



Professional Research Management in Multicultural Exchange

Institutional Measures for Supporting the Proposal Writing

May 17, 2022 - 9:15 – 11:15 (CET)

Online workshop, hosted by UL & JGU & UB

Universities in Europe are experiencing increasing financial pressures as the new roles of the universities within the knowledge society must be addressed with often-staggering public



funding at the disposal. The performance-based funding models encourage attracting third party funding. Thus, a larger share of university's finances is ensured by targeted funding streams, each having own project timelines, management specifics and output indicators.

Diverse funding portfolio, however, is not easily managed and poses serious challenges to the institution's sustainability. In addition to regular tasks the academic community now needs to adopt own time resources to fluctuating workload caused by attending to

irregular calls for application. The high competition rates may lead to invisible work in vain.

Content

Within this workshop the partner universities of FORTHEM Alliance will share own experience in supporting the academic staff in project proposal writing phase and follow-up project management. Some universities write project proposals with the help of external agencies, some - have already established services such as by providing a writing, feedback, and advice service, and related trainings, but others currently lack the staff to do so.

Further along the agenda a special attention will be devoted to exploring the potential of strategic cooperation within the Alliance to increase the application rate and frequency, to professionalize the application writing process, and thus to increase success rates.

Target group

Researcher managers and administrators, researchers, technical support staff, students, externals

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Agenda

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- 09:15 – 9:25** **Welcome Note and Short Introduction to *FORTHEM* and *FIT FORTHEM***
Agnese Rusakova, FIT FORTHEM coordinator at the University of Latvia
- 09:25 – 10:00** **Keynote speakers (externals)**
Julii Selianko, Senior Specialist of Project Administration, Knowledge Transfer and Project Support Office, Tallinn University, Estonia
Siim Läänelaid, head of the Proposal writing team, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
Jörg Langwaldt, Grant Writer at the Research Services of Tampere University (TAU), Finland
- 10:00 – 10:50** **The institutional support to grant writing: best practices from within the Alliance**
Presentations by partner universities
UL: Ms. Airita Brenča, Director of Project Support Centre, University of Latvia
JGU: Mariana Cosarinsky, Coordinator, M3ODEL, Mainz Institute of Multiscale Modeling, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
UO: Dr. Danuta Witkowska, Deputy Director of the Institute of Health Sciences and dr. Agnieszka Szebesczyk, the Institute of Health Sciences, Opole University
- 10:50 – 11:10** **Together stronger – a reflection on Setting up Joint Support Services by Alliance**
Moderation: Agnese
- 11:10 – 11:15** **Wrap – up and Evaluation**

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