

## Newsletter #6 - July 2022

### Editorial

This sixth newsletter closed all work achieved by partners since the beginning of the project in 2019. As a reminder, it is a three years project extended to June 2022 due to the Covid situation. Forward consortium intends to follow this huge work carried out by all nine outermost regions gathered for the first time to reinforce these territories in the European Research Area.

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### ABOUT US

The work package leader dissemination and communication elaborated seven infographics. They have been designed in order to summarize all progresses and edited document achieved jointly by nine outermost regions officers.



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### Forward Project : what's up ?

On June 2nd, the third and final conference was held in Brussels, with over 60 participants present physically. All WP leaders gave the final updates and challenges of their work packages.

Mr Antonio Lopez Gulias, Project Coordinator ACISI put in light this key moment summarizing all progresses and specially the new European Commission communication. Indeed, this official document of May 3rd 2022, proposed the continuation of Forward activities.

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### Forward Life

#### ORs VALORISATION



#### FORWARD's last General Assembly in Brussels

On the 1st of June, the last GA was held in Brussels with the attendance of almost all the Forward partners. An update of all the work packages was made and also of the pending tasks and next deadlines / challenges.

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#### 3rd presentation of successful projects of TWG8 marine sciences

In the frame of the FORWARD project and as part of the activities described in the TWG8 Action Plan, ULPGC organized the 3rd and final edition of the TWG 8 projects presentation that took place on 15th June at 14:00 (Brussels time).

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#### Update of WP3's activities : what's new?

As a reminder, the activities of this WP started with the identification of the R&I thematic for the thematic working groups (TWG).

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#### WP3 Round table of TWG's experts

The 9 sub coordinators took part, for most of them physically, in this final FORWARD conference; they gathered to share feedbacks and experiences on the work carried out these last 3 years and a half.

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#### ORs NETWORKING



#### The WP2 regional R&I diagnosis update

The WP leader developed a video detailing the keys findings of the regional diagnosis which strongly mobilized the local communities with 186 interviews carried out, 258 respondents to a common survey and 155 participants to regional workshops.

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#### ITC team meets with the Basque innovation ecosystem in Bilbao

A delegation from the Innovation Department of the Canary Islands Technological Institute (ITC) visited Bilbao to meet with several key agents and initiatives that support and drive the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in the region.

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#### Update on WP6 – connecting research and policy making

The WP leader presented WP6's objectives and the ongoing activities. Two tasks T6.2 and T6.4 are ongoing, and the main outcome is that over 50 policy planning events were executed while 21 were planned initially in the GA.

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#### ORs CAPACITATION

##### HOW TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CALL

- Understand whether it is a top-down or bottom-up call
- Examine the type of call (RIA, IA, CSA) – what does it mean in terms of funding rates and expected TRI.
- Search for the maximum budget and how many grants will be awarded to understand your chances
- Know the desired scope of action (what fits in and what is out)
- Are there any cross-cutting issues specifically mentioned?



#### Horizon Europe trainings in Guadeloupe

Our partner Synergies has implemented a set of 5 trainings on Horizon Europe and the last sessions took place on June 15th. It stressed on building and maintaining your network, and the TWG's sub-coordinators also shared their experiences.

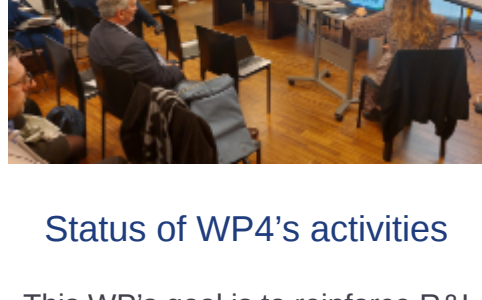
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#### Last FORWARD capacity building action in Azores

The Regional Science and Technology Fund (FRCT), held on May 17th, in physical format and Portuguese only, a training and capacity building action on "how to develop Research & Innovation proposals with impact".

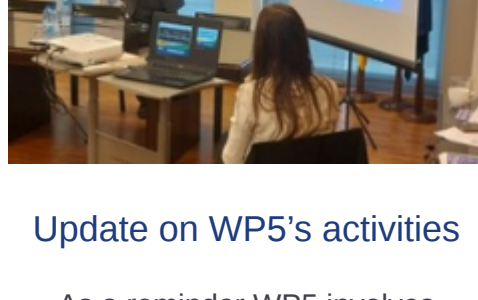
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#### Status of WP4's activities

This WP's goal is to reinforce R&I capabilities through capacity/training actions.

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#### Update on WP5's activities

As a reminder WP5 involves networking and mobilities activities.

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