

Horizon Europe Navigators MeetUp: Horizon Europe evaluators

19 September 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 (online)

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Meeting of the HORIZON EUROPE NAVIGATORS network



After the summer break, we invite you to join the next webinar in the **Horizon Europe Navigators MeetUp series**, this time focusing on the role of an evaluator in the Horizon Europe program. This session will offer valuable insights for researchers and experts interested in participating in the evaluation process of Horizon Europe proposals.

The event will feature Dr. Monika Ryndzionek, a senior specialist from the [National Contact Point](#), and Joanna Bosiacka-Kniat from the [Western Poland Regional Contact Point](#).

During the session, we will:

- Discuss the process of creating an account in the European Commission's database and how to optimize your profile to maximize your chances of being selected as an evaluator.
- Outline the standard proposal evaluation process, explaining the different stages and the involvement of experts at each step.

They will be joined by Dr. Dorota Duraczyńska from Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry, PAS, who will share her unique perspective as a researcher and evaluator. Dorota will discuss the benefits and challenges of balancing the role of an evaluator alongside academic responsibilities, and provide insights into the practical aspects of evaluation, including how remote evaluations during the pandemic have impacted the process.

This Horizon Navigators MeetUp is open to employees of [the Polish Academy of Sciences](#) from research support departments, scientists, science directors and others involved in applying and managing cooperative grants. We especially encourage researchers to participate in this event and expand their knowledge and skills about the opportunities that being a Horizon Europe evaluator can bring to other areas of their professional career.

General Information on Being an Evaluator in Horizon Europe

Becoming an evaluator in Horizon Europe offers an excellent opportunity to contribute to the selection of cutting-edge research and innovation projects across Europe. Evaluators play a key role in ensuring that the most impactful and innovative proposals receive funding. As an evaluator, you will review proposals submitted by researchers and institutions, assess their relevance, feasibility, and innovation potential, and provide constructive feedback. The role allows you to gain valuable insight into the proposal writing and submission process, while also enhancing your expertise in specific research areas.

Evaluators are selected based on their expertise, which is matched to the proposals under review. Joining the European Commission's expert database increases your visibility and chances of being selected for evaluations. Participating in the process also provides networking opportunities with peers from across Europe, enhances your understanding of EU research priorities, and strengthens your personal and professional profile.

This webinar is part of a recurring series organized by the PolSCA Office in Brussels for members of the Horizon Europe Navigators network, which connects research managers and administrators from 68 institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:05 | Welcome

Tomasz POPRAWKA, PolSCA – Polish Science Contact Agency, Brussels

10:05 – 10:45 | The role of experts in Horizon Europe

Monika RYNDZIONEK, National Contact Point

10:45 – 11:00 | Testimonial: perspective of researcher-evaluator

Dorota DURACZYŃSKA, Jerzy Haber Institute of Catalysis and Surface Chemistry, PAS

11:00 – 11:15 | Testimonial: perspective of evaluator and reviewer

Joanna BOSIACKA-KNIAT, the Western Poland Regional Contact Point