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# *#V4Training*

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## *Participants booklet*



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### Testimonial:

Our institution is participating in the implementation of 12 projects under the Horizon 2020 Programme.

Priority areas:

- Industry and digitalisation
- Artificial Intelligence-Based Research
- Resilient societies
- The social and economic value of health in the light of the changes triggered by the COVID19 pandemic

Ongoing projects:

- TRADE4SD (Fostering the positive linkages between trade and sustainable development; RIA; 2021-2025)
- MEDIATIZED EU (Mediatized Discourses on Europeanization and Their Representations in Public Perceptions; RIA, 2021-2024)
- POPREBEL (Populist rebellion against modernity in 21st-century Eastern Europe: neo-traditionalism and neo-feudalism; RIA; 2019-2022)
- AMASS (Acting on the Margins: Arts as Social Sculpture; RIA, 2020-2023)
- HealthPros (Healthcare Performance Intelligence Professionals; MSCA-ITN-ETN - European Training Networks; 2018-2022)
- FATIGUE (Delayed Transformational Fatigue in Central and Eastern Europe; MSCA-ITN-2017 - Innovative Training Networks; 2018-2021)
- Foodization (The role of digital data for food cleaner production innovation and cleaner value proposition; MSCA-IF-2020 - Individual Fellowships; 2021-2023)
- SAPIENS (Sustainability And Procurement in International, European, and National Systems; MSCA-ITN-ETN; 2021-2025)

Project Management

Previous experience in FP7 and H2020):

Project Partner in: Danube INCO-NET (Advancing Research and Innovation in the Danube Region), BILAT-UKR\*AINA (Enhancing the BILATeral S&T Partnership with UKRraine \* Advanced Innovative Approach), ener2i (Energy Research to Innovation - Reinforcing cooperation with ENP countries on bridging the gap between energy research and energy innovation), Black Sea Horizon (Bi-regional STI Dialogue); TRADE4SD (Fostering the positive linkages between trade and sustainable development; RIA; 2021-2025)

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In addition many years of experience in proposal writing.

Reason for applying to the training:

I would like to make new contacts with other Central European Institutions besides learning more about GEP and its requirements.

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**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Digital, Industry and Space

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**Testimonial:**

My University has international cooperation but I don't know any details as well the priority areas that are high on its agenda.

The University of Thessaly implements H2020 programs, but i don't know exactly which are they.

My studies include an integrated master in chemical engineering, a MBA and lately a master in analysis and management of energy systems. I work in the department of project management of the University of Thessaly and i am managing national research programs. I am designing and submitting new projects in the field of applied sciences and exploring funding opportunities. Lately i am dealing with some research programs which are eu funded, as a researcher project manager, but my experience in this kind of programs is small. As an engineer and researcher I want to learn how to be more effective in proposal writing and gain fund to implement our vision as a team.

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Palacky University Olomouc is a modern higher education facility with a wide range of study programmes and copious scientific and research activities. In 2020, 21,824 students studied in 840 accredited study programmes at eight faculties. Applicants may choose from a broad variety of programmes, ranging from theology, education, physical culture and sports, through the humanities, social sciences and arts, to natural, medical, and health sciences.

In January 2021, a new university institute, the Czech Advanced Technology and Research Institute (CATRIN), which was created by integrating the scientific teams of the CRH - Centre of the Region Haná for Biotechnological and Agricultural Research, RCPTM - Regional Centre of Advanced Technologies and Materials and ÚMTM – Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine, started its operation.

The Faculty of Arts has prepared a relatively low number of projects for the H2020 programme, mainly MSCA and Widening Participation. Two projects were supported directly from the European level - both MSCA (IF + RISE). Two other projects under the no-money list were supported by a national funder. Several projects were again submitted under HEU - MSCA, ERC and Widening Participation. Palacký University as a whole has already submitted projects in FP6, FP7, H2020 and is preparing projects for HEU as well. The Faculty of Science has the greatest experience and success rate in this respect. Among several other projects, UP has been awarded one ERC Consolidator, follow-up proof-of-concept and Twinning. The support for submission of projects is improving and the university is gradually preparing more projects. Given the broad disciplinary diversity of the university, PU has the ambition to prepare projects for Pillar I, Pillar II and Widening Participation and strengthening the ERA.

