

# 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)

Moderator: NRDIO, SLORD

**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).

**Speaker:** Monika BIDEAU REPČÍKOVÁ, SLORD

**09:40 – 10:00 Initiatives for training and networking of research managers from the V4 region**

Excellent research requires excellent research support: 3 different projects and initiatives with the ultimate goal of contributing to the competitiveness of research performing organizations from the V4 regions (and beyond) will be presented. The presentation will showcase the tools and platforms developed by these projects aiming to support the networking, education and up-skilling of research managers.

**Speaker:** Virág ZSÁR, Hétfő Research Institute

## **10:00 – 10:15 COFFEE BREAK**

### **10:15 – 10:30 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.

**Speaker:** Ágota DÁVID, NRDIO

### **10:30 – 10:45 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.

**Speaker:** Tomasz POPRAWKA, PolSCA

### **10:45 – 11:15 Stakeholder representations - a concrete example**

Science Europe is the umbrella association representing major public organisations that fund or perform excellent, ground-breaking research in Europe. It has 38 members from 29 European countries involving each of the V4 countries. The work of Science Europe and its working groups will be presented to the audience.

**Speaker:** Mathilde REUMAUX, Science Europe, Krisztina SZEPESVÁRI, Eötvös Loránd Research Network

## **11:15 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

### **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.

**Speaker:** Jakob JUST MADSEN, DANRO

## **12:00 – 13:00 LUNCH BREAK**

### **13:00 – 14:00 Speed dating (optional)**

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 optional.

**End of Day 1**

## IMPLEMENTATION

**29 March (Tuesday)**

**Moderator: CZELO**

### **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) and the relevant financial and implementation 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 implementation management of the Horizon Europe projects.

**Speaker:** Aneta KAŠLÍKOVÁ; Legal and Financial NCP; TC CAS

### **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.

**Speaker:** Dragana PETROVIČ; ULB

### **11:00 – 11:10 COFFEE BREAK**

### **11:10 – 11:40 Project communication and dissemination**

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.

**Speakers:** Alina NICOLAE, Lorenzo BARABANI and Rosellina DI SANTO; EC

### **11:40 - 12:15 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 the 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.

**Speaker:** Marlene BARTES, EC

## **12:15 – 12:25 COFFEE BREAK**

## **12:25 – 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.

**Speakers:** Silvia BOTTARO, EC

## **End of Day 2**

## **CAPACITY BUILDING: TALENTS & NETWORKING**

**31 March (Thursday)**

**Moderator:** PoISCA

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

## **09:00 – 11:00 Interactive session**

This part of the V4 Training is dedicated to the networking of the participants and their experiences within the project departments and project teams. The participants will be divided into groups to have an opportunity to present themselves and to share their experience of the participation in the framework programmes (FPs) and in-house examples.

The breakout sessions will focus on various aspects discussed during the V4 training:

- How to establish collaborative links across ERA?
- How to build organizational capacity to comply with Horizon Europe's novelties (Data Management Plans, Open Access, GEPs, etc.)?

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

The session 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.

Insights into a plethora of widening instruments will be provided. The specific focus will be given to instruments like Teaming, Twinning, Excellence Hubs, ERA Chairs, ERA Talents, as well as currently introduced Hop-on facility. A general outlook on COST actions will be delivered as well.

Overall, the session shall encourage research performing organizations (RPOs) to further develop their research and innovation potential through several dedicated measures.

**Speakers:** Katarzyna WALCZYK-MATUSZYK and Wojciech ADAMIAK, NCP/NCBR

#### **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 a 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 the framework programme.

**Speaker:** Milada ŠTASTNÁ; Mendel University in Brno and Agnieszka KONRAD, Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznan

#### **13:00 Closing remarks and farewell to the participants**

**End of Day 3**