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# "Horizon Europe: How to prepare and lessons learned H2020"

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#	QUESTION	ANSWER(s)
1	will slides be available later ?	Yes, the slides and a recording of today's webinar will be shared in a follow-up email.
2	Is the presentation available?	Yes, the slides and a recording of today's webinar will be shared in a follow-up email.
3	Are "author accepted manuscripts" good enough or should the final published versions be open?	live answered.
4	Will you talk about the calls for participation in Mission Boards? How often they are expected? What is the criteria to participate?	live answered; Mission boards established: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme/mission-oriented-policy-horizon-europe/mission-boards_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme/mission-oriented-policy-horizon-europe/mission-boards_en</a>
5	Are we allowed to report the unit personnel cost within Horizon Europa as for H2020 projects? Will the unit daily rate or unit hourly rate allowed for personnel cost calculation?	Unit costs were calculated only case of average personnel cost calculation. The actual personnel costs will be calculated based on daily rates, not hourly rates.
6	Is it possible to calculate the daily rate by =8*hourly rate?	Yes, 8 hours per day, or in case you have less working hours then you may use up to the 90% of the standard number of hours).
7	The daily rate will not be a simplification for universities and RTOs. That would mean a different accounting, so how sure is the change to daily rates?	It looks quite sure it will be based on daily rates.
8	Or we have to calculate the daily rate by =annual personnel cost /215 days	Yes, personnel costs in a year/215=daily rate.
9	Good afternoon and thank you very much for organising this talk. There doesn't seem to be an explicit budget dedicated to R&I in education. Is it to be implicitly supported somehow?	live answered.
10	Are there any changes in the reporting or the financial statements?	live answered.
11	Is anything to say about grading of proposal sections excellence, impact and implementation?	The evaluation criteria might be recalibrated in terms of the factors to take into account, the general principle should stay the same. There are discussions related to recalibrating the scoring system and the threshold as well as making clearer evaluation rules for proposals with the same score. There is also a possibility that the management structure might not be taken into account for evaluation.
12	Thank you very much for this nice and very informative presentation. My question is the time-line for the calls (e.g. when first calls will be open)?	live answered.
13	It is not clear to me how the personnel costs are calculated on a daily base. What does that mean if someone works for more than one project.	You need to calculate the daily rate for the person. Total personnel costs/215=daily rate. Then see how many days the person worked on different projects. The method here is the same as in case of hours.

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14	Regarding the Horizon Europe: will it go through the same participant portal? Are there changes to the participant portal expected?	live answered.
15	Is there any information on how the Missions will be implemented or is it still under discussion?	live answered.
16	If - just in case - the final budget for HEU should be reduced - where do you expect reduction in the pillars ?	live answered.
17	the EC already shared for the consultation the draft of the GAM?	The draft GMA is not shared, the details regarding the changes in GMA are included in the presentation (only three types of MGA will be used).
18	Hello. In the Civil Security for Society section, 3 topics were visible: disaster resilience, security and protection and cybersecurity. Is Cybersecurity ment to be a separate subtopic?	live answered.
19	Concerning the "daily rate" method of personnel cost calculation: Can you please further elaborate on this, especially if you are aware of any way to manage work in more than one projects in one day?	The change is that you are not using 1720 for getting the hourly rate, but 215 (1720/8=215) to get the daily rate. And you do not need to use fiscal year to get the daily rate.
20	I understand there is a big difference in effort reporting. Is the need for personal Hourly Timesheets removed?	There are discussions that monthly declarations instead of timesheets will be used. The daily rates will be used for reporting.
21	What do you know about the "lump sums" funding in Horizon Europe?	live answered.
22	When the first calls of Horizon Europe can be expected?	Horizon Europe will be officially launched on January 1st, 2021, expect draft work programmes several months before that. The multiannual strategic plan shaping the work programmes should be ready in spring 2020.
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24	Will timesheets no longer be needed?	live answered.
25	will the Twinning calls be more or less the same or important changes are foreseen?	live answered.
26	Will each proposal be linked to a certain Mission or Missions?	live answered.
27	Is it true that lump sums and unit costs will be used more in HorizonEurope instead of actual costs?	Yes, the lump sum scheme will be extended and in some cases also unit costs will be used for cost categories previously reported as actual (e.g. internally invoiced goods and services).