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Currently I am working as a vice-dean for project management at Faculty of Arts and my work was focused primarily on structural and national funding. I am in charge of overall project strategy of the faculty and I am responsible for large-scale faculty projects usually as an author and head of the projects. In January 2022 I will leave the faculty level and I will be appointed as a head of a strategic department dealing with projects and doctoral studies on the university level. I would like to gain experience in Horizon Europe funding schemes not only from the political context, but also from the practical side of preparing project proposals. The knowledge of political context of European research and innovation programs and framework programs is essential for any academic and research institution which seeks to become a valid member of European Research Area.

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

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**Testimonial:**

The IOCB (<http://www.uochb.cz>) is a renowned interdisciplinary research institute founded in 1953. Its main areas of expertise are Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Organic Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Material Science, Chemistry of Natural Products and Computational Chemistry. The Institute is one of the leading research institutions in the country as measured by the number of publications and literature citations. The Institute has a long-standing tradition of basic research translation into clinical and commercial assets. In the field of human medicine, it is one of the leading research institutions in Central Europe. IOCB maintains a close collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry and receives a significant portion of its funding from patent royalties.

To date, IOCB has hosted 3 FP7 and 6 H2020 MSCA-IF fellowships, 4 MSCA-ITN fellowships (FLUOR21, ClickGene, HEL4CHIROLED, NATURE\_ETN), 1 ERC Starting Grant (SWEETOOLS), 2 ERC Advanced Grants (HORIZOMS, Dipolar Rotor Array), 5 FP7 (mostly collaborative) projects

(SysteMTb, THINC , DINAMO, FUNMOL, HIV ACE), and 2 EMBO Installation Grants (2329 and 3922).

At the beginning of 2021, I joined the Project Office at the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry, having moved on from a postdoctoral researcher position. As a recent active research scientist, I am aware of the research environment and writing research papers and proposals. Since joining the Project Office, I have been involved in the preparation of several Horizon Europe proposals. I would greatly benefit from the theoretical background provided by the V4 project managers' training. I expect to familiarise myself with best practice and knowledge of existing and emerging project management issues and the EU research portfolio. Due to the small group of participants, the training course will be a great networking opportunity, allowing me to meet other project managers from V4 countries, which face similar societal and funding challenges as Czechia. As a result, I will build a network of colleagues with whom I can consult specific project preparation queries in future.

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Health, Digital, Industry and Space, Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Basic mathematic research institute

Several closed and running ERC and MC, MSCA projects

It is more than 15 years that I have been involved in the submission of Framework Programme proposals and the management of granted projects.

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Digital, Industry and Space

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**Testimonial:**

Opole University of Technology (<https://po.opole.pl/lang/en/>), based in the city of Opole, Poland is an internationally oriented high-tech public university in the Opolskie region. With focus on education and research mostly in the area of technical science, but also in the fields of economics, management, tourism, sport and physiotherapy. Scientific and educational potential is built by high-class academic and research staff and international collaborations. The University is composed of six faculties: (1) Mechanical Engineering, (2) Economics and Management, (3) Electrical Engineering, Automatic Control and Informatics, (4) Civil Engineering and Architecture, (5) Production Engineering and Logistics, (6) Physical Education & Physiotherapy. Each year, the University educates around 6000 students, among which are 500 international students. The University employs over 800 staff, of which over 500 are academic and research staff.

Our University has no experience in framework programmes, however, we are interested in active participation under open and forthcoming calls.

