



# BE-Rural Capacity building Workshop for researchers and SMEs on “How to participate in international research and innovation”

25 and 27 October 2021

Virtual event

Agenda is in CEST time

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## Introduction

European regions are diverse – economically, ecologically and culturally. These areas are home to a wealth of ecosystems and resources, where the bioeconomy carries the promise of opportunities for rural employment and sustainable growth. This transition towards a new, bio-based regional economy requires the active involvement of a broad spectrum of stakeholders and the sustainable use of agricultural, forest and marine ecosystems. Building on this idea, BE-Rural will explore the potential of regional and local bio-based economies and support the development of bioeconomy strategies, roadmaps and business models.

## Aim of the workshop

The workshop aims to enhance the capacities of researchers and businesses within the OIPs to engage in effective research & innovation (R&I) activities and cooperation. The particular objectives of the event are to deliver content on ‘how to’

- (i) Find sources of inter/national R&I funding
- (ii) Identify suitable calls in Horizon Europe programme
- (iii) Use the EU Funding and Tender Portal
- (iv) Start preparing your project proposal
- (v) Learn best practices and how to avoid common mistakes

## Target participants

This Capacity Building Workshop is targeted at **research institutions** and **research/innovation SMEs** who have no or little prior experience with international research projects but would like to build capacities to prepare proposals for EU research and innovation funding.



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# Programme

## Monday, 25 October 2021 (Day 1/2)

- 13.30 – 14.00 **Welcome and introduction**  
*/ Stefan Kah, EPRC, University of Strathclyde /*
- introduction to BE-Rural project
  - scope and aim of this workshop
  - icebreaker
- 14.00 – 14.25 **Overview of EU funding sources for R&I in the period 2021-27**  
*/ Stefan Kah, EPRC, University of Strathclyde /*
- under shared management
  - centrally managed by the EU
  - Q&A
- 14.25 – 15.00 **Closer look at Horizon Europe**  
*/ Bożena Podlaska, National Contact Point in Poland – Global Challenges Section /*
- work programmes, type of actions, calls and topics
  - evaluation process & advice on quality proposals
  - Q&A
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break**
- 15.15 – 15.45 **Inspiration session with BBI JU**  
*/ Ana Cuadrado Galván, [Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking](#) /*
- Q&A
- 15.45 – 16.15 **Group discussion** on participants' research and innovation priorities and the challenges to pursue them
- 16.15 – 16.30 **EU Funding and Tenders Portal: What is it and how to use it?**  
*/ Katie Robinson, Strathclyde Research & Knowledge Exchange Services [RKES](#) /*
- 16.30 – 16.35 **Want to learn more?** Relevant contacts & knowledge sources
- 16.35 – 16.45 Wrap up, feedback form and overview of Day 2 programme**





## Wednesday, 27 October 2021 (Day 2/2)

- 13.30 – 13.45 **Welcome and introduction** / *EPRC, University of Strathclyde* /
- 13.45 – 14.30 **From idea to proposal** (focus on Horizon Europe)  
/ *Martin Gregory, Strathclyde Research & Knowledge Exchange Services [RKES](#)* /
- proposal development
  - tips on writing good proposals and avoiding common mistakes
  - Q&A
- 14.30 – 15.00 **Learning from peers – experiences on the ground 1**  
/ *Hannah Jaenicke, [Horticulture Competence Centre \(KoGa\)](#), University of Bonn, Germany* /
- Q&A
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break**
- 15.15 – 15.45 **Learning from peers – experiences on the ground 2**  
/ *Laia Llenas Argelaguet, [BETA Technological Center](#), Spain* /
- Q&A
- 15.45 – 16.15 **Group discussion** on participant experiences applying to R&I funding programmes and key factors to prepare a winning proposal
- 16.15 – 16.25 **Reporting from group discussion**
- 16.25 – 16.40 **Main outcomes of the workshop and wrap up**
- 16.40 – 16.45 Feedback form and end of event**