



Statement of aims

Writing a successful research proposal may seem as an easy task – it is to put in words planned research. However, it is far different from writing research articles. You can come across first difficulties at the point of getting through the necessary call documentation, which is one of the key points of proposal preparation.

The aim of this workshop is to encourage young researchers to continue their research careers after finishing their Marie Curie Fellowships. The key points of this workshop are:

- 1. Where to look for open calls for proposals?*
- 2. How to write a successful research proposal?*
- 3. Whom to ask for help at home/host institution?*
- 4. How to avoid common mistakes during project execution?*
- 5. How to become a EC expert on project evaluation?*

Horizon 2020, the biggest EU research and innovation programme, allows to carry out various types of research projects in all fields of research and therefore I will mostly refer to it during the workshop.

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Training on Project Management

Organized by Dr. Maria Richea & Professor Paul Stewart

Programme

Grand Hotel Excelsior Malta, 6th - 7th of March 2015

6th of March 2015: From Early Stage Researcher to Experienced Researcher – how to continue a research career and be successful at project application?

Guest speaker: Mrs. Magdalena Chomicka

Biopic: *I graduated from the University of Wrocław (International Relations and German Philology). I am currently working as foreign projects specialist at the University of Wrocław. I am in charge of monitoring and coordination the submission of research proposals and a proper execution of ongoing projects, mainly EU-funded projects. 2007-2013 I was a consultant in a Local Contact Point for 7th Framework Programme.*

Morning session 10.00 – 12.00

Welcome & Introduction Dr. Maria Richea, ChangingEmployment Experienced Researcher

Mrs. Magdalena Chomicka: Research grant application in general: overview in different fellowship programmes with special emphasis on Horizon 2020

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

Afternoon session 14.00 – 18.00

Mrs. Magdalena Chomicka: Workshop: How to prepare a successful grant application? Emphasis on H2020 individual grants

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Mrs. Magdalena Chomicka: Examples of successful grant applications





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This presentation will consider definitions of projects and the project cycle and then looks at why many community development projects prove to be less successful than anticipated. It goes on to outline some best practice guidance for project management success.

From a political perspective, the presentation will look at how social economy organisations can be successful in promoting new forms of local democratic participation and empowerment, owing to their capacity to contribute to a participatory democracy wherein citizens can actively express their commitment to economic and social development and civic life in their country.

The second part of the presentation looks at how social economy organisations can best assess community requests for support, emphasising the importance of looking at these within the parameters of the organisation's strategic plan and within the constrictions of its functional capacity. Some methods for assessing community needs and undertaking a community needs assessment are provided, with examples of tools for community research.

Finally, an attempt will be made to provide guidance on how to develop a project, how to identify potential funding sources, how to test the interest of potential funders, and how to write a full-blown project proposal. This includes guidance on how to produce a project budget, work plan and the additional information that funding agencies normally require.

7th of March 2015: Project Management in the Third Sector – Challenges and Rewards in the Development of a Non-profit Company

Guest speaker: Gearóid Ó Machail

Biopic: Gearóid is a CEO with CAIRDE (Communities in Armagh Investing in Regeneration, Diversity and Enterprise), a third sector company which he co-founded in October 2009. CAIRDE is a non-profit taking, limited company with charitable status which seeks to develop the provision of long term, sustainable, community, educational and cultural services in Armagh City. Gearóid worked until 2009 as a Neighbourhood Renewal Development Officer with Armagh City and District Council and acquired significant project and financial management experience during this period while co-managing a number of large and medium scale capital and non-capital projects. In 2008 he formulated a programme of cross cultural cooperation which was later recognised by a prestigious European Languages body (CILT). He has chaired the Armagh Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership Board - a partnership body of statutory and voluntary agencies and local community groups and was assigned to work with groups and individuals in the most disadvantaged areas of Armagh city. Gearóid was part of a project management team which delivered new capital projects and created a number of jobs in the city. In 2009, following consultation with community workers, trade unionists, language activists and migrant workers representatives, he established a social enterprise aimed at addressing aspects of economic and social disadvantage in west Armagh City. In 2011, Gearóid became a founder and director of a new social enterprise, Aonach Mhacha, which is currently in the process of building a £1.5million Irish language, culture, arts and heritage centre on the site of the former fire station in Armagh City.

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Lecture's first part: Mr. Gearóid Ó Machail

12.00 – 14.00 Lunch break

Afternoon session 14.00 – 17.00

Lecture's second part: Mr. Gearóid Ó Machail

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Final remarks

