

V4 TRAINING

# Brussels, 20 – 22 April 2020

**20 April 2020**

*Venue:* CZELO, Rue du Trône 61, 1050 Brussels

*Housekeeper:* CZELO

## **9:00 – 9:30 Registration**

## **9:30 – 9:50 Welcome, objective of the training**

## **9:50 – 10:00 V4 offices presentation**

Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation (CZELO) – Denisa Fančová

National Research, Development and Innovation Office of Hungary – Ágota Dávid

Polish Science Contact Agency (PolSCA) – Małgorzata Molęda-Zdziech

Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development (SLORD) – Andrej Kurucz

## **10:00 – 12:00 Let's get to know each other– group activity involving pitching**

Communication is crucial during the networking and brokerage events or matchmaking 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 on board in research consortia. They also allow the researchers to make their institutions and/or their research networks more visible to the scientific community.

### **Preparation for the session:**

Participants should come prepared to present their institution (research team/research/faculty) in 2 minutes (without aid of PowerPoint). While preparing the presentation, please have in mind the following concept: You are at the networking reception or at the brokerage event. You seek to collaborate with another university or company and you have only 2 minutes to “sell” your institution/faculty/research and to show to a potential counterpart that you are a solid partner for a cooperation. The short presentation should answer the three main questions: Brief profile of the institution and what do you (your university/faculty/company) do?; What can your institution offer and what is good at?; What are you looking for? (Who are the possible partners for a future cooperation and possible topics or programmes your institution is interested in)

### **12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break**

#### **13:00 – 13:15 The Brussels bubble – what is the EU RDI landscape?**

This 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.

#### **13:15 – 13:30 Horizon 2020: where do V4 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.

#### **13:30 – 14:20 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 regards 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.

### **14:20 – 14:45 Coffee break**

#### **14:45 – 17:00 Good practices of project management<sup>[P3]</sup>**

High quality research management is essential not only for smooth grant applications and project implementation, but also for the financial and scientific success of the project. But what is high quality research management? This session will provide participants with useful information, practical tips and good practices on project management and project administration.

**Welcome & networking drink with IGLO members, representations of Universities in Brussels and other guests**

**Venue: TBC**

**21 April 2020**

*Venue: Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, Rue de Trèves 92-98, 1040  
Brussels*

*Housekeeper: NRDIO*

### **09:00 – 09:30 Brexit**

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

### **09:30 – 10:00 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.

### **10:00 – 10:50 ‘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.

### ***10:50 – 11:10 Coffee break***

### **11:10 – 12:00 EC policies and initiatives on open access**

This section outlines one of ex - Commissioner Moedas’ priorities, Open Science in general and pays attention on 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.

### ***12:00 – 13:00 Lunch break***

### **13:00 - 14:00 Financial issues and remuneration in H2020**

This section is 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.

## **14:00 – 15:00 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.

## **15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break**

## **15:15 – 17:00 How to be successful in European RDI framework programmes?**

An interactive workshop will be dedicated to the identification of best practices, possible challenges and the way forward in supporting scientists' applications in European research programmes. Participants of the training will work in groups on concrete case studies so they can share their experience, think together about common challenges and come up with potential solutions. Participants will be informed about the case studies before the training so they can already prepare some initial thoughts for discussion. The workshop will be moderated by V4 hosts.

### **Preparation for the session - Four Workshop Topics:**

#### **YOUR SUPPORT OFFICE IN BRUSSELS**

This group is expected to set up the ideal support office in Brussels with activities, services the office would provide for its scientific and science-related stakeholders in the sending country. Please be creative and realistic at the same time! Concrete ideas with some reasoning why you find the given activity necessary or beneficial would be highly appreciated. Both, already existing good examples and new, complementary ideas are welcome.

#### **MOBILITY SUPPORT FOR RESEARCHERS**

This group will have the opportunity to share good tips and tricks on how to engage researchers in international cooperation and secondments as well as how to attract the researchers from abroad to do research at participants' institutions. Members of the group might introduce national/institutional best practices how researchers are informed about mobility opportunities and helped with engaging in them. The level – European (i.e. EURAXESS), national, sending/hosting institution – and type of support as well as possibilities for further improvement of services can be collected here.

#### **SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION IN H2020 and Horizon Europe**

This group should find the most important factors that lead to success in H2020 and might be important for the success in HEU. Recipes for success, individual or institutional success stories with concrete recommendations would be very welcome here. The short description of special national schemes providing support as well as personal experience with the national/institutional support structure/schemes should be shared in the group. There is also room for your ideas, how the current system/programmes could be improved.

## **HORIZON 2020**

This group is expected to collect the main advantages of participation in European RDI framework programmes, shall this be based on already existing experience or future plans. We would like to see the main expected benefits compared to national and/or regional research and innovation programmes in EU Member States. Do you think H2020 is helping your institution? How can you profit from the participation in H2020? Are the forms of funding provided through Horizon 2020 relevant to your needs? Answers, also coming from industrial partners would be highly relevant here.

**22 April 2020**

*Venue: KoWi, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels*

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### **09:00 – 10:00 Training and work opportunities in the Joint Research Center**

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is a department of the European Commission supporting EU policies with independent scientific evidence throughout the entire policy process. In addition to performing its own research, in recent years it also shifts more and more towards knowledge management and capacity building. The presentation will focus on recent activities and possibilities for collaboration at institutional and individual level including training and work opportunities for researchers.

### **10:00 – 11:45 Comitology and WP preparation – where to lobby and how will the Horizon Europe look like**

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. The second part of the section gives an explanation on strategic planning and where do we stand within the legislative proposal of the upcoming FP Horizon Europe.

### **11:45 – 12:30 International cooperation and mobility schemes**

International mobility of researchers and scientific administrators may lead to many positive effects on the speed and quality of knowledge transfer, networking and absorption of new knowledge. European Commission offers many funding opportunities supporting brain circulation both in Europe and beyond. This session will focus on *Euraxess- Researchers in motion* initiative delivering information and support services to professional researchers; and cooperation with third countries.

**12:30 – 13:00 Lunch break**

**13:00 – 14:30 Focus on Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions – institutional vs. practitioner's perspectives**

How to apply for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA) and what is the lifecycle of the proposal once it is submitted? This session will provide information about the MSCA scheme, which is becoming more and more popular among the V4 countries. In addition to the general overview, participants will have the possibility to listen to the personal experience of the MSCA project coordinator and the EC representative will give a detailed explanation on the evaluation process.

**Please kindly allow 10 minutes to provide us with your feedback!**

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