

Applying for international research grants and funding schemes. (Many) challenges and (few) tips and tricks

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Abstract

Focusing on international research grants of various kind, the workshop aims at providing the participants with practical guidance on (i) how to choose among them and (ii) how to avoid common mistakes in the application phase.

Research grants are crucial in the research environment. They represent the main source of survival of freelance researchers and constitute a fundamental evaluation criterion for academic and professional careers. International research grants are of different types, depending on the type and complexity of the research problem at stake and of the expected work organization. A preliminary subdivision allows to distinguish between individual research and consortium research grants.

In relation to both types of research grants, the workshop delivers information to the participants, concerning the peculiar features that characterise different types of calls. In particular, the first section of the workshop will focus on grants to which a researcher can apply individually, i.e. Marie Curie and ERC grants, while the second one will concern grants for which the composition of a research consortium is needed (i.e. various Horizon Europe strands and projects launched within the ESPON programme).

The provided information will be evidence-based, drawing on the – often unsuccessful! – experience of the presenter in the preparation of research proposals.

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