportunity, through a series of joint activities (e.g., short exchange visits, summer schools, training courses, workshops, collective publications, submissions of new projects, etc.), to reduce disparities between widening countries, characterized by low R&I performance, and EU high performers in the field of Research and Innovation.

In the case of ELABCHROM, the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu will receive assistance from the University of Jyväskylä mainly regarding the methodology of research in Social Sciences and Humanities, while the University of Burgundy will assist prominently regarding the management of research. Overall, the project will include a core team of 32 researchers from the three universities, while the research and administrative staff members from Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu will benefit of 70 mobilities during the project lifetime.