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Widening Training Series

Career Assessment, Ethics, Evaluation Models @ TU Darmstadt

2-4 March 2027
TU Darmstadt, Germany

How does it work?

We invite mid- and late-career researchers from Unite! partner universities to participate in a 3-day training hosted by TU Darmstadt (Germany). The programme aims to foster a better understanding of research career assessment, academic evaluation practices and research ethics across different institutional and national contexts.

Through expert-led sessions, case studies and discussions with experienced researchers, participants will explore how research performance and impact are assessed, the principles underpinning responsible research evaluation, and the different criteria shaping academic career progression. The training will provide an opportunity to exchange perspectives, reflect on current evaluation practices and explore diverse approaches to assessing research careers.

Dates: 2-4 March 2027 (lunch-to-lunch)
Location: TU Darmstadt, Germany

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Target audience:
mid- to late-career Early Career Researchers (ECRs)

Participants: 6 from ULisboa + 6 from Wrocław Tech + 1 from each non-Widening Unite! Universities

Participation: Free of charge. Travel and accommodation expenses are covered in accordance with Unite! Widening rules. Registration is required through the Call for Applications available on Agorà.

Tentative programme

Day 1 – Tuesday, 2 March 2027

- Welcome and Introduction to Unite! and TU Darmstadt
- Research Ethics: Essential Principles and Practices
- Welcome Dinner

Day 2 – Wednesday, 3 March 2027

- Responsible Research Assessment: COARA Criteria and Institutional Evaluation Practices
- Selection Criteria for ERC Applications
- Academic Career Evaluation: Appointment Procedures and Tenure-Track Models
- Networking Dinner

Day 3 – Thursday, 4 March 2027

- Navigating Research Careers: Current Situation and Next Steps
- Meet the Role Models: Q&A with Former AYI Participants and Recently Appointed Professors
- Closing Session and Farewell