



SCEWERO Newsletter #1 – March 2025

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What's SCEWERO?

SCEWERO - Strengthening the Research Capacities for Extreme Weather Events in Romania project is a [Programme Horizon Europe](#)-funded project aiming to enhance research excellence, scientific reputation, and research management capacity in the field of extreme weather events at Babes-Bolyai University.

Coordinated by the [Babes-Bolyai University](#) (UBB) (RO) and through a strong international partnership with [CMCC Foundation - Centro Euro Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici](#)-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (Fondazione CMCC) (IT), [University of Antwerp](#) (UANWERPEN) (BE), [Justus Liebig University Giessen](#) (JLU) (DE), and [Indeco Soft](#) (INDECO) (RO), we aim to bridge knowledge gaps, improve forecasting capabilities, and develop innovative solutions for better societal resilience to climate-related hazards.

What's new in SCEWERO?

Project Kick-Off meeting

The SCEWERO Project was officially launched with a successful **kick-off meeting** in late **October 2024**, bringing together representatives of all the partners and special guests. This inaugural event served as a dynamic platform for presenting the project's primary goals, refining initial work plans, and facilitating open and constructive dialogues. Discussions facilitated the alignment of collective efforts, establishing a unified direction for the subsequent phases of the project. [Read more](#)

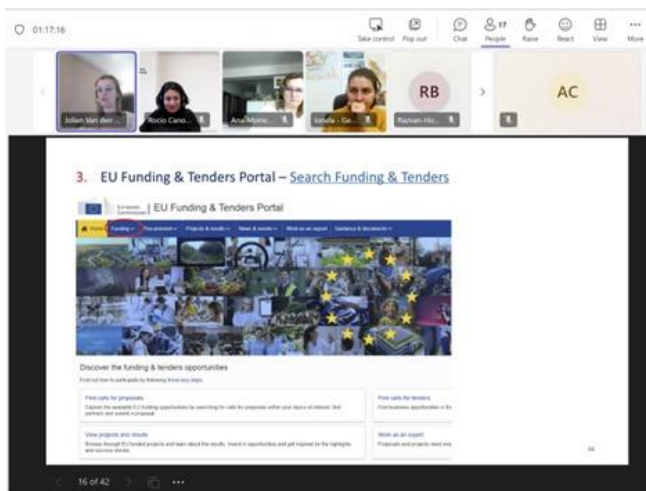


UBB Steps Up: Advancing Research Management and Administrative Skills with SCEWERO

 **Important Achievements in WP6.** We are pleased to announce the successful achievement of both **key activities** under **WP6**, which focuses on enhancing research management and administrative capacity at **UBB**. These accomplishments reflect our firm commitment to institutional quality and alignment with European research standards, particularly within the **Horizon Europe** framework. This progress was made possible through close collaboration within the consortium. Coordinated by **JLU** and implemented in cooperation with **UAntwerpen**, the activities fostered capacity building in UBB.

 **Establishing a Research Management Working Group.** A significant development under WP6 is establishing a new body in the Faculty of Geography, under the Institute of Geography framework, as a **dedicated working group** for research management and administration. This group is vital in delivering targeted information and actions to support developing, submitting, and implementing European research projects. [Read more](#)

Capacity Building Activities

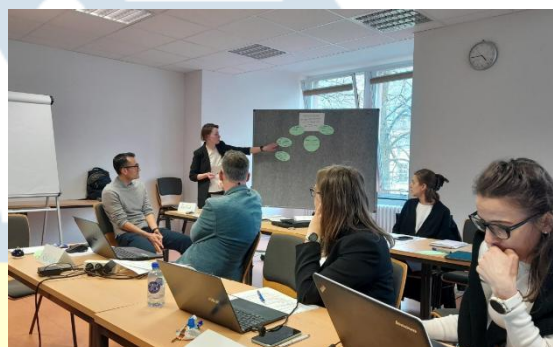


Grant Administration Best Practice Workshop. This workshop, led by UAntwerpen in February 2025, provided UBB staff (administrative and academic staff) with in-depth insights into a better understanding of the **scope and context of EU funding calls** and **budget development**. UBB participants' feedback indicated increased confidence and clarity in navigating proposal requirements.

[Read more.](#)

Research Management Training & Staff Exchange.

In March 2025, a team of 10 members from UBB participated in a **training visit** to JLU. The intensive sessions focused on **financial and grant administration, EU reporting, and presentations on procurement practices**. Complemented by hands-on exercises the exchange significantly enhanced UBB team understanding and ensured the knowledge transfer towards the UBB team on practical compliance within the EU project lifecycle. [Read more.](#)



Engaging young generation in climate action

This year, we celebrated [World Meteorological Day](#) and [World Water Day](#) with the young generation, students in [Mihai Viteazul National College](#), in engaging them in discussions on the climate change impact, extreme events and early warnings.



Looking Ahead

The strides made through WP6 position UBB to better support its researchers and strengthen its role within the European research landscape. With improved administrative capabilities, UBB is now better equipped to engage with **Horizon Europe** and ensure **efficient, compliant project execution**.

Upcoming Activities

- [Training Sessions for UBB Researchers](#)
 July & September 2025
- [First Summer School for Students and Young Researchers](#)
 September 2025