H2020 (handling preparation of applications including submitted project proposals to the schemes: ITN, Innovation Action, RISE). I am currently Account Administrator handling an on-line tool of the EC – F&T Portal on behalf of the University. Under HE (submission of 13 MSCA applications in 2021). LIFE 2019 (administrative tasks between the uni administration and project partners to enable the accuracy of the data provided and timely submission of project proposal). Part of management team responsible for a project implementation under structural funds at the Faculty of Mech. Engineering. The training should extend my knowledge and make me gain a better insight into aspects of HE. Increasing my competencies will be of great value to support scientists in their efforts to find best opportunities for research ideas to happen. Understanding of the different funding instruments and other topics outlined by training programme will translate into more professional approach & effective work.

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Digital, Industry and Space

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**Testimonial:**

The Alfred Wegener Institute Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI) is one of the world's leading polar research organisations and delivers significant contributions to the international research on climate, marine and coastal issues. AWI is a member of the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres (HGF). It has an annual budget of more than 150 million Euros and a staff of more than 1200 employees. AWI conducts multidisciplinary research in the Arctic and Antarctic, as well as in temperate latitudes. In particular, AWI coordinates polar research in Germany and provides the necessary equipment, infrastructure, and logistics for other German institutions performing polar research. AWI keeps the German federal government updated on its research results and provides advice for the development of environmental policies. AWI conducts an extensive cooperation with numerous national and international institutions.

Next to the involvement in numerous EU-funded projects as a partner, AWI is currently coordinating the H2020 collaborative research projects Nunataryuk, ARICE, EU-PolarNet 2, ArticPASSION, NetWave and the MSCA-RISE project CoastCarb. AWI is currently the host of one ERC Consolidator Grant (GlacialLegacy) and two ERC Starting Grants (SPACE and FluxWIN).

AWI had a leading role in large national and international research projects, e.g. as the coordinator of EPICA (European Polar Ice Coring in Antarctica), funded by the EC and by national contributions from 10 countries.

AWI coordinated the EPICA follow-up project BE-OI (Beyond EPICA – Oldest Ice) – a multinational

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HORIZON 2020 project that prepared the search for a 1.5 Myr old ice core in Antarctica – and is one of the main partners in the subsequent HORIZON 2020 project Beyond EPICA – Oldest Ice Core in which the drilling of this ice core is currently being organized.

I am involved in EU funded projects since 2005, when I started my carrier as researcher after my studies in biology. As employee of a coordinating institution, I was involved in all aspects of an EU project. Soon I took over administrative tasks including budget planning for running and planned projects and helped with proposal writing and project management. This learning by doing was the best training and prepared me to take over my own project as project manager. Since then I was involved in numerous proposal and projects with partner from all over the world. I would consider myself as experienced in project management of multinational research projects with a focus on financial reporting and budget planning. However, I would like to extend my knowledge further in the areas of outreach and dissemination, IPR and GEP.

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**Testimonial:**

Technical University of Košice (TUKE) is the well-establish HEI operating in the region of Eastern Slovakia. TUKE provides scientific and technological knowledge basis, innovation, and workforce, in order to form a beneficial and sustainable future and high quality of life in the region. It achieves this by innovative research and excellent education in all scientific branches of 9 faculties and approx. 10 ths. students. The main research and innovation areas are: ICT for digitalisation (CPS /IoT space); biomedical engineering and additive technologies; “smart” mechanical engineering technologies and products development, production and distribution with “zero” emerging risks; new materials for automotive electronics (intelligent components and systems in the framework of “Industry 4.0” concepts), technologies for material processing and exploitation (mining, material

science and metallurgy) and progressive materials, constructions and technologies for civil engineering.