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28	Is there a preliminary list of countries targeted for International Collaboration in HE?	live answered.
29	Are there any formal criteria regarding the heterogeneity of consortia ?	There are no substantial changes, cooperation between different types of actors is encouraged, as well as international collaboration and geographic diversity of the consortium.
30	Are there any estimations of number of projects approved by pillar and issues/pillar? I mean estimation of projects based on budget amounts	There are no substantial changes, cooperation between different types of actors is encouraged, as well as international collaboration and geographic diversity of the consortium.
31	Will there we more reliance on PPP? which hijack funding to specific topics even now?	There will be less PPPs, but they will be important.
32	Is there any guidance on the eligibility of partners from the UK to participate in Horizon Europe?	Please, find all the information and potential scenarios here, at this moment there UK's participation is not settled yet: <a href="http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2019/631042/IPOL_IDA(2019)631042_EN.pdf">http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2019/631042/IPOL_IDA(2019)631042_EN.pdf</a>
33	The R&I missions seem to be a very new addition - can engagement with these missions be budgeted? So this cross cutting approach seems quite involved: who manages these portfolio of projects? Who is overseeing this?	live answered.
34	Where can we find the new evaluation rules? (blind evaluations, etc.?)	live answered.
35	Sorry, I have missed what the meaning of "Hop-on" was (regarding widening participation in HE)	live answered.
36	In the EIC SME Accelerated blended finance for equity will it be eligible to purchase equipment rather than depreciation only?	This is under discussion still.
37	Why and how to become active in "Partnerships"? What's the difference with Excellent Science?	live answered.
38	How will SDGs be linked to each proposal. The same way as Missions you just mentioned?	live answered.
39	Bom dia from France, Many thanks for this nice and precious presentation. Do we already have an idea of the CFS's amount ? > 325K€ or different ?	Not yet unfortunately, but we do not expect any change here.
40	Will organisations like SPIRE and JUFCH, and other Public-Private-Partnerships be given a role in evaluation? how will evaluation change? will organisations like INEA get a larger role?	The evaluation of the partnerships will be managed as earlier, executive agencies will not have a bigger role - at least have not heard such plans.

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41	Thank you for your presentation. Is anything known already about the main evaluation criteria for proposals?	The evaluation criteria might be recalibrated in terms of the factors to take into account, the general principles should stay the same. There are discussions related to recalibrating the scoring system and the threshold as well as making clearer evaluation rules for proposals with the same score. There is also a possibility that the management structure might not be taken into account for evaluation. Special arrangements will be made for portfolio of projects ranging from mission to mission. Evaluation of two-stage calls might be updated.
42	We have such question, that we had created a Consortium from subject of 5 countries, in order to find and us us to a strong proeject leader. What steps do you recommend us?	live answered.
43	how are the mission boards decided? is there somewhere to get more info on this?	Mission boards have been established: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme/mission-oriented-policy-horizon-europe/mission-boards_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme/mission-oriented-policy-horizon-europe/mission-boards_en</a>
44	Do UE already have an idea of the CFS's amount 325K€ ? Manny thanks.	There is no clear decision regarding the changes in RFCS, but there are discussions that RFCS can contribute to the partnership part of the European Community on Coal and Steel (ECSC) assets in liquidation (up to EUR 350 million).
45	Regarding the EOSC Cloud, how will a project submit data to it?	The website of EOSC already offers some services for data sharing, feel free to read more: <a href="https://www.eosc-portal.eu/services-resources">https://www.eosc-portal.eu/services-resources</a>
46	Thank you for the insightful presentation! How to make good use of open innovation services and funding in Horizon Europe?	The EC offers a wide range of instruments supporting open innovation, ranging from policy initiatives to practical solutions. In Horizon Europe actions funded under Pillar 3 by EIC will be central in terms of innovation support, however, there are other instruments available: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/goals-research-and-innovation-policy/open-innovation-resources_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/strategy/goals-research-and-innovation-policy/open-innovation-resources_en</a>
47	Any new rules of collaboration or non collaboration due to Brexit?	Please, find all the information and potential scenarios here: <a href="http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2019/631042/IPOL_IDA(2019)631042_EN.pdf">http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/IDAN/2019/631042/IPOL_IDA(2019)631042_EN.pdf</a>
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