

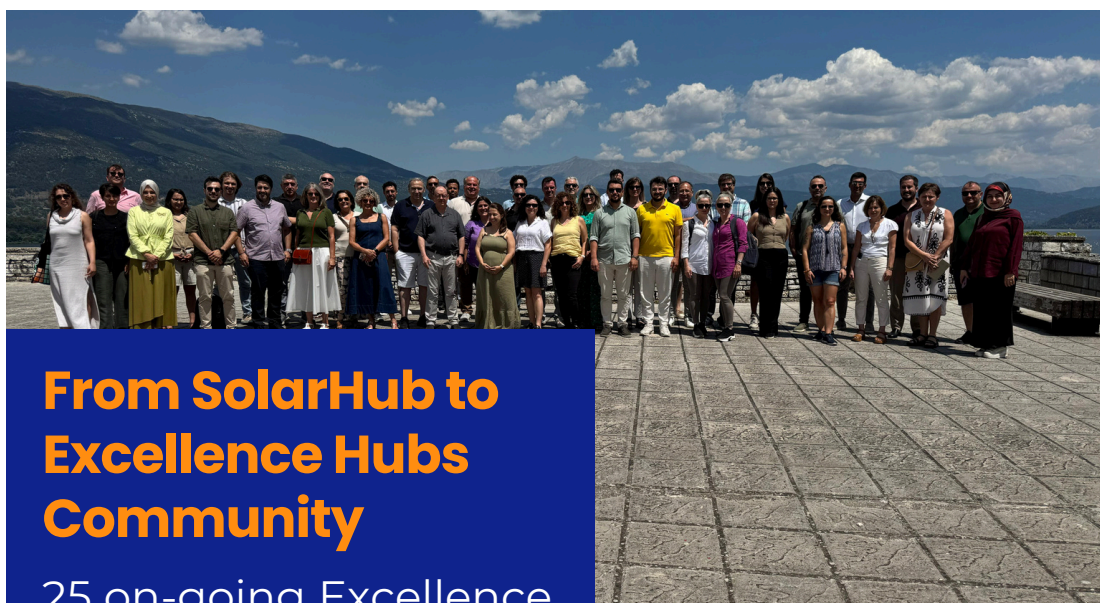
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From SolarHub to Excellence Hubs Community

25 on-going Excellence Hubs (EH) projects are in the pipeline, coordinated by institutions from 12 different Widening Countries with a total of 371 partners in these EH project include many of the leading Research and Innovation (R&I) actors in Widening Countries.

● How it started

In 2024, Prof. Dr. Derek Baker, the coordinator of SolarHub, initiated an idea to explore the large opportunities that exist to use an EH Community to connect these projects and support more inter-project collaborations.



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First Physical Joint Event

Over the course of the EH community, Seven Excellence Hubs projects li CARBONICA, CHAnging, COALition, INNO2MARE, METACITIES, SolarHub, and WaterWise took to the virtual stage, telling their stories in webinars now tucked away on the Widening Impacts YouTube channel for anyone curious enough to dig in.



Ioannina, 2025

In April, the road led to Thessaloniki. The air was thick with sun and talk of green transitions, as CARBONICA, COALition, ECHO, and SolarHub sat shoulder to shoulder at ICRES 2025, trading ideas on how Excellence Hubs could change regional futures.

On 17 June 2025, over 20 Excellence Hubs joined the online Kick-Off Meeting, with input from two European Commission representatives. Two weeks later, 58 participants met in Ioannina, Greece, for the first in-person EH Joint Event a day that turned introductions into real plans for collaboration.

 Carbonica (GA: 101087233)	 CHANGEING EXCELLENCE HUBS (GA: 101087071)	 COALition (GA: 101087022)	 DxHub INFECTION DISEASES DIAGNOSTICS (GA: 101186531)
 ECHO (GA: 101185725)	 METACITIES (GA: 101087257)	 SolarHub (GA: 101086110)	 WaterWise (GA: 101184151)

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In Fall 2025, the EH Community will formally establish its General Assembly and Steering Committee (SC), with the SC succeeding the Spring 2025 FWG. These bodies will play a central role in supporting and supporting inter-project collaborations.

Alongside the Widening Impacts website and LinkedIn channels, you can follow updates through:



www.linkedin.com/company/excellencehubs

Email List: [EH Community Mailing List](#)



Derek Baker of SolarHub developed the Widening Impacts Dissemination, Exploitation, and Communication (DEC) platform to support the formation and visibility of this community. The platform currently includes the following tools:

Website:

- www.wideningimpacts.eu

[YouTube Channel:](#)

Widening Impacts on YouTube

[LinkedIn:](#) Widening Impacts on LinkedIn

[Email List:](#) [Widening Impacts Mailing List](#)

