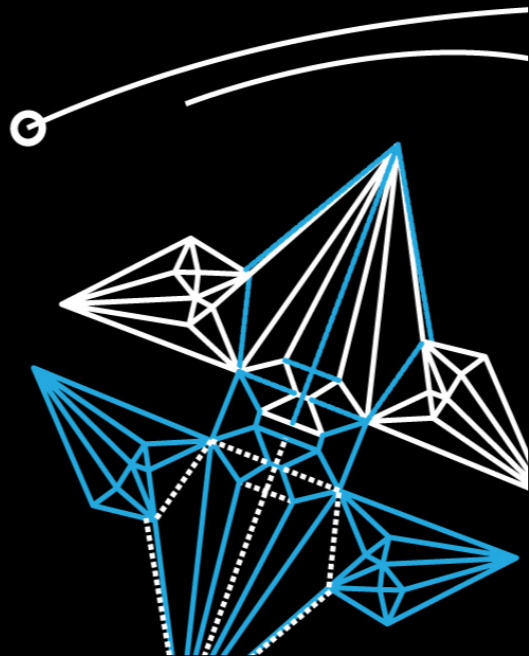


FOCUS ON MSCA IF
*-Key steps in preparing a
successful proposal-*

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Grants Office - University of
Twente -The Netherlands
14 June 2017





EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (after PhD)

Horizon2020

- Marie Curie IF
- ERC StG
- Collaborative projects

More info, see the [Participant Portal](#)

NETWORKING AND LOBBY

- Spread ideas/research topics in community
- Link with existing activities + “applications” for society
- Visit network & social meetings
- Join relevant networks & communities



Anne Helmond, May 2009

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CV

- About developing a good CV
- Design: Europass cv
- Content

PREPARE

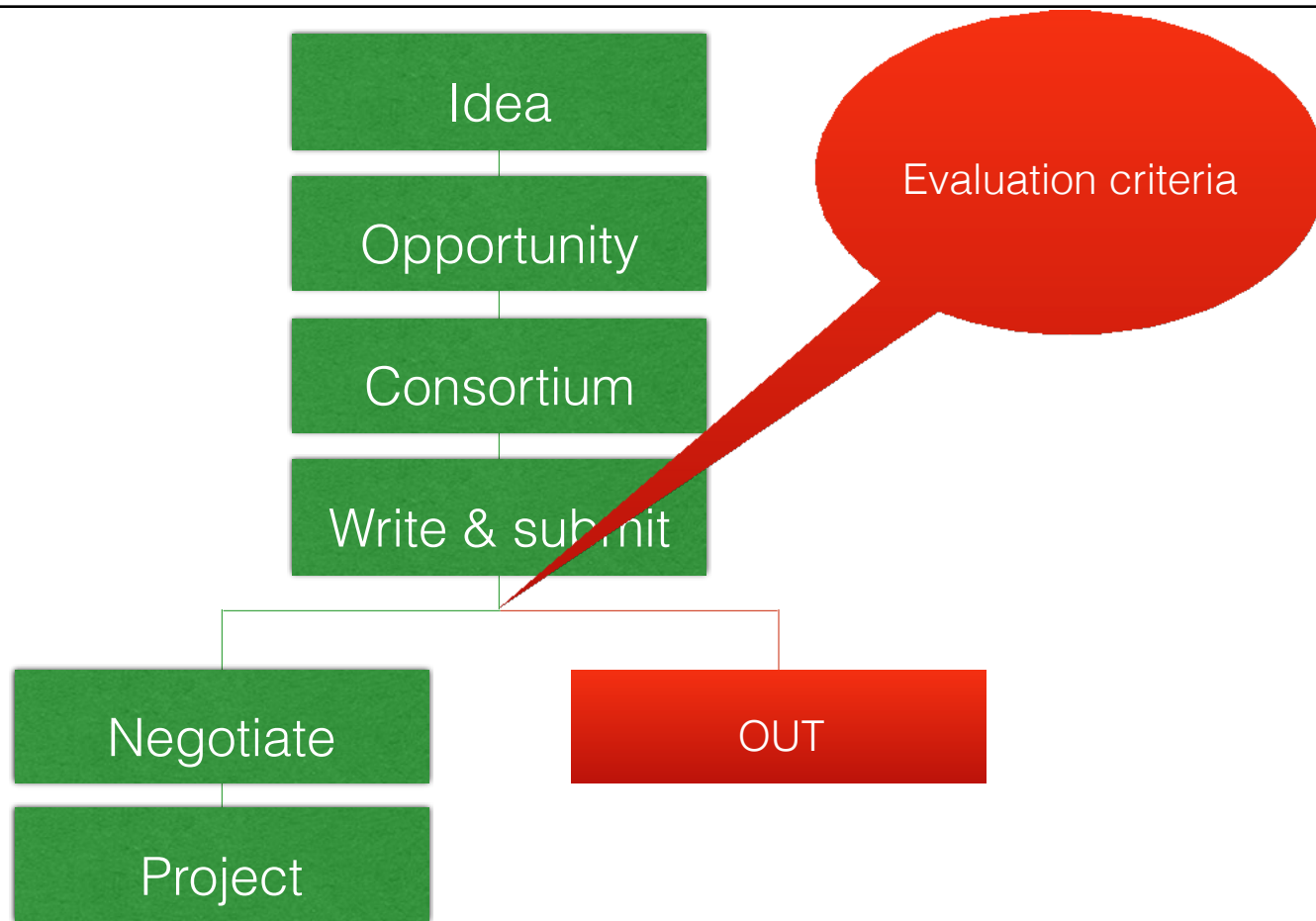
- Publish in the right journals
 - Peer-review
- Independent thinking
 - Move to another environment
- International experience
 - Go abroad
- Reviewing
 - For journals, grants
- Writing skills
 - Courses, practice