1. Urban Sensing\_FP7-SME-2012
2. IntelliMine\_FP7-NMP-2011-LARGE-5
3. Adapt4EE\_FP7-ICT-2011-7
4. ESPOSA\_FP7-AAT-2011-RTD-1
5. eGovPoliNet\_FP7-ICT-2011-7
6. Intrepid\_FP7-ICT-2009-5
7. INERTIA\_FP7-ICT-2011-8
8. OCOPOMO\_FP7-ICT-2009-4
9. Co-ExIn\_FP7-PEOPLE-2010-IRSES
10. Learn 2 Hear & See\_FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IRSES
11. PICASO\_H2020-PHC-2015-single-stage
12. MONSOON\_H2020-SPIRE-2016
13. LessThanWagonLoad\_H2020-MG-2016-Two-Stages
14. PLUGGY\_H2020-SC6-CULT-COOP-2016
15. CHROMIC\_H2020-SC5-2016-OneStageB
16. NEWEX\_H2020-MSCA-RISE-2016
17. SME 4.0\_H2020-MSCA-RISE-2016
18. LOCAFIplus\_RFCS-2016
19. MIREU\_H2020-SC5-2017-OneStageB
20. MIDIH\_H2020-FOF-2017
21. WIRE2017\_H2020-IBA-SEWP-WIRE-8-2017
22. AI4EU\_H2020-ICT-2018-2
23. RIMA\_H2020-DT-2018-1
24. LIFEBOTS Exchange\_H2020-MSCA-RISE-2018

My personal background is from life-long learning, project management and innovation ecosystem building. Currently I am working as the innovation hub officer within the European university alliance Ulysseus and my task is to develop digital innovation hub at our university and build up ecosystem which would support research and innovation, mostly in the field of digitalisation. There are several initiatives towards digital innovation hubs at our university - mentioned project Ulysseus, operational DIH TECHNICOM and also project for future EDIH (ECDI CASSOVUM). My previous experiences from project management involves mostly national and regional project, funded from ERDF and ESF and cross-border funding schemes. Working on my current position I am required to work as a project manager for European research project (H2020 and HE) and so I need to develop my skills towards these funding schemes.

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Health  
Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society  
Digital, Industry and Space  
Climate, Energy and Mobility

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**Testimonial:**

The Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences is one of the leading scientific units in Poland. Its exceptionality across Europe and even the whole world is proven by multi-faceted activities at the interface of three sciences: chemistry, biology and informatics. It is a place where interdisciplinary studies encompassing such fields as bioorganic chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, systems biology, synthetic biology and bioinformatics are conducted; and in particular – research on the synthesis, structure and function of nucleic acids, and proteins along with their components, as well as their mutual interactions in model and cellular conditions.

The Institute has actively taken part in international research programs for many years. According to the report of the European Commission, the Institute belongs to an exclusive group of three Polish research institutions, most efficiently exploiting funds within the 7th Framework Program. The Minister of Science and Higher Education has already awarded the Crystal Brussels Sprout prize to the Institute several times, for the most intense participation in the European Union Framework Programs. IBCH PAS (jointly with Poznan Supercomputing and Networking Center) can pride itself on acquiring multiple new projects within the HORIZON 2020 Framework Program. We are particularly interested in widening our participation in the programs encompassing excellent science, such as ERC, as well as widening participation calls, such as TEAMING, TWINING and ERA Chairs.

My role at IBCH PAS is to encourage researchers to take part in the initiatives of the EU, such as framework programs, partnerships and individual calls. I have been the Institute's main administrative contact for the "LifeTime" project, implemented within the FET Flagship program, and currently I deal with a Research and Infrastructure Action - EU-Openscreen Drive. Moreover, I supported several ERC applications submitted by IBCH PAS researchers. One of these proposals is now in its final stage of evaluation. The #4 Training will be a great chance for me to expand my knowledge on the programs of the EU, and hopefully allow to gain some insight into the latest framework program.

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**Testimonial:**

Technical University "Gheorghe Asachi" of Iasi (TUIASI) is a prestigious Romanian university, classified as a university for advanced research and education. TUIASI develops programs for undergraduate, master, doctoral, postdoctoral studies and scientific research in 14 research areas. TUIASI has an important research dimension, with 23 accredited research/excellence centers and laboratories focused on creating and transferring knowledge, especially in multi-disciplinary high-tech engineering areas. These centers/laboratories activate within national & international research grants or contracts with industry and governmental organizations, their activities and results placing TUIASI in the Romanian top of scientific research.

