



BESTPRAC Thematic group meeting

Preliminary Programme

March 28-29, 2023

Sun Hall Hotel, Athens Ave 6, Larnaca, Cyprus

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

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;
Dr. Theodoros Loukaidis, Director General, Research and
Innovation Foundation, NCP)

10:00 **Interactive session: Impact Pathways in Horizon Europe**

(Marina Papageorgiou, Climate & Atmosphere Research Center, The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus)

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Parallel Sessions**

General (Administration/Management & Legal):

- Green and sustainable practices in the research office (tbc)
- Research Integrity (tbc)
- Equality, Gender and Diversity (Laura Damiano, University Medical Center Groningen & Jennifer Gravendaal, Utrecht University, Netherlands (tbc))
- Interactive Session on Unicorns (Edwin Kanters, Utrecht University, Netherlands)

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)

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)
- The aspects of Technology Transfer, the highlights of implementation of TT in practice, challenges and success stories (tbc)
- Co-creation and co-design: engaging your stakeholders: pre- and post-award experiences (Andjela Pepic, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Leadership in the new ERA: Sharing lessons learnt in the challenging pandemic era and leadership challenges leaders of research management teams face (Sascha Le Large, University Medical Center Groningen, Netherlands & tbc)

Finance:

- CFS and Financial Audit in Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe: experiences and best practices (Vanessa Ravagni & 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)
- Project-based remuneration - examples of approaches taken (Marija Sola Spasic, University of Belgrade - School of electrical engineering, Serbia)

15:30 Coffee break

16:00 **Round Table Discussion: Improving participation in international funding programs/calls; Strategies to implement when setting up brand new Pre-award Research support office (tbc)**

16:45 **Plenary Wrap up**

17:00 End of the first day

19:30 Social event (optional)

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

9:30 **Parallel Sessions**

General (Administration/Management & Legal):

- First experiences with adding a partner from a widening country in an existing project through a Hop On Facility application (tbc)
- Opportunities of regional and EU financial instruments (tbc)
- Creating synergies with Horizon Europe through CESP – a Romanian project funded under Structural Funds Programme (tbc)

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

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **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)

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

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

13:30 End of the Programme

All times are expressed in local time (EET).
The working language of the meeting will be English. No interpretation will be provided.