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Years of experience in research
- Nationality/Mobility
- Home/Host institution
- General: age, gender, discipline
- Also: check legal & financial aspects of grant

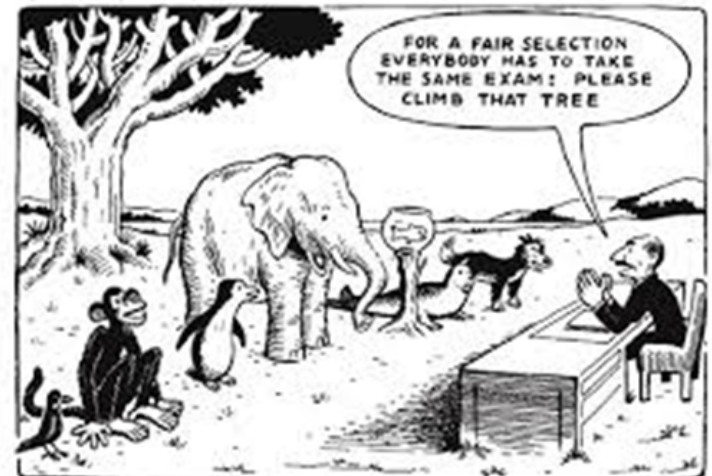


EVALUATION CRITERIA



EVALUATION CRITERIA II

- Write your proposal according to the evaluation criteria, not simply follow guideline to applicants or/ and the proposal template
- Start paragraphs/sections by “answering” to the evaluation criteria



2. IF - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action: Individual Fellowships

Excellence	Impact	Implementation
Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research (including inter/multidisciplinary aspects)	Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives	Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan , including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources
Clarity and quality of transfer of knowledge/training for the development of researcher in light of the research objectives	Effectiveness of the proposed measures for communication and results dissemination	Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures , including quality management and risk management
Quality of the supervision and the hosting arrangements		Appropriateness of the institutional environment (infrastructure)
Capacity of the researcher to reach or re-enforce a position of professional maturity in research		Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and institutional commitment
50%	30%	20%
Weighting		
1	2	3
Priority in case of <i>ex aequo</i>		

FROM IDEA TO CONCEPT, KEY QUESTIONS

1. **Educate** the evaluator (Draw the big picture, 'facts and figures')
2. **Why bother?** (What problem are you trying to solve?)
3. Is it a **European priority**?
4. Is the **solution** already **available**?
(product, service, transfer)
5. The killer question: **Why now?** (What would happen if we did not do this now?)
6. **Why you?** (Are you the best person to do this work?)

