

V4 TRAINING (online)

Brussels, 28, 29 & 31 March 2022

The purpose of the V4 Training is to increase the professional capacity of research managers (RMs) 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 programmes. This online three half-days training will consist of presentations and 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 questions during the presentation in the chatbox or during the Q&A.

OVERALL PICTURE: HORIZON EUROPE AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT

28 March (Monday)

8:50 – 9:00 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TECH TEST

9:00 – 9:05 WELCOME & OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

9:05 – 9:20 V4 OFFICES PRESENTATION

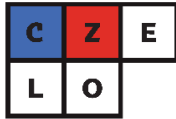
9:20 – 09:40 EU Research & Innovation landscape

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 (HEU).

09:40 – 09:50 Updates on international cooperation within Horizon Europe

Participants will be given a short update on what Brexit implies for UK participants in Horizon Europe, what will be the status of Swiss institutions and what is the state of the art of association agreements with third countries.

09:50 – 10:00 COFFEE BREAK



10:00 - 11:00 Synergies between Horizon Europe and Erasmus+

In recent years, EU institutions and the practitioners implementing EU funding have been increasingly recognising the need for greater synergies. Building synergies between education, research and innovation across disciplines is crucial to tackling the major challenges our societies face. The European Universities Initiative has brought new momentum to the synergies debate, as strengthening links between education and research is among its key objectives. Apart from European Universities Initiative, the session will briefly present the newly published European strategy on Universities and will also outline possibilities for synergies between Horizon Europe and Erasmus+, with a special focus on MSCA.

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 11:30 V4 - are we visible enough? Stakeholder representations!

A number of leading - and not only European - universities and RTD institutions opened a representation office in Brussels. They often team up and build joint representations for their common benefit. The added value of such university networks and alliances will be presented in this slot.

11:30 – 12:00 Comitology and WP preparation – where to lobby?

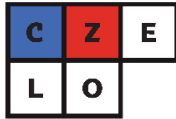
The section takes the participants through the preparation of the Horizon Europe Work Programmes (i.e. calls for proposals), explains the role of different players and means at different stages, such as ETPs, EIPs, public consultations, Advisory Groups, Programme Committee, national stakeholder groups.

12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00 – 14:00 Speed dating (voluntary)

The aim of the speed dating session is to provide the participants a platform to facilitate the networking and get to know their peers. Participation in this session is on voluntary base.

End of Day 1



IMPLEMENTATION

21 March (Tuesday)

8:50 – 9:00 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TECH TEST

9:00 – 10:00 Novel approach to MGA and Financial issues in Horizon Europe

This session will present the novelties of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MGA). The presentation will be followed by an open discussion on the advantages and drawbacks of the corporate MGA, such as synergies, simplification, or the loss of specificities of a given programme.

The presentation will cover financial issues and remuneration in Horizon Europe projects, such as newly introduced daily rate and lump sums. The participants will be given a floor to share their experience and discuss issues concerning the financial and remuneration management of the Horizon Europe projects.

10:00 – 10:10 COFFEE BREAK

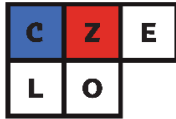
10:10 – 11:00 Good practices of administration and management in house

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.

11:00 – 11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:10 – 12:00 Project communication, dissemination and valorisation

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 Europe projects. It will give an insight on the Horizon Project Platform and Horizon Results Booster, services provided free of charge to all EU FP beneficiary projects, which aim to help to make the impact of publicly funded research visible.



12:00 – 12:10 COFFEE BREAK

12:10 – 13:00 EC policies and initiatives on open access

This section will be dedicated to Open Science, which will become the modus operandi in Horizon Europe. This will affect provisions such as those regarding publications, research data management, and the engagement of citizens in the project. Apart from the general introduction, the section will give an insight on the Data Management Plans and Open Research Europe, a scholarly publishing platform available to Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe beneficiaries.

In the second part of the session the participants will have the opportunity to hear examples of good practice and discuss the main issues regarding open access.

End of Day 2

CAPACITY BUILDING: TALENTS & NETWORKING

31 March (Thursday)

8:50 – 9:00 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND TECH TEST

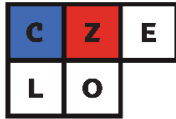
09:00 – 11:00 Interactive session

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 several groups to have an opportunity not only to present themselves in more detail in smaller subgroups but also to share the experience with the participation in the framework programme's (FP) projects and in-house examples.

The breakout sessions shall be organized in 4 subgroups, each focusing on all the aspects delivered within the first part of the day:

- How to establish collaborative links across ERA
- How to comply with Horizon Europe's requirements (e.g. Data Management Plans, Open Access, GEPs, etc).

11:00 – 12:00 How to establish the collaborative links across ERA



The section is tailor-made to the needs of participants providing some insights to the actions within Framework Programmes enabling host institutions to invest in talents, and by doing so, to strengthen the competitiveness and openness of these institutions. Overall, the sessions shall encourage research performing organizations (RPOs) to further develop their research and innovation potential through several dedicated measures.

The first part will provide insights into a plethora of widening instruments as well as Brain Circulation schemes under MSCA. The specific focus will be given on calls with deadlines in upcoming months - namely Twinning, Excellence Hubs, Hop-on facility, ERA Chairs, ERA Talents

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, and short scientific exchanges via COST actions.

12:00 – 12.10 COFFEE BREAK

12:10 – 13:00 Tips and tricks from successful H2020 projects

During this session, participants will have a chance to listen to successful H2020 project coordinators, who will share their experience with project preparations in very informal way. Their success should serve as a motivating case study for all the participants, who are still hesitating to submit their project proposal to framework programme.

13:00 Closing remarks and farewell to the participants

End of Day 3