



Building Capacity in the Ukrainian R&I Ecosystem

26 June 2026

TRANSFORMING RESEARCH ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS: CRITERIA,
QUALITY, AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

Programme

10.00–11.30 CEST (11.00–12.30 EET)

10.00–10.10 Welcome and introductory remarks

- **Andrii Kuznetsov**, *First Deputy Executive Director for Grant Support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)*

10.10–11.20 Panel discussion

- **Lisbet Crone**, *Special Advisor at the Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF)*
- **Josefin Thoresson**, *Senior Research Officer at the Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (FORMAS)*
- **Laurence El Khouri**, *Deputy Head of the Open Research Data Department at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)*
- **Matthias Kiesselbach**, *Director at the German Research Foundation (DFG)*
- **James Morris**, *Senior Policy Officer, Science Europe*

Moderators:

- **Oleksandra Kyselova**, *Head of the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Department of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)*
- **Lidia Borrell-Damián**, *Secretary General, Science Europe*

11.20–11.30 Conclusions and next steps

- **Andrii Kuznetsov**, *First Deputy Executive Director for Grant Support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine (NRFU)*
- **Lidia Borrell-Damián**, *Secretary General, Science Europe*

About the webinar series

Following the success of the first series of webinars, the initiative is continued in 2026 with three more webinars taking place between June and November:

- **26 June** – *Transforming research assessment systems: criteria, quality, and societal impact*
- **18 September** – *Financial Management of research projects: from grant application to successful implementation*
- **27 November** – *Risk management in research funding: approaches, tools, and international practices*

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