Dissemination of research results is supported also by the means of the TUIASI international journals: Environmental Engineering and Management Journal (ISI ranked), and the Bulletin of the Polytechnic Institute of Iasi.

In previous years, the University has carried out research projects from various internal and external funding and currently has 3 research projects underway in the Horizon 2020 Program. There is great interest in the Horizon Europe Program due to the fact that through the 11 Technical Faculties it can cover a wide range of research areas.

I have been working in the field of project consulting for 11 years, participating in the writing of projects carried out from the internal structural funds and from the external financing programs. At the University I am part of a support team in carrying out research projects in H2020 and HE. I also have experience as a Project Evaluator for SMEs (H2020 SME Instruments). I am very interested in all the information that can raise my level of knowledge and participating in this

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course is a good opportunity for me.

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Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Civil Security for Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Pan-European University (PEU) is a private higher education institution, offering university education at all 3 cycles of studies in 20 accredited programs of studies at its 5 faculties. Each of the five faculties delivers modern ways of tuition, including individualised approach, attractive specialisations and professional training in the form of work placements. EU consists of 5 faculties which were established gradually in reaction to the needs of the higher education market, in the chronological order: Faculty of Law (2004), Faculty of Economic and Entrepreneurship (2005), Faculty of Media (2007), Faculty of Informatics (2009) and Faculty of Psychology (2011). As the only private higher education institution in Slovakia we are entitled to offer PhD. studies and at the same time qualified candidates may aim for a professional doctorate, habilitation (associate professorship) and inauguration (full professorship) proceedings.

So far, we have not applied Horizon and EU projects. We would be particularly interested in solving projects in the field of social, legal and psychological sciences as well as in groups of pedagogical and media and marketing studies in which we have accredited study programs.

I worked as the main manager of research projects in Slovakia, which were oriented nationwide in the field of media and marketing research, as well as the main manager of research and educational projects supported by the European Social Fund also at the national level. From this training, I expect to gain additional experience in project management at the transnational level within the European grant schemes.

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Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society,  
Civil Security for Society

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**Testimonial:**

non-profit research institute

14 H2020 project

14 years experience in grant management

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Health

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**Testimonial:**

University Hospital in Pilsen in close collaboration with Medical Faculty in Pilsen, Charles University have an experience with international collaborations, in bilateral projects with Bavaria (Germany), Israel, USA, and others. Framework programs are of high priority in both institutions (we participated in projects specialized in acute surgery, genetics, hypertension) but would like to boost the participation in HEU in research projects (RIAs), coordinated and support actions (CSAs), twinning and widening, to be more involved in international collaboration in Europe. We have a very good project management to be ready to run HEU projects. Our current prior topics are surgery, acute and chronic inflammatory, oncology. Both institutions are members of BBMRI-ERIC, ESBB, and other European associations and networks.

University Hospital in Pilsen in close collaboration with Medical Faculty in Pilsen, Charles University were and are participating in several FP7 and H2020 projects. Research and innovation projects were specialized in acute surgery (FAD, FP7), biomonitoring (European Human Biomonitoring Initiative (HBM4EU, H2020), ERA Chairs: ERA Chair Position for Excellent Research in Oncology (project Chaperon), twinning (project ARICE, H2020) are examples of the variety and topics of projects. The main area of interest were in Horizon 2020 research projects under the societal priority Health, demographic change and wellbeing and in Horizon Europe in the second pillar cluster Health. Beside these, some horizontal themes regarding twinning, widening, ARE building are important for us to spread and share the experience and knowledge.

I work as coordinator for international collaboration University Hospital in Pilsen. I have an experience with projects in FP7 (CSA), H2020 (project ARICE). I am aware of the main rules of framework programmes, but with every new program the rules change, the topics are very broad requiring many project partners and the competition is stronger. In our new strategy for international collaboration at University Hospital in Pilsen Horizon Europe is an important issue. We have strong teams in the topics of surgery, personalised medicine, cancer, genetics, hypertension, we have good partners, but not enough to build a complex consortium, we are not strong in collaborations with SMEs and industry. I decided to join the V4 training to know more, to learn how and where find the partners (not only on partner search portals), how to write a successful project proposal, and finally our goal is to be a coordinator.

