

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

1 – 3 July 2019

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Zagreb - Croatia**

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.

Topics

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

PROGRAMME

Day 1 – 1st July 2019

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 HEurope

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- 16:00- COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 - Grant writing - From the research idea to the submitted proposal

Objectives: interactive training session on the practicalities of proposal-writing that meet the expectations of the evaluators and stand out of the crowd. The session also covers the issues of capacity-building on the level of the institution in order to enhance H2020 success rates.

Social event:

19:30 – Group dinner at Vinodol

Day 2 – 2nd July 2019

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

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

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 -12:30 - Cross-cutting issues in practice

Objectives: interactive session covering SSH, Gender, Open Science, RRI, Ethics, etc, where research administrators will have the chance to put into practice what was learned during the morning, share experiences, and thus have the chance to have a hands-on experience with cross-cutting issues.

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 – Impact sections in the H2020 proposals - foundations, challenges, practices

Objectives: interactive training session on supporting researchers to build the foundation of a solid and sustainable impact strategy for research projects and to identify the means to maximize impact beyond the academia.

15:30-16:00- COFFEE BREAK

16:00- 17:00 - Impact sections in the H2020 proposals - foundations, challenges, practices (cont.)

Social event:

19:00: Guided tour + Dinner at Didov san

Day 3 – 3rd July 2019

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

Topics: 1) Importance and goal 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) Tips and hints for meaningful science communication.

12:15- 14:00- LUNCH

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