WORK PLAN / FEASIBILITY

- Divide your work in activities, sub projects and/or tasks
- Plot and plan the work in time (Gantt chart) and identify interdependencies of subparts
- Describe intermediate goals (milestones) and important outcomes and interdependencies in wording.
- Link the personnel to the planned work
- Carry out an analysis indicating feasibility

MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

Milestone

Is a point in time to measure progress

Adoption of a technology as a basis for the next phase of the project

Deliverable

Tangible result to fulfill contractual obligations

Nature of a deliverable is a report, product, patent, prototype, etc



WORK PACKAGES

Work Package number		WP3		Start date: month 12			
Work package title:		Analysis of existing technologies					
Activity type: RTD		WP leader: Twente					
Participants	Twente	Chalmers					
WP objectives and description of work: The objectives of WP3 are to benchmark the existing technologies in 5 countries and report on their relative qualifications. This WP will serve as input for WP5 and WP6							
Tasks and role of participants:							
T3.1 Collecting data on existing technologies							
T3.2 Collect data on test samples from actual users							
T3.3 Synthesize report on outcomes							
Deliverables in work package:							
D3.1 Report on existing technologies				Due date: month 16			
D3.2 Report on qualifications and comparison				Due date: month 30			



RISK ASSESSMENT

Challenge	Impact	Novel & unconventional aspects	Risks (Low, Medium, High) and feasibility
A	New knowledge	New model	Medium Preliminary data
B			Low Feasible
C			High Backup plan

IMPACT

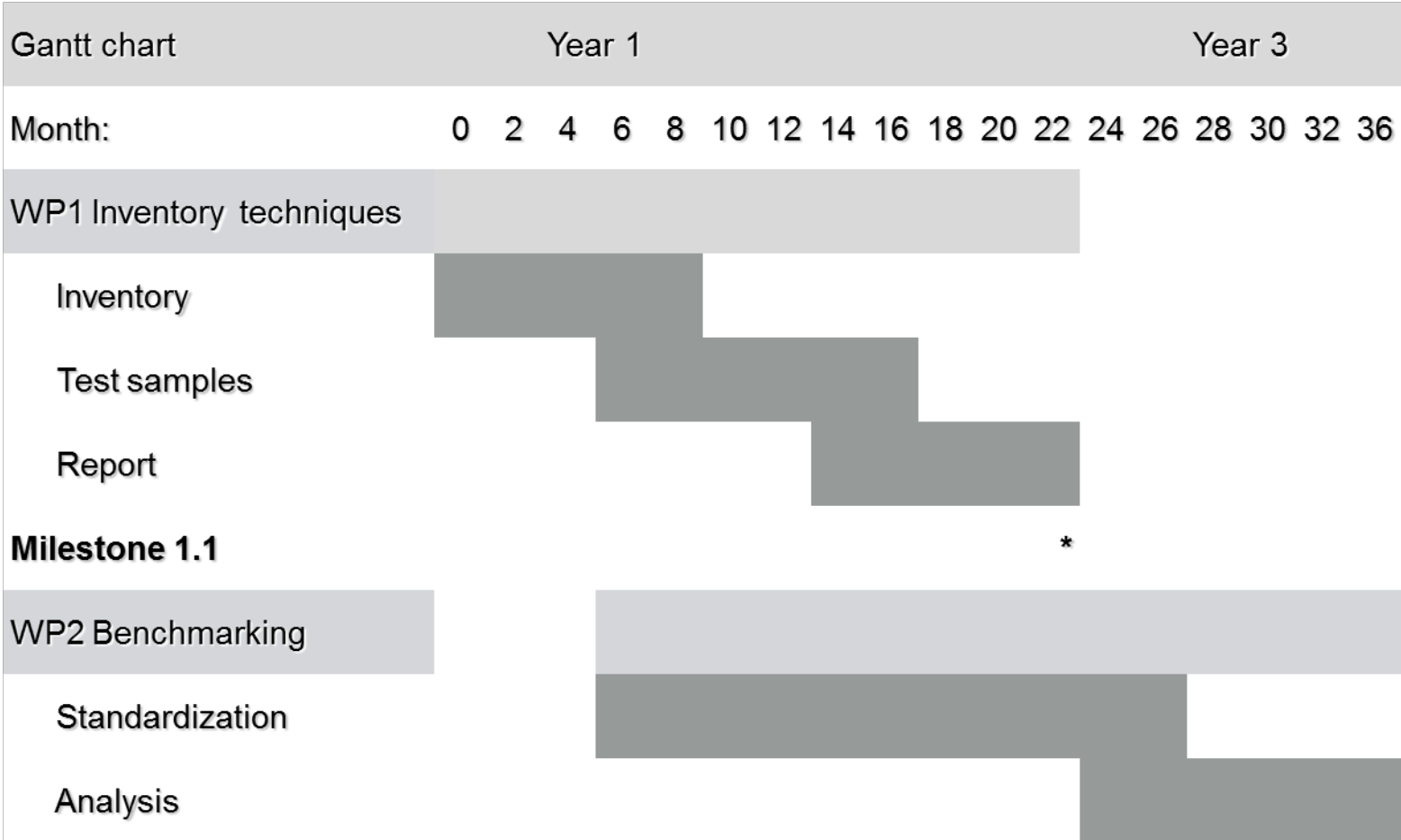
- How to write the impact section?
 - Address the most important **challenges** as described by the funding agency
 - Demonstrate **how relevant** your project is to the challenges of the funding agency
 - Iterate between Scientific proposal and Impact
 - Describe your strategies with regard to **dissemination, further research** and **exploitation**

