European Funding Opportunities for US and International Researchers

Learning Objectives:
- Identify European funding possibilities
- Familiar with terms and conditions for participating
- Know the logistics involved in applying
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- Research Advisor in the Ministry of Science 2002-2007; National Contact Point for the Commission on FP6, FP7 and other EU funding programmes
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- Educational background in Political economy (DK/US)
- Former experience as fundraiser in multinational biotech organisation
- 16 years experience with EU programmes
Agenda

• Introduction to The European Research Area – ERA
• Overview of Horizon 2020
• Examples of the How to read:
  • H2020 Workprogrammes
  • H2020 call text
• Funding rules
• Registration and participation
• Templates
• Evaluation criteria
• Support offices
European Research Area (ERA)
European Research Area - and global research collaboration

What does the EU expect

EU expects:
- New knowledge or technology – "beyond state-of-the-art"
- Public private-cooperation
- Project results that support EU policy
- Trans-disciplinary projects with focus on the end-user

EU funds:
- Small scale projects
- Large scale pan European research projects
- Individual grants to excellent researchers
- Mobility grants to young and to experienced researchers
Horizon2020

The European Research Funding Programme

H2020 is

• One single programme

• Coupling research to innovation, the full value chain from research to retail, and all forms of innovation.

• Focus on societal challenges, facing society, e.g. food security, clean energy and health issues.

• Simplified access, for all companies, universities, institutions in all EU countries and beyond.
Basic logic of H2020

Excellence = Impact

Excellent Research 70 B€

Making a difference to

Research 25 B€
Industry 15 B€
Society 30 B€
## Horizon 2020 calendar

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H2020 elements

EXCELLENT SCIENCE
- European Research Council ERC
- Future and Emerging Technologies FET
- Marie Curie actions
- Research Infrastructures

INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP
- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs

SOCIETAL CHALLENGES
- Health, demographic change and well-being
- Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and water research
- Secure, clean and efficient energy
- Smart, green and integrated transport
- Climate action, resource efficiency and (...)
- Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies
- Secure Societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens

Total budget €70 billion = 88.5 billion $
### Societal challenges, pillar 3

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Excellent science, pillar 1

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European Research Council (ERC)
Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
Marie Curie actions
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Excellent Science - ERC

- European Research Council (ERC)
- Future and Emerging Technologies
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
- Research Infrastructures
Excellent Science – Marie Curie fellowships

European Research Council (ERC)
Future and Emerging Technologies
Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions
Research Infrastructures

Marie Curie

European Fellowships
Global Fellowships
Innovative Training Networks
Industrial leadership, pillar 2

- Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies
- Access to risk finance
- Innovation in SMEs

LEIT

ICT

Nanotechnologies, materials, biotechnology, manufacturing
Understand a Work Programme

HORIZON 2020 - WORK PROGRAMME 2014-2015
Health, demographic change and wellbeing

PHC 33 – 2015: New approaches to improve predictive human safety testing

Specific challenges: Current approaches assessing the safety of chemicals in humans are expensive and time consuming, and may be of limited relevance as a predictor of adverse effects. Better approaches are needed both to improve the efficiency of predictive toxicological testing to address key areas of concern for human health and to meet regulatory requirements (e.g. EU legislations on REACH, cosmetics, biocides). Safety testing is of worldwide concern and therefore international cooperation may be an important element in addressing the challenge.

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1 http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/documents/imiworkplan2015
2 http://www.edctp.org/Towards_EDCTP2.799.0.html

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Introduction

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"Introduction” – an important source of information.

The personalising health and care call aims to create opportunities for real breakthrough research and radical innovation in response to these challenges, by supporting the translation of findings into the clinic and other health and care settings to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequalities and to promote active and healthy ageing.

Topics in the call are divided into 7 areas which reflect the need for a translational and integrated approach to the challenge, providing support both to longer and mid-term research as well as to shorter term innovation activities.
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The call text

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Expected impact:

- More effective, faster, cheaper toxicological testing to better predict human risk and meet regulatory needs.
- Improved toxicological knowledge to encourage ‘read across’ between chemical substances for use in different research and regulatory domains.
- Commercial exploitation of the developed toxicological testing methods and assessment approaches, products and services.
- Advancement of international co-operation in the field of predictive toxicology and human safety testing.
- Reduced use of laboratory animals in safety testing.

