V4 TRAINING

Brussels, 5 - 7 December 2018

5 December 2018

Venue: The Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Rue de Trèves 92, Brussels 1040
Housekeeper: Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

9:00 – 9:30 Registration
9:30 – 9:40 Welcome, objective of the training
9:40 – 10:00 V4 offices presentation

10:00 – 11:00 Horizon 2020: the way forward & where do V4 stand?

Brief introduction to the latest development of H2020: Horizon 2020 program's last WP priorities, outcomes of the interim evaluation and timeline of the upcoming framework programme FP9. Statistical outlook on the Visegrad 4 countries' performance in Horizon 2020 and the region's challenges ahead.

11:00 – 11:45 The EU RDI landscape – institutional view

First part of the section gives an explanation on the role of the European Commission (DG RTD and other directorates general), the Executive Agencies (EAs) and their links, distribution of work amongst themselves. The second part helps in understanding the EIPs´ role, their work methods and identifying the organisations to join, and to better avail of the possibilities they offer.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 15:00 Communication in H2020 project & Communication session

This session will be delivered in two parts to combine theory and practice.
Part 1 (input session): Communication is a crucial issue in research. This is particularly true for publicly funded research such as Horizon 2020 projects. This session will provide you with information on the institutional modalities of research communication: Art. 38 of the EC´s H2020 Grant Agreement on the comprehensive communication plan included as a mandatory feature in any H2020 project.
Part 2 (training session): In this second part, we move from abstract theory and general advice to concrete examples and presentations of your institutions. Communication is crucial not only in the H2020 project but also during the networking and brokerage events or pitching sessions where you have usually only few minutes to present a profile of your institution or research you are working on. Such events provide an excellent occasion for researchers to liaise and develop partnerships and therefore increase their opportunities to get involved and be taken onboard in research consortia. They also allow the researchers to make their institutions and/or their research networks more visible to the scientific community.
Participants should come prepared to present their institution (research team/research/faculty) in **2 minutes** (without aid of PowerPoint).

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 15:45 Horizon Europe

The participants will receive an update on preparation and recent state-of-art of the new EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP 9).

15:45 – 17:00 Regional Innovaton Scheme (EIT RIS)

This section will help participants to get an understanding of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and especially its outreach scheme – EIT RIS. EIT RIS activities are implemented via innovation hubs (Co-location Centres) across Europe and it enables the transfer of good practice and know-how from the EIT´s unique approach.

Welcome & networking drink with IGLO members, representations of Universities in Brussels and other guests
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Registration: http://geform.tc.cz/V4_networking_December_2018

6 December 2018

Venue: KoWi meeting room, Rue du Trône 98, 1050-Brussels, 8th floor
Housekeeper: CZELO

9:30 – 10:15 ´HR Excellence in Research´ award

This section will focus on the ´HR Excellence in Research´ award and implementation of the HR Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R). It will provide an explanation on how institutions and organizations can receive the award and become more attractive to researchers looking for a new employer or for a host for their research project.

10:15 – 11:15 Good practices of administration and management in house

After a brief introductory presentation that shares good examples, discussion with the participants on internal organization of an excellent university and working techniques with individual researchers, i.e. the support provided to the researchers at the institutional level to participation in EU programmes.

11:15 – 12:00 How to reach out? Research marketing, a practitioner´s perspective

How important it is for research institutions to have a Communication strategy? Is it worth having a Brussels office? Learn some inspiring and effective best practices of how to support results achieved by your researchers, gain international visibility and position yourself on the ERA landscape by promoting your institution, incl. different usages of social media, targeted to various audiences.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30 Audit in H2020 projects

The participants will be given insights on how audits are dealt with by the Commission services and what are the pitfalls during the project management and what are the tendencies in auditing for the years to come.

14:30 – 14:45 Coffee break

14:45 – 15:45 Dissemination, exploitation, innovation radar

The section will help to have a clear understanding and on the expectations on how to transfer knowledge of results, maximize impact and concretize the results in Horizon 2020 projects. It will give an insight on the Innovation Radar, a tool to exploit results and bring the products to market.

15:45 – 16:45 Open data

This section outlines one of the Commissioner Moedas´ priorities, Open Science in general and pays particular attention on its aspects that are related to H2020 project management, such as Data Management Plans. In addition, the problems of open data paradigm at the European and national level will be discussed with a focus on V4 countries.

16:45 – 17:15 Brexit

The participants will receive an update on what Brexit implies for UK participants in Horizon 2020 projects.

7 December 2018

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9:30 – 10:00 Networking building strategies - COST

The section is tailor-made to the needs of participants. It gives an outlook on the COST actions that enable researchers to set up their interdisciplinary research networks in Europe and beyond. It will provide details on funds for networking activities, organizing conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges in a wide range of scientific topics.

10:00 - 11:00 Financial issues and remuneration in H2020

This section will be dedicated to the remuneration of researchers and the situation across Europe in the context of the last update of the MGA (esp. in terms of additional remuneration) and of the EC´s simplification trend (i.e. lump-sum funding). The participants will be given floor to share experience.

11:00 – 12:00 Comitology and WP preparation – where to lobby?

The section takes the participants through the preparation of the Horizon 2020 Work Programmes (i.e. calls for proposals), explains the role of different players and means at different stages, such as ETPs, EIPs, public consultations, Advisory Groups, Programme Committee, national stakeholder groups.

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 14:30 Evaluation of the proposals – institutional vs practitioner´s perspectives
Detailed explanation will be given on the evaluation process, with on the one hand the policy strategy of the EC + "what happens with the proposal once it is submitted" and, on the other hand, practical hints and tips from a senior evaluator's perspective.

Please kindly allow 10 minutes to provide us with your feedback!
fill in the SATISFACTION SURVEY on the V4 Training to help us improve it in the future!