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**EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS AND EVENTS**

**19 October 2020 PNCDI III, Program 3: European and international cooperation, Subprogram 3.2, Awarding participation to Horizon 2020**

UEFISCDI announces the launch of the competition within PNCDI III, Program 3: European and international cooperation, Subprogram 3.2, Awarding participation to Horizon 2020. With a total budget of RON 15,000,000, these institutional awards aim to support research organizations in Romania that implement projects funded under the Horizon 2020 program. For more details please visit: <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/premierea-participarii-la-orizont-2020>

**10 December 2020 Solutions - 2020 competitions**

The Ministry of Education and Research and UEFISCDI initiate the series of public presentations of the results obtained in the Solutions - 2020 competitions, innovation solutions to the problems identified by the public authorities involved in the management of the COVID-19 pandemic (Ministry of Health, Interinstitutional Group for RDI in security) Internal Affairs, Ministry of National Defense, Special Telecommunications Service, Institute for Advanced Technologies, etc.).

In the web page dedicated to the event <https://www.brainmap.ro/sol-2020> (where the projects and the results obtained are presented, as well as the registration area of the participants), those interested can ask questions, send comments / observations to the project teams.

**19 March 2021 Digital Day 2021: EU countries commit to key digital initiatives for Europe's Digital Decade.**

At the online Digital Day 2021, Ministers representing EU Member States signed three Declarations to pool efforts and resources to promote international connectivity, incentivise the rollout of clean digital technologies and improve the regulatory environment for start-ups and scale-ups. These tangible commitments will help accelerate Europe's green and digital transformation and will contribute to the vision and goals of Europe's Digital Decade.

For more details please visit:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_1186](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_1186)

**27 April 2021 Migration management: New EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration**

The Commission is adopting the first EU Strategy on voluntary return and reintegration. The Strategy promotes voluntary return and reintegration as an integral part of a common EU system for returns, a key objective under the New Pact on Migration and Asylum. It sets out practical

measures to strengthen the legal and operational framework for voluntary returns from Europe and from transit countries, improve the quality of return and reintegration programmes, establish better links with development initiatives and strengthen cooperation with partner countries.

### **20 May 2021 Challenges and solutions for a changing world**

The Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalisation and UEFISCDI launch the campaign "**Challenges and solutions for a changing world**", initiative that brings the results of Romanian research close to society, and promotes the results of scientific research projects. The activity is funded under the programs of the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation - PNCDI III (2015-2020). The campaign "Challenges and solutions for a changing world" aims to bring researchers and their work closer to the general public dedicated to identifying viable solutions to address the problems and challenges facing today's society. The first event of the campaign is dedicated to Solutions-type projects that have responded to the specific needs identified by central public institutions and authorities.

For more details please visit:

<https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/news-european-higher-education-area-challenges-for-a-new-decade-publicatia-springer-acum-disponibila-in-open-access>

### **15 June 2021 NextGenerationEU**

NextGenerationEU: European Commission raises €20 billion in first transaction to support Europe's recovery. For more details, please visit:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_2982](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2982)

### **16 June 2021 - EU Commission invest €14.7 billion from Horizon Europe for a healthier, greener and more digital Europe.**

The Commission has adopted the main work programme of Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2022, which outlines the objectives and specific topic areas that will receive a total of €14.7 billion in funding. These investments will help accelerate the green and digital transitions and will contribute to sustainable recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and to EU resilience against future crises.

For more details, please visit:

[https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_2993](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_2993)

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS**

### **14 June 2021 – Opportunities for Young researchers, PhD students and post-doctoral students**

British Council, Science and Innovation Network (SIN) / British Embassy, British Council and UEFISCDI continue the series of capacity building workshops, by organizing a new event, which aims to raise awareness about climate change and the exchange of good practices between young researchers from Romania and the United Kingdom.

Thus, on July 1, 2021, during 5-6 hours, the workshop will include presentations by British researchers, interactive sessions and exchanges of good practices between participants.

Young researchers, PhD students and post-doctoral students aged between 25 and 35 in the field of climate and environmental sciences are invited to participate.