

Strategic Areas Workshops

Strengthening circularity and climate resilience through EU-funded research

Wrocław, 8 April 2026, Faculty of Architecture

Programme

Workshop I: Proposal Preparation – Principles and Framework

(10:00–12:00)

Joint session for both communities

Introduction to calls and application processes

10:00–10:10 Opening

- Welcome to participants
- Introduction of experts and workshop objectives

10:10–10:40 Session 1:

Overview of current Horizon Europe calls relevant to the workshop theme; introduction to specific call topics

Led by: Michał Iwan - National Contact Point, The National Centre for Research and Development – on-site

10:40–11:00 Session 2:

Short introduction to the proposal preparation process

Led by: Nuno Cunha (Aavanz) – online

11:00–11:30 Session 3:

Strategic proposal preparation – perspective of a non-Widening mentor

Led by: Mónica Aragüés Peñalba (UPC) - online

11:20–11:45 Session 4:

Perspective of a European Commission evaluator

Led by: Barbara Widera (EC evaluator, coordinator of the *Urban & Resources Sustainability* area), Agnieszka Saeid (EC evaluator, coordinator of the *Circular Economy & Materials* area) – on-site

11:45-11:55 Sustainability-oriented approaches in the company leading in the field of energy efficiency in smart buildings - perspective of the industry representative from the non-Widening country

Led by: Bea Kotełko (Schneider Electric, Copenhagen)

11.55-12.10 Recycling and the circular economy from an industrial perspective

Led by: Katarzyna Szarek, Operations Director, Eneris Recupyl

12:10–12:30 Coffee break & networking (20 minutes)

Workshop II: Proposal Development – Practical Lab

(12:30–14:00)

Workshop activities in smaller thematic groups aligned with selected call topics

12:30–14:00 Practical workshops

- Division into thematic groups
- Introduction by a representatives of the Application Support Section – what support applicants can expect and where to begin
Led by: Justyna Abel, Anna Korotusz-Mirecka
- Analysis of proposal excerpts or project concepts (Excellence, Impact, Implementation)
- Discussion of concepts, identification of strengths and weaknesses, joint review of outcomes
- Identification of consortium gaps and preparation for the matchmaking event in Turin