

Privanova is part of the SPARKUP: a multidisciplinary R&D project run by an international consortium and co-funded by the EU.

SPARKUP addresses rising CBRNE threats in the Southern CEE region, driven by geopolitical instability and the conflict in Ukraine. The project strengthens preparedness by bridging gaps between academic and nonacademic sectors, fostering collaboration across research, industry, and government. Its goal is to build a skilled, adaptable workforce and a more integrated research ecosystem to tackle complex CBRNE challenges. The project will deliver a targeted upskilling programme, personalised career plans, and secondment opportunities to equip researchers with the skills needed to advance their careers.



SPARKUP

Strengthening CBRNE Talent Development and Cross-Sector Innovation for a Safer Future

Budget

€ 2 284 706.25

From June 2025 to June 2028

Consortium

10 Partners from Serbia, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, France, Slovakia, Romania, and Switzerland.

Objectives

- **Boost entrepreneurial and** leadership skills: Deliver training to enhance technical expertise, practical experience, soft skills, and societal awareness among ERA talents.
- Strengthen academic R&I capacities: Assess competencies, form joint working groups, and promote knowledge transfer to improve cross-sector collaboration and infrastructure access.
- **Establish a CBRNE Center of** Excellence at UCPS: Create a flagship hub with upgraded facilities, a clear governance model, and a dedicated R&I Support Office.
- Maximise impact and ensure sustainability: Disseminate results, engage stakeholders, and build a lasting CBRNE Cluster and Community of Experts.

Our role

In SPARKUP, Privanova leads Work Package 4 on Global Outreach, Sustainability, and Exploitation. This includes designing and implementing the Dissemination, Exploitation, and Communication (DEC) plan, coordinating public outreach, and fostering collaboration with clustering initiatives and practitioner networks. Privanova also ensures legal and ethical compliance by managing GDPR requirements, the Data Management Plan, ethics oversight, and the coordination of the Ethics Advisory Board.







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