

BESTPRAC Training School “How to support successful grant proposals in FP9: from Cross-cutting Issues to Grant Writing”

10 – 12 December 2018

Universidade NOVA de Lisboa , Lisbon - Portugal

The high complexity and competitiveness of the current research and innovation ecosystem, with a growing diversity of funding sources associated with often complicated application processes, necessitates the support of research administrator experts in pre-award and, particularly in grant writing/grant revision. As such, research administrators play a key role in supporting both, research institutions and individual researchers getting competitive funding and improving successful rates, particularly in high competitive funding schemes as EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation.

The role of research administrators in institutions is now more important than ever, given the increasing need for external research funding. Securing science funding simply cannot perform without efficient processes running their engine. Scouting opportunities and support to proposal preparation, particularly in grant writing and revision, reinforced by a strong knowledge on EU funding programmes and its specificities are key to success.

Objectives

This training school is a three-day practical course designed for administrative staff who have been assigned to these tasks in pre-award, and who:

- are familiar with the H2020 proposal preparation procedures, but also
- have limited experience or training in grant writing/grant revision

What can you get out of this?

First and foremost, this training school is primarily about sharing knowledge, best practices, practical solutions, tips and hints, with:

- Focus on the role of Research Administrators (RA) in the topic;
- Providing training for RA by RA;
- Integrating presentations by experts with practical examples and exercises;
- Ample time will be set aside for Q&A sessions and discussions.

Trainers

Claudia Oliveira, Brussels Agency for Business Support - hub.brussels, Belgium

Marisa Borges, H2020 National Contact Point, Portugal

Borbála Schenk, Centre for Social Sciences Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary

Sofia Azevedo, H2020 National Contact Point, Portugal

Virág Zsár, HÉTFA Research Institute and Center for Economic and Social Analysis, Hungary

Topics

- **R&D EU funding: from H2020 to FP9**
- **Grant writing (focus on the Impact section)**
- **Cross-cutting issues (Ethics, Gender, Open access & Data management)**
- **Science communication**

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – 10th Dec 2018

13:30 – 14:00 – Registration and coffee

14:00 – 14:15 – Welcome speech from host institution and practical information by TS organizers

14:15 – 15:30 - R&D EU funding: from H2020 to FP9 - Claudia Oliveira

Objectives: presenting the general guidelines and main differences from H2020 to Horizon Europe, focusing on the new challenges that FP9 will bring towards Global challenges/Mission-oriented projects, a greater engagement with the society/co-creation and Open Science/Open Innovation.

15:30-16:30 - Grant writing - From the research idea to the submitted proposal - Borbála Schenk

Objectives: to endow the participants with techniques how they can support the proposal-making in order to meet these requirements. The session builds on the

active participation of the group members and also provides room for exchanging own best practices and lessons learned.

16:30- 17:00- COFFEE BREAK

17:00-18:00 - Impact sections in the H2020 proposals - foundations, challenges, practices - Schenk Borbála

Objectives: discuss the notion of impact from the research managers' perspective and gives a concise overview of how to set up a well-grounded and convincing Impact section of a collaborative project proposal in the H2020 funding scheme.

Social event:

20:00 – Group dinner at Zambeze Restaurant

Day 2 – 11th Dec 2018

9:00-9:45 - How to tackle cross-cutting issues in H2020 proposals and what to expect in the new FP - Claudia Oliveira

Objectives: overview on how to identify cross-cutting issues (Gender, Ethics, Social Sciences and Humanities, Open Science, Responsible Research and Innovation related topics), as well as how to successfully answer the challenges these issues present.

9:45 -10:30 - Cross-cutting issues in H2020: Gender and SSH dimensions in research content

Objectives: general overview on the concepts, how to identify them, and how to integrate them in the proposal (examples focusing in Gender and SSH integration).

10:30- 11:00- COFFEE BREAK

11:00 -11:45 - Cross-cutting issues in H2020: Gender and SSH dimensions in research content (cont.)

11:45 -12:30 - Cross-cutting issues in H2020: from H2020 to Horizon Europe

Objectives: Discuss the main differences on this matter from H2020 to Horizon Europe.

12:30- 14:00- LUNCH

14:00- 15:30 – Ethics and Open Access/ Open Science in practice

Objectives: interactive session covering Open Science, RRI and Ethics, where research administrators will have the chance to put into practice what was learned during the morning, share experiences, see examples of winning proposals and thus have the chance to have a hands-on experience with H2020 experts.

15:30-16:00- COFFEE BREAK

16:00- 17:00 - Closing the circle: Responsible Research and Innovation

Objectives: Understand the cross-cutting issues discussed before under the umbrella of RRI and how these issues are related.

Social event:

19h: Mouraria guided tour + Dinner at Mouraria Sports Club

Day 3 – 12th Dec 2018

9:00-10:45 - Science communication: importance and practices - Virág Zsár

Topics: 1) Importance and role of science communication and 2) Practices, concepts, tools and methodologies used in science communication within and beyond the academic community

10:45- 11:00- COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:15 - - Science communication: key messages and dialogue

Topics: 1) Identifying the main messages and 2) Engagement in a mutual dialogue.

12:15- 14:00- LUNCH

Host organisation

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