

BESTPRAC Training School

“Understanding the EC Grant and Consortium Agreement – legal affairs for non-legals”

October 22-24, 2014 | Warsaw, Poland

University of Warsaw, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28,
Warsaw, main campus, Old Library Building, room 308

The EU Commission’s Research & Innovation Programme “Horizon 2020” has promised drastic simplification of rules and procedures. It has been underway for half a year now, and this is the time to prepare for the negotiation and conclusion of Grant Agreements and Consortium Agreements.

In this BESTPRAC Training School experts will explain and interpret the two current published key documents, provide hands-on exercises for their use, and help you develop strategies to explain their content and requirements to the researchers at your home institutions. One full day each will focus on either of the Agreements. The Training School will cover both legal basics and specific issues that may be pitfalls for inexperienced negotiators.

In a final module we will concentrate on the communication of legal aspects and issues to the researchers. Which information do they require – and how transmit the message? It will provide both an approach to simple wording and a repetition exercise of the first two modules.

Early stage administrators involved in the administration and management of European projects are kindly invited to participate. Applicants from institutions in inclusiveness countries and / or those that do not have extensive legal support at hand are particularly welcome.

Trainers

Sanna Häikiö, LL.M., Legal Counsel in VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, member of the DESCAs core group

Diana Pustula, M.A., LL.M. Deputy Head of Research Services Office University of Warsaw

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Programme

October 22, 2014 | 09:00 – 16:30

Module 1: Grant Agreement (lecturer: Diana Pustuła)

- Grant Agreement – Who needs it and what for?
- Model GAs: FP7 vs. H2020 - all in one approach: Summarized content of the single document
- One size fits all – Accommodating specifics: Which modules for which project type and what makes them special?
- Structure of GA: Where do I find essential project data?
- How to understand GA articles and the role of H2020Annotated Model GA
- Intellectual Property / open access
- Electronic signature - procedure & Participant Portal at large (for communication)

Q&A session

→ Hands-on exercise: case studies / examples, highlighting crucial provisions

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Module 2: Consortium Agreement (lecturer: Sanna Häikiö)

- DESCA – the favorite Consortium Agreement of the scientific community
- General Features - Difference FP7 – H2020
- Higher level of industry involvement – specific issues to keep in mind (eg publication issues, in particular for PhD students)
- Comparison of DESCA and alternative templates by industry
- Critical issues (eg IPR regulations, access rights to results and background, involving third parties/affiliates, rights and obligations of the participants, liabilities, confidential information) in industry collaboration

Q&A session

→ hands-on exercise

October 24, 2014 | 09:00 – 12:00

Module 3: Communicating the legal facts to scientists (lecturer: Anne Katrin Werenskiold)

Understanding needs – who needs to know and understand what? A discrimination between general administrative tasks ... vs. those tasks affecting the researcher

Translating rules into non-technical language

This module will require prior knowledge of the other two modules to be able to focus on the issues identified in there. It will provide both an approach to simple wording and a repetition exercise of the above.

Departure after lunch.