

# FOSTERING DAYS

## PROGRAMME

**ERC Workshop & Clinics for 2017 call preparation – 01st-02nd June 2017**

**For ERC Advanced Grants**, foreseen deadline is **31 August 2017**.

**In this ERC Grant workshop (Thursday 01st June), we will discuss the ERC and panel specifics for the scientific proposal and Principal Investigator, with specific focus on how to write an ERC proposal for Advanced candidates !**

To address the selection criteria, the applicant should define an ambitious overall aim with a clear set of objectives/research questions and explain how and why the scientific approach proposed is suited to address the objectives. Depending on the scientific scope of each panel the panels have different focuses. Most panels are selecting projects validating a novel hypothesis, generating high quality data and leading to fundamental insight into mechanisms and material and thereby contributing significantly to knowledge. Other panels are selecting projects leading to a new theory, device or methodology valuable for different applications.

In this workshop we will examine novelty, groundbreaking and impact concerning topic, concept and scientific approach, taking into account the panel specifics and the research field.

We will address project specific issues, like high-gain/high risk and feasibility and their interpretation by the different panels. We will look at the key steps in the proposal preparation and address questions such as: Have you thought about alternative approaches or mitigation plans? How can you convince the reviewer of the feasibility? Aspects of feasibility like clear project structure, intermediary goals, time schedules, contingency plans will be discussed.

We will also discuss the panel specifics concerning the quality of the CVs and track-record of selected PI's. What is the norm per panel and what does this mean for the CVs of the participants planning to submit under H2020? What "actions" do participants have to highlight or undertake, to bring their CV in line with the expectations of the selected panel?

### **1. Training objectives**

To provide researchers with a good understanding of:

- the evaluation criteria and how to analyze them;
- an excellent PI within the light of reviewers of the different domains;
- how to write a high-risk/high-gain research proposal considering panel specifics and type of project.

### **2. Who should attend?**

The workshop will be of value for applicants who want to submit a proposal under the ERC calls of H2020 as well as those in support.

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Depending on the scientific backgrounds of the participants we will highlight domain specific issues.

## 3. Methodology

The seminar will be in English, with no translation. The trainer provide practical information and discuss the requested information, the evaluation criteria and the best strategy for drafting the proposal with the participants. The workshop is highly interactive and includes discussions to promote exchange of views between participants and trainer(s). Each participant receives an extensive guide with the information on the topics listed in the programme.

## 4. Trainer

The trainer has extensive experience in running ERC workshops and in pre-submission review of ERC Grants. She has successfully trained candidates for writing ERC proposals since the second call. Her knowledge and experience in pre-submission review of ERC proposals is an important aspect of t success in this training proposed in the framework of this workshop.

## 5. Programme

**June 01st 2017 – Workshop – campus universitaire/amphi Chabauty @ Institut Fourier**

<b>8.45/9.00</b>	Coffee and tea
<b>9.00</b>	Opening
<b>9.15</b>	ERC Grants, Lessons learned from evaluation procedure and outcomes
<b>10.30</b>	Coffee Break
<b>10.45</b>	Scientific Proposal

Objectives, State-of-the-Art, Methodology, Resources and approaches addressing novelty, originality, creativity and utility of the project are discussed. In details we will address 1) novel and groundbreaking aspects, 2) the high gain and high risk balance and the link to feasibility, 3) the envisioned impact on future research and possibilities of utility, 4) methodology description , 5) project plan and structure with intermediate goals and back-up plans and 5) how to match the evaluation criterion with the project template.

<b>12.00</b>	Lunch break
<b>13.00/13.30</b>	Continuation Scientific Proposal

*Short testimonies from ERC laureates and /or panel members Part (to be conf.)*

<b>14.00</b>	Extended Synopsis
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The Extended Synopsis is a 5 page summary of the Scientific Proposal with an emphasis on the ground nature and feasibility of the proposal and how the outcomes of the research will impact further research.

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- 14.30** Coffee and Tea Break  
**14.45** Principal Investigator - The key elements for Curriculum Vitae including Funding ID, Early Achievement Track Record and assessment of career achievements.  
**16.30** Wrap up: Individual questions and answers

## **June 02nd 2017 –Clinics (face to face RDV)–Campus Universitaire/Institut Fourier**

We are offering the registered participants, the opportunity to book an hour RDV with the trainer to discuss the project concept for the ERC grant and CV.

**limited slots - others clinics will be scheduled later on by skype if necessary**

### **6. Date/Booking/Contact**

- Time** June 01-02<sup>th</sup> - 08.45 – 17.00
- Language** English
- Location** Campus Universitaire/Institut Fourier (Amphi Chabauty) – 100 rue des maths – 38610 Gières – tram B bibliothèques universitaires.
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