

SUMMER SCHOOL ICELAND 2025

DAY 1 Getting ready for proposal writing: Horizon Europe, strategic approach, the call, the idea & proposal conception

09:00 START

09:00-10:30

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS STRUCTURE OF HORIZON EUROPE & STRATEGIC APPROACH TO EU FUNDING IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES IN HORIZON EUROPE:

• Pillar 1, Pillar 2, Pillar 3 & Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence actions

WHAT TO CONSIDER BEFORE PARTICIPATING TO EU PROGRAMME HOW TO READ & DECONSTRUCT A CALL FOR PROPOSAL:

- Finding the right call
- Aligning a proposal with the call: Challenge, Impacts, Outcomes, Scope
- Eligibility Check

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00-12:30

FROM THE "IDEA" TO THE "PROPOSAL"

- Definition of "Project"
- Sound preparation to proposal writing
- "Initiating" and "Planning" phases
- The Consortium Agreement

HOW TO READ & DECONSTRUCT A CALL FOR PROPOSAL

- Finding the right call
- Compliance check: Challenge, Impacts, Outcomes, Scope [exercise]
- Eligibility Check
- Evaluation Checks: Operational Capacity & Part B Evaluation
- Self-evaluation of proposal likelihood

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Day 2 Constructing the proposal section by section:

Excellence, Impact, Implementation, relevant work tools

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HOW TO DESCRIBE THE EXCELLENCE OF YOUR IDEA

- Common errors, shortcomings and pitfalls
- Defining objectives: Logical Framework Matrix
- Pertinence with EU goals and priorities, TRLs journey, ambition, IPRs
- Open Science, Gender dimension, Interdisciplinary approach, Research Data Management, do no significant harm principle and EU Taxonomy

HOW TO DESIGN AND DESCRIBE YOUR "IMPACT"

- Common errors, shortcomings and pitfalls
- Impact glossary: learning the meaning of EC terms
- Measurability, Stakeholders, Diss&Expl., Communication

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HOW TO CONSTRUCT A CREDIBLE "IMPLEMENTATION" PLAN

- What is this section about
- Implementation glossary;
- Common errors, shortcomings and pitfalls
- Template structure
- WPs & Tasks, deliverable, Milestones, Risks, Governance, Planning resources
- Evaluation of the Implementation section

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Day 3 Part A & submission process, Legal Framework, Cost eligibility & Personnel

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EMPOWERING THE PROJECT USING THIRD PARTIES

- How to, pro&cons of third parties involvement:
 - o Affiliated Entities
 - Associated Partners
 - Subcontractors
 - o Recipients of Financial support
 - o In-Kind Contributors

MUST KNOW" TO CONSTRUCT A COHERENT ESTIMATED BUDGET

- Traditional Budget vs. Art. 125 a) based project (new lump sum)
- Planning the budget: what is eligible?
- "Specific eligibility conditions per cost category
- Work tools for budgeting
- Budget Flexibility

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PRACTICALITIES OF PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- The submission process
- Users Roles
- Part A the new administrative form
 - o New structure, list of researchers, retrieved information
 - o Ethics online Self-assessment
 - o Gender Equality Plan
- Intelligence through the EC online sources

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Personnel Costs, Eligibility of other costs & administration

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF A HORIZON ACTION

- Preliminary considerations
- The Grant Agreement and its annexes
- The grant: maximum / final / revised
- Consequences of not fulfilling GA obligations

INTRODUCTION TO ELIGIBLE (AND INELIGIBLE) COSTS

- Actual, Unit, Flat Rate, Lump Sum,
- Eligible & ineligible costs,
- The new lump sum i.e. "Financing not linked to costs"
- Direct costs vs. Indirect costs

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DIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL COSTS from the productive hours to the conversion rate

- Types of Personnel costs
- Calculation of Personnel costs in H2020 and Horizon Europe
- Actual vs. Unit
- Productive Hours / Productive Days
- Hourly Rate / Daily rate

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DIRECT COSTS: PERSONNEL COSTS from the productive hours to the conversion rate 09:00-10:30

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OTHER DIRECT COSTS:

Eligibility of other costs: Travel (& subsistence) costs, Goods and Services, Equipment, Internally invoiced good and services, Revenues

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11:00-12:30 ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

Coordinator's rights and obligations

Beneficiaries obligations

Consortium Agreement

Legal aspects (IPR, Conflict of interest, Confidentiality)

Budget Flexibility

Exchange rate

Recruitment and working conditions

Adjustments

Deliverables, Pre-financing calculation & Reporting

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