



BESTPRAC Thematic group meeting

Final Programme

March 28-29, 2023

Sun Hall Hotel, Athens Ave 6, Larnaca, Cyprus

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Moderator of plenary sessions: Anđela Pepić, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

09:00 Registration

09:30 **Welcome address**

(Andri Charalambous, BESTPRAC Thematic Group Chair;

Nik Claesen, EARMA Director;

Prof. Stavros Malas, President, The Cyprus Institute, CyI;

Prof. Jean Sciare, Director, Climate & Atmosphere Research Center (CARE-C), The Cyprus Institute;

Mr. Theodoros Loukaidis, Director General, Cyprus Research and Innovation Foundation)

10:00 **Understanding the policy design landscape behind R&I programs to support successful funding opportunity identification and proposal writing**

(Dr. Vassilios Tsakalos, Research and Technical Services & Support, The Cyprus Institute)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Parallel Sessions**

General (Administration/Management & Legal):

Parallel session #1:

- Associated Partners's risks, liabilities and obligations vis-à-vis other Beneficiaries in the new DESCA AP Consortium Agreement (Andreas Schmalz, University of Geneva, Switzerland)
 - Research integrity training, an alternative program (Susan Hommerson, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands)
 - Equality, Gender and Diversity workshop (Laura Damiano, University Medical Center Groningen & Jennifer Gravendaal, Utrecht University, Netherlands)
- Moderator: Virág Zsár, HETFFA Research Institute Ltd, Hungary

Parallel session #2:

- Leadership in the new ERA: How to capitalize on lessons learnt in the pandemic to nourish resilient, productive and happy teams (Sascha Le Large, University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands & Nataša Jakominić Marot, University of Rijeka, Croatia)

Finance:

- National legislation related to EU projects - financial issues, part II (Vanda Baloh, ZRC SAZU, Slovenia)
- From European Support Office to Center of Expertise - Two years on the road with a new structure of the EU-Team at Ghent University (Dirk De Craemer, Ghent University, Belgium)
- IT support for financial project management (Primož Petek, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Slovenia)
- Digital Europe Programme – planning budget and coordination of Grant Agreement (Barbara Dorić, University of Ljubljana – Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Slovenia)

Moderator: Marija Šola Spasić, University of Belgrade - School of electrical engineering, Serbia

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Parallel Sessions**

General (Administration/Management & Legal):

- Interactive session on Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation Plans: tools and strategies (Cristina Oliveira, NOVA Information Management School, Portugal)

- Co-creation and co-design: engaging your stakeholders: pre- and post-award experiences (Anđela Pepić, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Green and Sustainable Office practices (Veronika Csapó, Central European University, Austria)

Moderator: Edwin Kanters, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Finance:

- CFS and Financial Audit in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe: experiences and best practices (Elisa Chiarani & Mirella Collini, University of Trento, Italy)
- Feedback on an ex-post audit by the European Court of Auditors on personnel cost calculations (Sara Van der Gucht, Ghent University, Belgium)
- Project-based remuneration in Horizon Europe (Renata Downar-Zapolska, Politechnika Gdańska, Poland)
- Implementation of project-based remuneration - from first ideas to audited procedure (Izabela Dranka, University of Warsaw, Poland)

Moderator: Marija Šola Spasić, University of Belgrade - School of electrical engineering, Serbia

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Learning styles and behavioral design: how to improve RMA communication with researchers to make it more efficient and effective straight from the start**

(Melanie Büscher, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

16:45 **Plenary Wrap up**

17:00 End of the first day

19:30 Social event (optional): Dinner at [Militzis Traditional Tavern](#),
Piale Pasha Avenue 42, Larnaca
[Dinner menu](#)

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Moderator of plenary sessions: Virág Zsár, HETFA Research Institute Ltd, Hungary

9:30 **Parallel Sessions**

General (Administration/Management & Legal):

- Creating synergies with Horizon Europe through CESP – a Romanian project funded under Structural Funds Programme (Daniela Vasile, GeoEcoMar)
- Discussion table on Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area

Moderator: Virág Zsár, HETFA Research Institute Ltd, Hungary

Finance:

- Lump Sum Grants in Horizon Europe: How it works and how you write your proposal (Elena Ioannidou, The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, Cyprus)
- The impact of the lump sum funding model - how to keep the balance between freedom and control? (Sara Van der Gucht, Ghent University, Belgium)
- Discussion Tables on Financial practical issues and questions (moderator: Sara Van der Gucht, Ghent University, Belgium)

Moderator: Marija Šola Spasić, University of Belgrade - School of electrical engineering, Serbia

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **What tribe are we? An anthropological look at research management and administration**

(Edwin Kanters, Utrecht University, Netherlands)

12:15 **RM Roadmap for all: Have your say in the development of research management profession**

(Nik Claesen, EARMA;

Cristina Oliveira, NOVA Information Management School, Portugal;

Virág Zsár, HETFA Research Institute Ltd, Hungary)

13:15 **Wrap up & Next steps**

13:30 End of the Programme