

Horizon Europe Academy The Masters

Part II: Project Management and Financial Reporting

**23-24 March 2023
Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

AGENDA

DAY 1

08:30 – 09:00

Arrival of participants, registration

09:00 – 09:15

Event Opening and introduction

09:15 – 10:30

The legal obligations – from GA to CA*Krisztina Toth, Managing Director, Europa Media Innovations*

Understanding your obligations coming from the **Grant Agreement** and the **Consortium Agreement** is essential. This presentation will introduce those articles of the GA and sections of the CA from the project management perspective that need to be considered the most during the implementation of your projects: financial clauses, budget distribution and management, dealing with defaulting parties, ownership of the results, access rights, IPR issues, etc.

(10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break)

10:45 – 12:15

IP, Exploitation and Innovation management in running projects*Krisztina Toth*

Introduction to the **innovation management** activities in Horizon Europe projects including best practices to make the most out of your project results. During this presentation we will discuss how innovation management is linked to the daily management and the reporting activities; how to follow IP development, **capture and manage results**; how to assess novelty elements and how to **decide on the best exploitation route**.

In this session, our trainers will give you a number of practice-based tips on how to build your PEDR – **Plan for Exploitation and Dissemination of Results** including Communication activities – what exactly to include and in what format. PEDR is a strategic, live document, introducing all the key dissemination, exploitation and communication activities and measure planned to support the achievement of the expected outcome and the long-term impact of the project. Our trainers will also show you several examples from their own projects and will deep dive into the **EC services to boost your dissemination and exploitation efforts**.

(12:15 – 13:15 Lunch break)

13:15 – 15:30

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules Part 1*Gabor Kitley, CEO, EMG Group Plc.***Personnel costs calculations and reporting – showing the possible ways**

In-depth introduction and analysis of all the available personnel cost calculation options in HE in comparison with H2020, focusing on the practical pros and cons. Typical mistakes and bottlenecks identified using practical examples from everyday life on employees and other employment contracts; financial-year based/monthly based calculation in H2020 vs the HE daily-rate calculations.

Which of the productive-hour number to consider; how to harmonize measuring days (HE) and hours (H2020)? Should the hours be transformed into days?

Personnel cost calculation showcase for employees; including additional and project-based remuneration; bonuses, fringe-benefits, and other complements.

Unit-based personnel costs calculation; In-house consultants and seconded employees; SME-owner rates.

(14:30– 14:45 Coffee break)

15:30 – 17:00

Workshop: Personnel cost calculation

Gabor Kitley

Learning by doing

Each participant will receive a package containing timesheets, payrolls, employment contracts, and other relevant documentation for several virtual employees to master the calculation of personnel costs within Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects. This unique workshop will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the differences between the two programmes, their respective calculation protocols, and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The goal of the workshop is to demystify the calculation of personnel costs and help participants realize that it's not as complicated as they may have initially thought.

17:00

End of day 1

09:00 – 10:15

Workshop Evaluation: Personnel cost calculation*Gabor Kitley*

Discussing and reviewing the various solutions of the Personnel Cost workshop exercise, focusing on the differences found, problems identified and potential misfits. Understanding how to integrate these experiences and protocols into the day-to-day management of HE/H2020 projects, especially during the period when projects funded from different grants are running parallel!

(10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break)

10:30 – 12:00

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules Part 2*Gabor Kitley***Subcontracting and Purchase costs, Research facility costs**

- Quick overview of subcontracting and other third parties (linked/affiliated), resources or in-kind contributions versus services provided; Purchase costs vs. Other direct costs; Travel costs; Consumables and small services; Equipment and assets; Internally invoiced items, dos and don'ts

Other to consider:

- Funding schemes: cost reporting vs lump-sum funding; Indirect costs; Funding Rates and Receipt calculations; Certificates on Financial Statements, Certificate on Methodology, System and Process Audits; Payments and Exchange rates

(12:00– 13:00 Lunch break)

13:00 – 14:30

Reporting from A to Z: Continuous Reporting*Krisztina Toth*

In this session, we will introduce all the tabs of **Horizon Europe Continuous Reporting tool** and discuss what has changed compared to H2020. Our trainers will introduce the responsibilities of the partners and the coordinator in the Continuous Reporting and showcase powerful **templates and tools for coordinators**. **Internal reporting**: when and how the internal reporting should be completed to be able to identify "problems".

(14:30– 14:45 Coffee break)

14:45 – 16:00

Reporting from A to Z: Periodic Reporting and Review meeting*Krisztina Toth*

Detailed introduction on how to prepare the **periodic technical and financial reports**: what to and how to report, irregularities and deviation management, internal quality assurance, tips and tools for effective internal management of your partners and their reporting obligations. Detailed comparison of H2020 vs Horizon Europe Periodic Reporting.

How to report your lump sum projects? How to deal with partially completed work packages?

EU assessment of the periodic report: typical mistakes in the periodic report. Showcase of a real periodic, suspension of the payment deadline letters.

Last Periodic Report, **Project Closure, and the Review Meeting**: What we have to do differently in the last reporting period? How shall we distribute

the payment of the balance and the amount from the Guarantee Fund / Mutual Insurance Mechanism? How to get prepared for the Review meeting?

16:00

Remaining questions, end of course.