

Event review

POLICY ENLARGE Kick-off Meeting

Date: April 21-22, 2026

Venue: Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design in Budapest (MOME)

The POLICY ENLARGE Kick-off Meeting successfully marked the official launch of the project, bringing together consortium partners for two days of structured dialogue, planning, and collaboration. Hosted at MOME in Budapest, the event combined strategic discussions with networking opportunities, setting a strong foundation for the project's implementation.

Day 1 Highlights

The meeting opened with welcoming remarks from the host institution, the European Commission, the project coordinator (establishing the policy relevance and strategic importance of the initiative) and the partner introductions.

The morning sessions provided a clear policy and operational framework. Insights from the European Commission contextualized the project within broader research and innovation policies, while the project overview clarified objectives, status, and expected outcomes.

The afternoon focused on the work packages (WP1–WP4), each combining presentations with interactive discussions:

- **WP1 (Policy Dialogue)** emphasized stakeholder identification and strategies for effective policy engagement.
- **WP2 (Policy Guidance and Learning)** addressed tailored support mechanisms and knowledge-sharing approaches.
- **WP3 (Joint Calls and Actions)** introduced financial support schemes and collaborative actions.
- **WP4 (Capacity Building)** explored training needs and methodologies for strengthening competencies.

Day 2 Highlights

The second day focused to communication and dissemination with the implementation support and coordination:

- **WP5 (Communication and Dissemination)** outlined strategies for visibility, stakeholder engagement, and impact maximization.
- **WP6 (Project Management)** provided essential guidance on financial rules, internal procedures, and governance structures, ensuring clarity on operational responsibilities.

The meeting concluded with a final discussion session, allowing partners to address open questions and confirm next steps. The closing lunch offered an opportunity for informal reflection and consolidation of partnerships.

Overall Assessment

The kick-off meeting was comprehensive, and effective in achieving its main objectives:

- Establishing a shared understanding of the project's goals and policy context
- Clarifying roles, responsibilities, and work package activities
- Initiating collaboration and trust among partners

The balance between formal sessions and networking opportunities contributed to a productive and engaging atmosphere. Moving forward, maintaining this level of coordination and communication will be key to the project's success.