

## Interactive Workshop "Writing Competitive ITN Proposals in the H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Programme"

### 1. Workshop

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks (ITN)** can take the form of collaborative European Training Networks (ETN), European Industrial Doctorates (EID) or European Joint Doctorates (EJD).

This workshop is all about making your Marie Curie ITN proposal the best competitive proposal. Even though the budget of the Marie Curie actions is increased in H2020, the competition is expected to be fierce with expected success rates comparable to FP7. One of the most common mistakes applicants make is to write an ITN proposal as if it concerns a research project, neglecting the fact that MSCA is a *training* programme. Based on our extensive experiences with Marie Curie, this workshop provides you with valuable information and input for writing a competitive H2020 Marie Curie ITN proposal.

While the third call of H2020 MC ITN is not published yet we expect the deadline to be in January 2016.

### 2. Programme Outlines

We provide you with solid background information about the objectives, the policy context and the basic principles of Marie Curie ITN of H2020 with specific attention to the lessons learned from the first calls under H2020. We will focus on the evaluation procedure and the 3 new (consolidated) evaluation criteria: Excellence, Impact and Implementation.

### 3. Outcome

Participants will obtain general and latest information about the Marie Skłodowska-Curie programme, in particular about the ITN scheme. Participants will receive strategic and practical input for writing competitive ITN-proposals under H2020.

### 4. Who should attend

This workshop will be of value for researchers and EU Liaison Officers, experienced and non-experienced.

### 5. Methodology

The workshop will be in English, with no translation. Participants will be provided with solid background information. Moments of discussions are included in the programme to promote exchange of views between participants and trainers. Lessons learnt as well as best practices from previous evaluations will be discussed where possible.

Each participant is entitled to a hardcopy of the course material, which consists of a detailed guide to help researchers with their submission. It also includes a copy of our presentation. The course material covers in depth background information on the topics listed in the programme below.

### 6. Trainer

**Aya van den Kroonenberg, PhD from Yellow Research** has ample experience in writing and pre-screening of Marie Curie proposals since several framework programmes. Aya had been working for the European Commission since FP5 as an expert evaluator.

### 7. Time Schedule

9:00	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea</b>
	<b>Introduction Marie Curie Programme and ITN</b> Aims and objectives H2020: making sure your proposal fits the EU challenges for ITN projects.
	<b>Excellence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality, innovative aspects and credibility of the research programme and the relation to the workplan and the quality of the consortium</li> <li>Quality and innovative aspects of the training programme</li> <li>Quality of the supervision</li> <li>Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations</li> </ul>
	<b>Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing research- and innovation-related human resources, skills, and working conditions to realise the potential of individuals and to provide new career perspectives</li> <li>Contribution to structuring doctoral/early-stage research training at the European level and to strengthening European innovation capacity</li> <li>Communication and dissemination of results</li> </ul>
	<b>Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall coherence and effectiveness of the work plan</li> <li>Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures</li> <li>Appropriateness of the infrastructure of the participating organisations</li> <li>Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the programme</li> </ul>
17:00	<b>End of Training Course</b>

### 8. Possible dates

<b>Date:</b>	<b>October 27 2016</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>09:00 – 17:00</b>