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Health

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**Testimonial:**

The name suggests that nuclear physics is the main field of research but interdisciplinarity is a significant feature of this institute since its establishment in 1954. Both basic and applied research is important and we cover given subparts of nuclear, atomic, particle and astrophysics, materials, environmental and heritage sciences. We have particle accelerators: cyclotron (20 MeV), tandetron (4 MeV), Van de Graaff (1 MeV), Electron Cyclotron Resonance ion source (ECR, 1 MeV); spectrometers: Accelerator Mass Spectrometer (AMS) dedicated to radiocarbon studies, Secondary Neutral-Particle/Ion Mass Spectrometer (SNMS/SIMS), Electron Spectrometer for Chemical Applications (ESCA) and many other instruments to carry out research activities. The Electronic Department develops instruments; some examples are: small animal Positron Emission Tomograph (MiniPET), muon barrel alignment system at CERN CMS detector, radiofrequency local protection system for the European Spallation Source.

- Central Nervous System Imaging (ENIAC\_08-1-2011-0002): In the frame of the project, researchers of Atomki developed the MiniPET-3 small animal PET scanner in collaboration with University of Debrecen and international partners. In the detectors forming a ring, the traditional photomultipliers are replaced with silicon based photomultipliers. The latter is insensitive to the magnetic field so enables the fusion of PET and MRI imagers. The other great result of this project is the BrainMOD software which can combine and visualize data coming from various medical diagnostic equipments (PET, SPECT, MRI, EEG, EIT) graphically and user-friendly.
  - Integrated Platform for the European Research Infrastructure ON Culture Heritage (IPERION CH)
  - The European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science Preparatory Phase (E-RIHS PP, H2020-INFRADEV-2016-2)
  - Integrated Platform for the European Research Infrastructure ON Heritage Science (IPERION HS, H2020-INFRAIA-2019-1)
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My first project was a big international cooperation. I had no any experience even in small projects and it was unexpected that I was chosen to take over responsibilities of a leaving colleague at the end of the first year of the project. I worked hard to understand the administrative requirements and to do's but it happened three times that I opened the office door of the project leader, knocked my heavy folders down to the floor and cried that "I'm fed up, it is over, forget me forever". He was calm, put my folders onto a table and waited until I came back to carry on working. I always came back because I'm not that kind who gives anything up. This happened about ten years ago and we have had many big projects together since then. Here I share my observations: (1) the most difficult thing is to force colleagues involved in the project to administrate their work clearly and regularly and (2) the real result of the project becomes less interesting than the administration of the work.

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**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships)**

**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.),**

**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Civil Security for Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

UT belongs to the top 1,2% of world's best universities (THE World University Rankings) and is in the top 10 of the best universities in the Eastern region (Interfax). It is the highest ranked university in the Baltics.

UT belongs to the top 1% of the world's most-cited universities and research institutions in the fields of Clinical Medicine, Chemistry, Environment/Ecology, Plant & Animal Science, Geosciences, Social Sciences (general), Biology & Biochemistry, Engineering.

A total of 20 UT scientist belong to the top 1% of most quoted scientists in the world.

R&D as well as education is organised within 4 Faculties: Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities, Science & Technology and Medicine, to which add 3 regional colleges (Viljandi, Pärnu, Narva).

UT has altogether 3,500 employees, including 1,744 academic employees, including 173 professors.

UT is an active participant in most European and other international R&D programmes, including Horizon Europe.

As of 01.10.2021, UT has 235 international projects running, from them 106 Horizon 2020 ones in the amount of 48 million euros.

My background is in International Relations (MA from UT). I have studied & worked in Estonia, France, Japan and Mexico.

