

Master of Proposal Writing in Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe Academy – Part I.

**7-8 December 2026
Vienna, Austria**

AGENDA

DAY 1

- 08:45 – 09:00** **Arrival and registration**
- 09:00 – 09:30** **Event opening and introduction to the course**
- 09:30 – 10:15** **Introduction to Proposal Development under Horizon Europe**
- General principles and features of HE proposals – understanding and tailoring your proposal appropriately to the EU R&I context
 - Work programmes, calls and topics in 2025-2027 – budgets, deadlines, submission processes, novelties (blind evaluation, lump sum funding, etc.)
 - Types of actions (RIA, IA, CSA) and TRLs – positioning your proposal effectively
 - First steps of proposal preparation: identifying the right call, call analysis, proposal abstract, background research, consortium building
- (10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break)*
- 10:30 – 11:30** **From idea to Horizon Europe proposal – A hands-on approach (Part 1)**
- How to turn your novel idea into a winning concept
 - Drafting the Part A and Part B of the proposal
 - Excellence – Examples, tips and ready-to-use templates for section 1.1. and 1.2 of the Part B of the proposal: Objectives, Ambition, Methodology, Knowledge Management from of the proposal with lessons learned from evaluations
- (11:30 – 11:45 Break)*
- 11:45 – 13:00** **From idea to Horizon Europe proposal – A hands-on approach (Part 2)**
- Implementation – Examples, tips and templates from section 3.1. and 3.2 of the Part B of the proposal with lessons learned from evaluations
 - Tips to design the work plan effectively for lump sum grants
 - How to develop a sound work plan, and consortium as a whole considerations
 - Resource planning and budgeting in actual and lump sum grants
- (13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break)*
- 14:00 – 16:30** **Proposal Development Workshop: Call analysis, Objectives, Work plan**
- Participants are divided into small groups to practice the first steps of proposal development under Horizon Europe:
- Call analysis
 - Consortium building considerations
 - Proposal objectives and SMART considerations
 - How to distinguish activities from objectives and vice-versa
 - Methodology, work packages and deliverables
 - PERT diagram and milestones
- (15:00-15:15 Coffee break)*
- 16:30** **Wrap-up and end of first day**

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DAY 2

09:00 – 10:00

Expected Impact in Horizon Europe Proposals

- Impact in HE proposals – examples of different approaches to addressing the “Expected Impact” of your proposals, lessons learned from evaluations
- Impact in RIAs, IAs and CSAs – how to position your innovation from RTD to market uptake, Dos and Don’ts
- Impact indicators and Impact assessment methodologies
- Barriers to achieving the Expected Impact – Types of barriers

(10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break)

10:15 – 11:30

Measures to Maximise Impact in Horizon Europe proposals

- How to identify and select the best exploitation, IP and innovation strategy to maximise the potential impact of your HE project
- Exploitation and sustainability – examples of project and partner level approaches and routes
- How to tailor an effective dissemination and communication plan to maximise the potential impact of your HE project
- Tools, measures, strategies and channels to reach your target group and communicate the right message in the right way with the right KPIs
- Policy feedback and the Impact Canvas (2.3)
- New requirements of the EC, legal obligations according to the HE GA

(11:30 – 11:45 Break)

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Evaluation of Proposals under Horizon Europe

- What happens after you submit your proposal?
- Admissibility and eligibility check – standard rules and exceptions
- Evaluation process: individual assessment, consensus meeting, final ranking – understanding the dynamics to finetune your proposal
- Experiences and lessons learned from Evaluation Summary Reports (ESRs)
- Step-by-step guide to registering as an independent expert to evaluate Horizon Europe proposals

(12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break)

13:30 – 16:00

Proposal Development Workshop: Impact, Exploitation, Dissemination & Communication

- How the project will contribute to each of the expected outcomes and impact mentioned in the work programme
- Exploitable results and the potential exploitation strategies – how to transform this into a “plan”
- Defining the most appropriate target groups, tools and channels for dissemination and communication

(14:45 – 15:00 Break)

16:00

Wrap-up and end of course