

### HORIZON 2020 MASTER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND EC AUDITS 14-16 NOVEMBER 2017, AMSTERDAM – THE NETHERLANDS

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o8:30 – o9:00 Registration

og:oo – og:30 Event Opening

09:30 — 11:00 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules of Horizon 2020

Part 1: The Basics

Detailed introduction to the financial rules of H2020 with real-life examples:

- » Basic facts
- » Importance of the budget and of the resources
- » Cost vs Price principle
- » Basic financial principles in theory and practice
- » Form of Grants, Forms of Costs
- » Eligible and non-eligible costs with comparison and all exceptions
- » Direct and indirect costs

(11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break)

## 11:30 – 12:30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules of Horizon 2020 Part 2: The Practicalities

- » Introducing the cost categories
- » Personnel costs calculations showing the possible ways
- » Subcontracting and other third parties
- » Travel costs, Consumables vs. Overheads
- » Equipment and assets
- » Internally invoiced items
- » Indirect costs calculation

(12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Beak)

## 13.30 – 14.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules of Horizon 2020 Part 2: The Practicalities - CONTINUED

# 14:30 – 15:15 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Financial Rules of Horizon 2020 Part 3: The Easy stuff

- » Funding Rates
- » Receipt calculations
- » Guarantee Fund
- » Certificates on Financial Statements, Certificate on Methodology, etc.
- » Payments and Exchange rates

(15:15 - 15:30 Coffee Break)

#### 15:30 - 17:00 Workshop: Financial Reporting - Part 1

Introduction - Participants will prepare a financial statement for a virtual Horizon 2020 project, based on "dummy" invoices, salary slips, receipts and bills, time records and certificates, which are generated individually for each participant. Submission deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> November; 10:30 AM.



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DAY 2

### 09:00 - 10:30 Workshop: Financial Reporting - Part 2

(10:30 - 10:45 Coffee break)

#### 10:45 – 12:30 Understanding the Financial Reports

Pragmatic approaches in reporting; Point-by-point assessment of the prepared financial reports: Format, content; overall principles, possible bottlenecks, what should and should not be included.

(12:30 – 13:30 Lunch Break)

#### 13:30 – 14:45 How to deal with Financial issues in the Periodic Reports

Step-by-step guide on how to report costs, deal with deviations, and internal allocation issues. Handling the EC requests for clarification, suspension of payments and other issues with hands-on approach.

(14:45 - 15:00 Lunch Break)

#### 15:00 – 16:00 Financial Reporting, EC Reviews and Audits

Technical and financial audits and reviews – how do they happen? The Beneficiaries' Perspective; Experiences with EC Audits: how to prepare – format, content, overall principles, possible bottlenecks, what should and should not be included, project closure and audits.



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### H<sub>2</sub>0<sub>2</sub>0 MASTER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND EC AUDITS 14-16 NOVEMBER 2017, AMSTERDAM – THE NETHERLANDS

# og:oo – og:15 Workshop: The EC Audit – The Kick-off Meeting; Briefing of the "Auditors" – The Commission's Perspective

The Participants (Auditors) are briefed about the Workshop – introducing the audited company, its accounting and management principles, and the project that is being audited. Defining the scope of the Workshop.

#### 09:15 – 10.45 Workshop: The EC Audit

Participants become EC Auditors – all participants receive a special H2020 package, including Financial Statements (Form Cs), full financial background documentation, a project periodic report and other supporting documentation for a virtual H2020 project. The primary objective is to identify the mistakes and/or miscalculations in favour of both the EC and the Beneficiary, and to summarise them in a Draft Audit Report.

(10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break)

#### 11:00 – 12:30 Workshop: The EC Audit

Workshop continues – finishing the "on-site" EC Audit and preparing the "adjustment table" of the Draft Audit Report.

(12:30 - 13:30 Lunch)

#### 13:30 – 14:30 Analysis of the Workshop

Discussing the findings of the audit process, finalising the Draft Audit Report. Possible consequences and outcomes of the EC Audits.

#### 14:30 — 15:00 Lessons learned from previous FP7 and H2020 EC Audits

#### 15:00 – 16:00 Final Q&A and personal consultation