I have been active in consulting R&D,I projects for 15 years, since 2006: 11 years working for a private sector consulting company, and the last years for UT. During this time I have helped to conceptualise, develop, write together, and, if successful, also implement projects from a wide variety of fields (from ICT to space science, from arts to chemistry, from engineering to biomedicine, etc). For the last 3 years my special focus has been on encouraging Arts & Humanities researchers to be more active; as well as researchers from UT in submitting ERC grant applications. Besides, Horizon topics such as Twinings, ERA Chairs, lately also Teamings, have been on my table.

I expect to gain more insight info about the developments of the R&D (project) arena including international networking & lobbying; which I could then transfer to my 8-member Grant Advisors team at UT.

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**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.)**

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**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

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Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Civil Security for Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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### **Testimonial:**

Comenius University as a higher education institution creates and strengthens strategic partnerships with foreign universities in the field of education, research and innovation. With an emphasis on, e.g. Molecular medicine / biomedical research and biotechnology - Sustainable energy and disposal of nuclear waste - Global climate change and minimizing its impact on humans and the environment - Regional development, geoinformatics and demographic challenges - Issues of minority groups and communities with different linguistic and cultural traditions etc.

The priority of our university lies in a nine university alliance - "ENLIGHT" and "ENLIGHT RISE", which seeks to deploy a joint transformation agenda for these universities. The objective is to become more competitive and innovative together as well as build partnerships in our surrounding ecosystems to promote a greener, healthier, more equitable and sustainable Europe.

Comenius University is a higher education institution that runs many domestic and international research projects (approx. 800 projects in the past year). Among these, our researchers, students and other staff members are part of the 24 H2020 projects, with priority in "Widening participation and spreading excellence". For example, we are part of three "Twinning" projects as well as project EQUAL4EUROPE - development and implementation of Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) for research organisations and universities, project ENLIGHT RISE - a European University alliance formed by nine comprehensive, research-intensive universities from nine European countries or "CSA" project MaTeK - Enhancement of Research Excellence in Mathematics Teacher Knowledge. CU has also engaged in research projects under FP7 (STRIKE, ENNAH, SMART, etc.) as well as under FP5 and FP6 (EPRI-Start, IWebCare IST...).

I have started to work in the R&I field just recently. Therefore, my experiences are still limited. I am currently engaged in two H2020 projects; a SwafS project - ENLIGHT RISE - Which is a European University alliance formed by nine comprehensive, research-intensive universities from nine European countries. It aims to undertake a fundamental transformation of European higher education that empowers learners as globally engaged citizens with state-of-the-art knowledge, skills, and innovation potential to tackle major societal transitions and to promote equitable quality of life and sustainability. And a H2020 cluster 1 project - SASPRO2, which is a Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND Action. Apart from the H2020 projects, I am also involved in the Interreg SK-At project - CARLiS - Which aims to improve doctoral education, better collaboration between the academic and business sector and retention of talents in the Vienna-Bratislava region.

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partnerships),

**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.)**

**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society,

Civil Security for Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

The Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU) is the largest and most significant technical university in Slovakia. The Faculty of Informatics and Information Technologies (FIIT) is one its seven faculties covering the very area of informatics and information technologies in both research and education. International cooperation is an important area and it mainly focuses on joint projects within the EU framework and other international programmes, mobility of students, teaching staff and researchers. At international level, STU has closed hundreds of collaboration agreements with foreign universities, faculties and research institutes. STU research teams are involved in international projects and annually deal with about 700 research projects funded through grants and hundreds of research contracts commissioned by businesses. STU graduates are among the most desirable and the highest paid employees on the Slovakian labour market.

FIIT STU is very active in participating in various projects and EU-funded programmes, both on national (APVV, VEGA, KEGA) and international level (HE, Erasmus+, Interreg, COST Actions). Our main aim is to even further strengthen our participation in various framework programmes, especially in HE, particularly through our involvement in international projects within Pillar 1 – MSCA calls, Pillar 2, and Widening Participation & Spreading Excellence calls. In terms of Pillar 2, we are mainly interested in Cluster 4: Digital, Industry & Space and Cluster 5: Climate, Energy & Mobility.