Form of funding: Research and innovation actions
H2020 Funding for Internationals

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**Move to/from Europe**

**Collaborate with Europe**
Rules of participation

Minimum Conditions must always be met

For actions aimed at individuals
(like European Research Council or Marie Curie actions) participants from any country in the world can be funded. Host institution must be placed in the European Research Area and the mobility criteria of the researcher must be met
• 1 researcher
• 1 host institution
• 1 project

For standard (collaborative) research projects
• 3 participants from different Member States or Associated Countries
• In addition, participants from any other country in the world can also be included
Participation open to all

Applicants from all countries are eligible to take part in Horizon 2020 programmes, even as a coordinator

In short everybody can participate – but not all will be funded

Applicants automatically eligible for funding:

- EU Member States and the Overseas Countries and Territories linked to Member States
- Countries associated to Horizon 2020
- Low or medium per-capita income or low GDP*
- International European interest organisations

Funding for applicants that are not automatically eligible possible if:

- stated in the Work Programme
- provided for under a bilateral scientific and technological agreement
- exceptionally, when the Commission deems participation of entity essential
How to participate

Create your personal account (ECAS account)
Register your organisation
Find a call
Find partners
Submit a proposal
Find documents

Register your organisation

The ECAS Prerequisite
(the European Commission's user Authentication Service):

- ECAS enables authorised users to log in to a wide range of Commission information systems, using a single username and password
- You must have an ECAS account to be able to start the initial registration procedure
- A LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) must have an ECAS account in order to manage organisation data.

Register your organisation
To participate in H2020 you need a PIC (Participant Identification Code). You get this by registering your organisation with the Commission (this is only needed to do once)

How to find a call

The participant portal is your entry to **all** the information you need

Relevant documents
- Call for proposal
- Work Programmes
- Annexes
- Proposal template (mandatory)

Information
- Manuals
- Registration of beneficiaries
- Reference documents
- Financial viability self check

Login for project participants
Innovation Partnership

The specific composition of individual partnerships is thoroughly described in the respective ‘challenge’
Find partners

Always use your own network first – followed by using your network's network 
…. and then use the Partner Search databases if you still need one or two partners

If you are not yet networked into the ERA, you could consider making a profile with your Partner Offer (description of your expertise and interests) in one of the online databases

**CORDIS Partner Service**
one of the largest databases of partner profiles (self-registered profiles)

**Idealist Partner Search**
Developed by the ICT NCPs network, but the partner profiles are not limited only to ICT. The service includes advice on creating your profile by your local NCP and there is a quality control of all the published data.

**Partner Search of Nanosciences and nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production technologies (NMP)**
The NMP TeAm Partner Search Facility has been established by the network on NMP NCPs in order to offer best support to its clients. This web service is strictly focused on the open calls for proposals of the key enabling technologies in the NMP area

**Fit for Health**
Developed by the Fit for Health network in close cooperation with the Health-NCPs. The quality checked database contains expertise profiles of researchers and SMEs acting in the Health / Life sciences sector. The service includes partner search activities advice on all aspects related to a research project, starting with help in first orientation and strategy development to proposal preparation, implementation, exploitation and promotion.

**IMI Partner Search**
Recent partner search service provided by the Innovative Medicines Initiative Joint Undertaking (IMI JU) for organisations interested in the development of new medicines. IMI supports collaborative research projects and builds networks of industrial and academic experts to boost pharmaceutical innovation. There are also opportunities for SMEs, such as innovative biotech enterprises.

**Enterprise Europe Network Cooperation Opportunities Database**
The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) publishes an extensive number of innovation and technology profiles from international companies and research organisations to help identify suitable partners for bilateral business, innovation and technology cooperation.
Proposal

The proposal consist of

**Part A (Online forms)**
- Administrative and factual information
- Contains a project summary
- Budget and ethics

**Part B (Prose in a fixed structure (templates!))**
- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation
- + sections on ethics issues, gender and in some cases security aspects
Evaluation Criteria

Projects are evaluated on 3 criteria. The weight of each criteria varies from one type of projects to another

**Excellence** (up to 5 points)
Is the proposed project innovative and of high scientific quality? (objectives, approach, transdisciplinarity, level of ambitions etc.)

**Impact** (up to 5 points)
What is the expected contribution of the project? Scientific/innovative quality and impact for the EU (and internationally)

**Quality and efficiency of the implementation** (up to 5 points)
The coherence of the project, feasibility, collaboration between the project partners, management structure
National Contact Points

Help is at hand. The National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon 2020.

NCPs are financed by governments and free of charge. Setup vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies to private consulting companies. NCPs are also established in many "third countries"

In general the NCPs offer the following basic services

• Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action
• Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
• Training and assistance on proposal writing
• Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
• Assistance in partner search
National Contact Points in International Partner Countries
Thank you

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