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The Kick-off Meeting - Twinning Project *Establishing a Laboratory of Cultural Heritage in Central Romania* (ELABCHROM)

On January 24th, 2023, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu hosted the kick-off meeting of the Twinning project *Establishing a Laboratory of Cultural Heritage in Central Romania* (ELABCHROM), bringing together representatives from all three partner universities: the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (Romania), the University of Jyväskylä (Finland) and the University of Burgundy, Dijon (France).

Associate Professor Dr. Tuuli Lähdesmäki and Dr. Johanna Turunen participated on behalf of the University of Jyväskylä (JYU), Professor Dr. Tadeusz Sliwa, vice-president delegate of cultural policy, represented University of Burgundy (uB), while Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu was represented by Professor Dr. Andrei Terian, Vice-Rector for Research, Innovation, and Internationalization, Associate Professor Dr. Ionela Vlase, Head of the Research, Development, Innovation Service, Lecturer Dr. Mihai Rusu, Associate Professor Dr. Raluca Mureșan, and Lecturer Dr. Mircea Fuciu. Representatives from JYU and uB participated to the meeting via online video conference.

During this first in-person meeting, the project team got acquainted and discussed ELABCHROM's action plan for the coming months and the implementation timetable: the mobilities planned for administrative and research staff, the research instruments, the Data Management Plan, the dissemination activities, events such as summer schools and conferences, as well as the confirmation of the Steering Committee, consisting of coordinators of all seven work packages.

Following the discussion, participants agreed on the implementation dynamics and delivery deadlines.

About the project

ELABCHROM is a project funded by European Union's Horizon Europe Twinning program, aiming to widen the European Research Area by "twinning" an emerging research institution with at least two other institutions with certified research performance. The coordinator university will have the opportunity, through a series of joint activities – such as short exchange visits, summer schools, training courses, workshops, collective publications, and new project submissions – to reduce disparities between widening countries, characterized by low R&I performance, and EU high performers in the field of Research and Innovation. The total budget of the project will be €1,500,000.