V4 TRAINING (online)

Brussels, 23 – 24 November 2020

The purpose of the V4 Training is to increase the professional capacity of project managers by providing targeted information with added value from Brussels and raising their awareness of the political context of European research and innovation programs and initiatives with special focus on Framework programs.

Online two days training will consist of presentations and online interactive sessions during which the participants will be able to get to know each other and share their experience and best practices within the institutions. The participants will be able to ask the questions during the presentation in the chatbot or directly after the end of the presentation during the Q&A.

23 November 2020

Moderator: Tomasz Poprawka, PolSCA

9:00 – 9:15 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TECH TEST

9:15 – 9:20 WELCOME, OBJECTIVE OF THE TRAINING

9:20 – 09:30 V4 OFFICES PRESENTATION AND TOUR DE TABLE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- Polish Science Contact Agency (PolSCA) – Tomasz POPRAWKA
- Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation (CZELO) – Denisa FANČOVÁ
- National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary (NRDIO) – Ágota DÁVID
- Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development (SLORD) – Andrej KURUCZ

9:30 – 09:45 TOUR DE TABLE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

09:45 – 10:00 EU Research & Innovation landscape

This section will briefly explain the EU research and innovation funding landscape for the upcoming seven years. Understanding the political priorities as well as the key players and logic of the funding system is always the first step. We will provide you with the overall R&I landscape in order to help you get prepared for Horizon Europe.

Speaker: Terézia RUA, SLORD

10:00 – 10:10 Horizon 2020: where do we stand?

This section will inform the participants about the statistical outlook on the Visegrad 4 countries' performance in Horizon 2020 (including widening actions) and the region's challenges ahead.

Speaker: Tomasz POPRAWKA, PolSCA

10:10 – 11:00 Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe builds on the achievements and success of the Horizon 2020 programme and with the increased budget and bigger ambitions aims even higher. Even though the programme has been designed

to evolve and not change significantly, some new features and schemes will be introduced. This session will present the new features of Horizon Europe, specifically the Missions and a new approach to the partnerships in Horizon Europe.

Speakers: Andrej Kurucz, SLORD; Andrei Lintu, DG RTD, EC - European partnerships (confirmed); Margarida Almeida Ribeiro, DG RTD, EC - HEU Missions

11:00 - 11:30 Implementation novelties in Horizon Europe

This part will present the novelties, new schemes and changes in the programme as well as the political and research priorities the programme will be focusing on. The participants will be also given the most important implementation measures in different ways and at different parts of the project life-cycle, from the design of the work programmes to the expected novelties in audit in Horizon Europe projects.

Speaker: Ulrich GENSCHEL**,** DG RTD, EC

12:00 – 13:00 Break

13:00 – 13:40 How to establish the collaborative links across ERA

The section is tailor-made to the needs of participants giving a broader view on the actions within Framework Programmes enabling to set up research networks and beyond. The first part will provide insights into a plethora of widening instruments. It will provide details on the EC policy with this regard and an overview of available instruments implementing these policies.

The second part will give an outlook on the COST actions that enable researchers to set up their interdisciplinary research networks. The participants will get the details on funds for networking activities, organizing conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges. Overall, the sessions shall encourage research performing organizations (RPOs) to further develop their research and innovation potential through a number of dedicated measures.

Speakers: Karina FIRKAVIČIŪTĖ; DG RTD; Katalin ALFÖLDI, COST

13:40 – 14:30 Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) provide grants for all stages of researchers' careers - be they doctoral candidates or highly experienced researchers but also to researchers administrators - and encourage transnational, intersectoral and interdisciplinary mobility. This session will provide information about MSCA scheme and novelties in Horizon Europe. In addition to the general overview, participants will also have the opportunity to listen to the personal experience of the project manager responsible for the preparation of MSCA project proposal.

Speakers: Manuel Gomez HERRERO, DG EAC, Jakub ZEMAN, Masaryk University in the Czech Republic

14:30 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:15 INTERACTIVE SESSION: Let's get to know each other

This part of the V4 Training is dedicated mostly to the networking of the participants and their experiences within the project departments and project teams. The participants will be divided into a number of groups based on the thematic priorities of the representing institution or a company. The participants will have an opportunity not only to introduce themselves and the institution they represent but also share the experience with the participation in the FP's projects and the topics and schemes they are interested in the upcoming Horizon Europe programme. This section might also trigger talks for the possible future cooperation.

Facilitators of the sessions: V4 offices

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24 November 2020
Moderator: Ágota David, NRDIO

9:30 – 9:40 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TECH TEST

09:40 - 10:10 EC policies and initiatives on open access

This section outlines one of ex - Commissioner Moedas' priorities, Open Science in general and pays attention to its aspects that are related to H2020 project management, such as Data Management Plans or mandatory Open Access to peer-reviewed publications through repositories. In addition, the problems of open data paradigm at the European and national level will be discussed with a focus on V4 countries.

Speaker: Aleksandra HEBDA, DG RTD, EC

10:10 – 10:40 Good practices of administration and management in house

The presentation shares good examples of universities, how they support the participation of scientists in European research programmes. There is also room for discussion with the participants about the internal organization of an excellent university and working techniques with individual researchers, i.e. the support provided to the researchers at the institutional level.

Speaker: Emily MAINETTI-CLOAREC, ULB

10:40 – 11:10 Break

11:10 – 11:40 '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.

Speaker: Isabelle HALLEUX, University Liege

11:40 – 12:10 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.

Speaker: Ivana HOCKOVÁ, FCH JU

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Please, after the end of the Training, provide us with your feedback by completing the SATISFACTION SURVEY on the V4 Training for project managers.

This will help us to further improve the training for future participants.

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