

# AGENDA

## HORIZON EUROPE ERC ONLINE TRAINING

## DAY 1 Understanding ERC & Building a Competitive Concept

09 : 00 START OF THE TRAINING

09 : 00 – 09 : 10 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

- Trainer and participant introductions
- Training objectives and expected outcomes
- Overview of agenda and materials

09 : 10 – 10 : 00 ERC PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- ERC philosophy and funding schemes (StG, CoG, AdG, SyG, PoC, Plus*)
- Evaluation principles: Excellence as the sole criterion
- Panel structure and evaluation process
- Common misconceptions about ERC

10 : 00 – 10 : 30 WHAT MAKES A WINNING ERC PROPOSAL

- Key characteristics of funded project
- Understanding “high-risk / high-gain” research
- Positioning scientific ambition

10 : 30 – 11 : 00 COFFEE BREAK

11 : 00 – 11 : 45 PART B1 – CRAFTING THE SCIENTIFIC NARRATIVE

- Structuring the Scientific Proposal B1
- Presenting breakthrough ideas convincingly
- Demonstrating ambition and feasibility simultaneously
- Writing for non-specialist panelists

11 : 45 – 12 : 30 PI PROFILE & STRATEGIC POSITIONING

- Academic CV and Track Record strategy
- Demonstrating independence and leadership
- How evaluators assess PI excellence
- Interactive discussion / Q&A

WRAP-UP OF DAY 1

13 : 00 – 14 : 00 Lunch Break

14 : 00 – 17 : 00 **Afternoon sessions:** 20-min face-to-face individual meetings with the trainer to address specific needs of traine



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## DAY 2 Proposal Development & Evaluation Strategy

09 : 00 START OF THE TRAINING

09 : 00 – 09 : 10 RECAP OF DAY 1 + QUESTIONS

09 : 10 – 10 : 00 PART B2 – METHODOLOGY & IMPLEMENTATION EXCELLENCE

- Designing a credible yet ambitious methodology
- Structuring work packages & outputs
- Risk analyses and contingency planning
- Demonstrating feasibility without reducing ambition

10 : 00 – 10 : 30 COHERENCE BETWEEN B1 AND B2

- Aligning vision, objectives and methodology
- Internal logic and proposal flow

10 : 30 – 11 : 00 COFFEE BREAK

11 : 00 – 11 : 45 EVALUATION CRITERIA/PANNEL COMPOSITION & INTERVIEW

- How evaluators score proposals
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses
- Interview preparations

11 : 45 – 12 : 15 STRATEGIC TIPS TO MAXIMISE SUCCESS

- Timing strategy (when to apply)
- Panel selection strategy
- Resubmission strategies after rejection
- Common pitfalls and how to avoid them

12 : 15 – 12 : 30 FINAL DISCUSSION & CLOSING

- Individual questions
- Key takeaways
- Recommended next steps

13 : 00 – 14 : 00 Lunch Break

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