IMPACT, ON WHO?





GANTT CHART



RECOGNIZE IN PROPOSAL

Intellectual property (IP)

- IP is a **legal concept** which refers to creations of the mind for which **exclusive rights** are recognized.
- discuss with partners, reach agreements

Ethics

- ethics are often subject to specific reviewing process by funders
- annexes often requested upon submission

Data Management

- the 'open access' trend
- data management plan (DMP): detail your plan of action



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Individual Fellowships (IF) in a nutshell

- Individual, trans-national fellowships
- Awarded to the best or most promising researchers
- Employment in EU Member States or Associated Countries
- Based on joint application by researcher and host organisation
- In academic or non-academic sector
- Funding for salary (plus some institutional costs)



European Fellowship



- 1-2 year Fellowship within EU
- 1 host institution (= beneficiary)
- Mobility rule: in the 3 yrs preceding the call deadline, you can not have spent more than 12 months in the country of the aimed host;
- Experienced Researchers: > 4 yrs research experience or in possession of PhD;
- Researcher can have any nationality.



Evaluation Panels

8 disciplinary panels

Chemistry (CHE); Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC);
Economic Sciences (ECO); Information Science and Engineering
(ENG); Environment and Geosciences (ENV); Life Sciences (LIF);
Mathematics (MAT); Physics (PHY)



Secondment option

- Researcher may be seconded to other institution in Europe
- Non-academic sector is highly appreciated
- Should add to impact of Fellowship
- Max. 6 months (3m if Fellowship \leq 18 months)
- Can be single period or divided into shorter periods
- Institution of secondment is a partner organisation
- (Preferably) already clearly identified at proposal stage



Funding model

One unit is defined as one person-month. The unit costs are divided into two groups: researcher unit costs and institutional unit costs.

	Researcher unit cost in EUR			Institutional unit cost in EUR	
	person/month			person/month	
	Living* Allowance	Mobility Allowance	Family Allowance	Research, training and networking costs	Management and indirect costs
Individual Fellowships	4,650*	600	500	800	650

- Note: living allowance is gross amount
- Ask your host institution what your salary will be



Indicative timeline IF

- Call publication 11 April 2017
- Submission deadline **14 Sept 2017**
- Evaluation process Oct - Dec 2017
- Information on outcome February 2018
- Signing of GA March - May 2018
- Start of project May 2018 – May 2019



1-1 1/2 Years



Submission

- [Participant Portal](#): your gateway to Horizon 2020
- 'Electronic Proposal Submission System'
- Call open: 11 April 2017
- Deadline: **14 September 2017**
- Call budget 2017: < €200 million for European fellowships only
- Success rate > 15%

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Order topics by

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Topic: *Implementing innovative and green urban transport solutions in Eu*
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Call: [H2020-EXS-IALCQA](#) Open - Deadline: 15 June 2014

Topic: *Innovative, cost-effective construction and maintenance for safer,*
effective construction and maintenance for safer, greener roads
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Relevant links & docs in Portal

- <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/msca-if-2017.html>
- [Guide for applicants](#)
- [Proposal template](#)
- [Evaluation form](#)

MSCA IF PREPARATION INSIGHTS I

Prior to writing application

- Finding your right partner – meet with research teams/potential supervisors
- Discussing your idea with researchers – refining your ideas

Writing the application

- Like writing a paper – draft, redraft, refine, every word matters
- Individual Fellowship – about you, your idea, your training

ON THE CAPACITY OF THE RESEARCHER

- Sell yourself, don't be modest!
- Skills relevant for this application – why you should be awarded this, why you are the best to come to/in Europe
- How the fellowship will advance your career



QUESTIONS?

Please contact me if any
further questions arise!

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