

Training for scientists

“Participating in the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon Europe) – Practical aspects”

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# Questions

## კითხვები

Please write your questions below. Whether or not you want to give your name is up to you. You may of course refer or reply to questions by others, but please never alter any text which another person has written.

**Please put new questions to the end, so we know which have been answered and which haven't.**

### 1) Questions answered during the Training sessions

#### Day 1

გთხოვთ დანეროთ თქვენი შეკითხვები ქვემოთ. შეგიძლიათ მიუთითოთ თქვენი სახელი და გვარი, სურვილისამებრ. აგრეთვე შეგიძლიათ უპასუხოთ სხვის მიერ დასმულ შეკითხვებს მაგრამ, გთხოვთ, სხვის მიერ დანეროთ ტექსტში არ შეიტანოთ შესწორებები.

როგორ ვირჩევთ პროექტის თემას? გასაგებია, რომ ჩვენი სფეროს შესაფერისი თემა უნდა იყოს, მაგრამ თემის დაზუსტებისას გვჭირდება რაიმე პრინციპების გათვალისწინება?

How do we choose the topic of the project? It's clear that the topic should be in line with our field, but do we need to consider any principles when specifying the topic?

გამარჯობა, ჯერჯერობით გისმენთ ინტერესით. მანონ კოდუა, საქართველოს ტექნიკური უნივერსიტეტი

Good afternoon. Listening with great interest. No questions yet. Manon Kodua, Georgian Technical University

It is very important to get information about the projects for young researchers. We do not have the information which type of projects exists.

Should the applicant be only universities or are the research institutions also eligible for the Horizon calls? For more clarity, research institutions in Georgia can be registered as non-governmental organizations. Thanks, Zarina Burkadze, ISU.

Are there minimum or maximum requirements for how many institutions should be included in the consortium? Does one institution from this consortium do the application procedure on behalf of others? Thanks, Zarina Burkadze, ISU.

Can we have a sample of the budget to review or provide later on? Zarina

One additional question: can the consortium include only Georgian universities and researchers? Zarina

What is a priority this year, I mean is it one of the exact directions?

**Can you provide information about calls that do not require a large consortium. For example 3-4 participants with a total budget of 200 000-400 000 Euros?**

How are projects evaluated (by what criteria) and what sectors are mainly funded? Is it necessary for the project to be of an applied nature, ie is theoretical research funded?

Who can participate in Horizon Europe? May Young scientists take part as well?

is it possible the consortium includes only Georgian universities and researchers?

So It will be better to be the organisation which starts the project, but it is quite hard for Georgian Universities, because we lack experience, how can we improve our reputation ?

How to join a large consortium of an important project if it is not registered in the partner search system? What other mechanisms can we use?

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## Day 2

Do our project cover all expected impacts of the selected call?

I would like to listen more information about participation person in consortium and organization. Also will be glad to listen more details about technical aspects and not discuss some project details.

When social science is a cross-cutting priority in a climate changes research project, what does it mean?

Should business and economics researchers focus only on cross-cutting priorities? What opportunities are for them ? Which calls?

Can we apply for several project?

შეიძლება კონსორციუმში იყოს ამერიკის კონტინენტის ორგანიზაციები?

Can the organizations from the continent of America be in consortium?

I have no questions yet.

Will I be able to find a "place" for ethics in these calls?

Please tell about risks and force major.

can we get regular ( filtered) information on the calls in the areas that are interesting for us ?

Is there an age restriction?

Please tell me if the project should be fundamental or applied. Also, is the inclusion of business representatives necessary?

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## Questions answered after the event

**Note: This document will be kept online until before Christmas and you may add further questions that will be answered in writing here.**

Could you please tell, when the TRL is needed for the particular call? Who are evaluating the technology level ? Is there any certification needed ? Thank you

Answer: An assessment of the TRL is formally required only if it is mentioned in a call. If so, it may be needed several times because it may (or should) change during the course of the project. The evaluation happens in the framework of the project proposal evaluation or of the project monitoring by international experts. A TRL may also be used on a voluntary basis if this is suitable regarding the project subject. There is no external certification needed, unless mentioned.

There are cases when an article sent for publication is returned and when the author publishes his work in another journal, scientific papers based on identical ideas appear in parallel. In such a case, there is a clear suspicion of the unscrupulousness of the reviewers. So, if there is any mechanism that ensures the protection of the ideas presented in the proposal?

Answer: Yes, reviewers have stolen ideas before, I know of such cases, but not within the framework programme, but of course it may happen anytime. There is no formal mechanism established to prevent such issues, if needed it could only be followed up on a case-by-case basis.

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## FEEDBACK

It was a very interesting workshop, very nicely built technically and easy to navigate. The structure was great and the trainer was excellent. The training gathered and structured the fragmented knowledge about project writing as well as gave us new insights of such a complex project creation. Thank you very very much!

I would love to listen more about evaluating criterias from you, like a summery and hints what should we take into account. In general it was useful and interesting training, thank you

Everything was excellent. The only thing I would like to tell you is that it would be nice to have a space other than the chat where we can share our thoughts in writing form.

It was quite enjoyable to attend this training program and I find using the online tools quite refreshing. I would like there to be the opportunity to include mentors with different qualifications and backgrounds, (from experienced funding holders to beginners), that way we would be able to see the complete picture, what we should expect from Horizon Europe.

This seminar was really great experience for me! However, if there were more practical experience it would be more effective I think. Seminars like this help us to share our knowledge which helps to gain an international experience, strength our skills and built more profitable environment.