Profile of Successful Researchers in Horizon Europe

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Organisations with High Success Rates
(Consortium Projects)

Excellent Science
Identifying Ideas
Strategic Networking

University Support
+ National Contact Points (NCPs)
+ Training

Excellent Science
Excellent Research Ideas
Excellent Partners

Experience with the Process
Converting Ideas into
Competitive Proposals

Understanding the Rules
Financial Rules, Legal Rules, Data Management, Gender, ...

IP (Intellectual Property)

Success in Horizon Europe
Winning Individual Projects
Converting Idea into a Competitive Proposal

“Having knowledge but lacking the power to express it clearly is no better than never having any ideas at all.”

Pericles (Ancient Greek Politician, General and Statesman, 495 BC-429 BC)

Telling
- Know how people learn

Selling
- Know how people think!
- Know how decisions are made

How Horizon Europe Proposals are Evaluated

EU Official
- Full Proposal

Remote Evaluators
- Scientific
- Technical
- Social
- Industrial
- Society

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
(Legal and Financial Rules)

REMOTE EVALUATION
- Profile of the Evaluators?
- How do they decide on the score?
- How do the ‘Evaluators’ think?

Final Selection of Proposals
- Remote Evaluators Scores
- Proposals with best ‘Impact’ on EU Policies

Consensus Report

Evaluation Committee

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How to Screen Proposals (Horizon Europe)

EU Official
- Full Proposal
- Remote Evaluators
  - Scientific
  - Technical
  - Social
  - Industrial
  - Society
- Consensus Report

Evaluation Committee

Full Proposal
- Consensus Report (Pillar II)
  - Summary (Abstract)
  - Scientific Excellence (5/5)
  - Impact on EU Policies (5/5)
  - Implementation (5/5)
  - (4 pages)

Proposal Clinic
How does the proposal address EU Policy?
(Power Point Presentation)

Research Support Services (University)

‘Filling in the Forms’
- Research Support Services
  - Non-Science Forms
    - Funding Portal
    - Identifying Opportunities
    - Part B Impact (Pillar II)
    - Part B Implementation
  - Level 2 Support

‘Competitive Proposals’
- Strategic Planning
  - Analysing the Evaluation Process
  - Proposal Intelligence (Pillar II)
  - Impact on EU Policies (Pillar II)
  - Screening Proposal Ideas
  - Level 4 Support

- RULES
  - Research Support Services
    - Part A Forms
      - Financial Rules
      - Legal Rules
      - Ethics, Gender, IP...
    - Level 1 Support

  - Streamlining (Efficiency)
    - Templates
    - Guidelines
    - Sample Proposals
    - Level 3 Support
Research Support Services (Levels of Support)

EU Policy
Draft + Work Programme
Call

Level 5 Support
“Participating in the EU Decision Making Process”
Expert Groups
Foresight Groups

Level 4 Support
- Identifying Opportunities
- Proposal Intelligence (Pillar II)
- Strategic Networking
- Screening Proposal Ideas

Level 3 Support
- Streamlining Templates
- Sample Proposals
- Guidelines
- Process Analysis

Level 2 Support
- Excellence
- Impact
- Implementation

Level 1 Support
- Legal Rules
- Financial Rules
- Procedures
- University Rules

European Research Strategies

Common Strategy

Best Science
Best Partners
Explain ‘Impact’ on EU Policies
Follow the Guidelines

Horizon Europe

Strategy of Successful Research Organisations

Excellent Science
Excellent Reputation with European Partners
Visible ‘Impact’ of Results
Streamlined Processes (‘Smart Support’)
Training Programme for Horizon Europe

Getting Ready for Horizon Europe
(Workshops for Newcomers to Horizon Europe)

Module 1: Identifying Opportunities in Horizon Europe
Module 2: How to Prepare a Plan for Horizon Europe
Module 3: How Horizon Europe Proposals are Evaluated

How to Write a Competitive Proposal for Pillar II (Horizon Europe)
(Workshops for Coordinators/Partners in Pillar II Proposals)

Module 1: Profile of Researchers with High Success Rates
Module 2: Selecting Partners for Pillar II Proposals
Module 3: How Pillar II Proposals are Evaluated
Module 4: Proposal Intelligence of Pillar II Topics
Module 5: How to Explain the Impact of a Pillar II Proposal
Module 6: Guideline for Writing Competitive Pillar II Proposals

Background of Presenters

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Seán specialises in the design of training courses for researchers and research support staff. Since 1995, over 76,000 researchers and research support staff have attended his courses in 29 countries. In 2017 the European Commission published the list of the top 100 research Organisations in Horizon 2020. Seán McCarthy has delivered training courses in 74 of these top 100 research Organisations. Seán has a PhD in Engineering from University College Cork (Ireland)

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