As a Project Manager at FIIT STU, I am primarily responsible for setting up, managing and directly

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providing administrative and organizational support for the preparation and implementation of strategic projects. Within the last 2 years, I have been involved in establishment of scientific and technological cooperation with research institutions and the industry, as well as coordinating faculty participation in R&D&I programs on national and international level. Currently, I am also in charge of creating an institutional Gender Equality Plan for our faculty with the aim to integrate gender equality into the institution's strategic objectives. I believe that bringing together the worlds of Academia and Industry to work on common grounds is crucial in order to address current societal challenges and complex issues.

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**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships), Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Digital, Industry and Space  
Climate, Energy and Mobility

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**Testimonial:**

The Henryk Niewodniczański Institute of Nuclear Physics Polish Academy of Sciences (IFJ PAN) in Krakow is one of the largest research institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences, awarded the highest A+ Category in science and engineering and the HR Excellence in Research. IFJ PAN conducts fundamental and applied research in the field of physics and related sciences. The staff consists of over 550 employees and over 70 PhD students. One of the most important facilities is the Cyclotron Centre Bronowice (CCB), which is unique infrastructure in Central Europe, serving as a clinical and research center in the field of medical and nuclear physics. The key activity of the IFJ PAN is participation in large-scale experiments carried out through global research collaborations. Our physicists actively participate in three major experiments (ALICE, ATLAS, LHCb) at LHC of CERN, as well as in the following projects: E-XFEL, ESS, SPIRAL2, GANIL, FAIR, CTA, Pierre Auger Observatory, ITER, Belle2.

IFJ PAN has been an active participant of FP5, FP6, FP7 and Horizon 2020 implementing 49

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projects.

<https://www.ifj.edu.pl/en/research/research-projects/european-commission/implemented-projects.php>

The project office is responsible for administrative support of the projects implemented under various EU funding schemes, including preparing project agreements, cost accounting financial reporting, assistance during audits and other tasks regarding cooperation with other administrative departments.

IFJ PAN has many years of experience in participating in framework programmes and in partnerships, however, the experience in coordination and writing proposals on its own is rather limited. Any kind of information on how to approach writing good project proposals and how to facilitate coordination and management would be needed.

Regarding Horizon Europe IFJ PAN will focus on Pillar 1 (MSCA, INFRA, ERC), but also Pillar 2 and WIDENING (Support to the implementation of GEP).

Deputy Head of European Cooperation Unit at IFJ PAN since 2007 being responsible for administrative and financial aspects of research and investment projects financed by the EU funds (structural funds, FP6, FP7, Horizon 2020 funds and others). IFJ PAN LEAR. Member of the Polish Science Contact Agency "PolSCA" Horizon Navigator Network. Member of IFJ PAN team responsible for preparation of Gender Equality Plan. Master degree in Economics and International Relations. Postgraduate studies in project management.

Despite many years of experience in project management assistance (project documentation, cost accounting, financial reporting) the skills of writing proposals in the framework programmes and coordinating the work of the project consortium are rather limited. Any good practices of writing successful proposals, project consortium management or presentation of useful project management tools would be much appreciated.

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**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.), Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

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#### **Testimonial:**

Dublin City University (DCU) was founded in 1981 and comprises over 16,000 students across five faculties. DCU is a young, dynamic and ambitious university with a distinctive mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation. Excellence in DCU education and research activities has led to its ranking in the top of 1.5% of universities in the world. The University is consistently ranked among the top young universities globally, appearing in the QS Top 50 under 50, and Times Higher (THE) Top 100 under 50. DCU has been named Sunday Times 'University of the Year' three times (2004, 2010, 2021). DCU has set out to build upon the existing broad based research strengths in six main R&I areas – health technologies and the healthy society; information technology and the digital society; advanced manufacturing and materials; sustainable economies and societies; democratic and secure societies; educational research and innovation.

To date, DCU has secured 88 EU-funded Horizon 2020 grants (29 projects as coordinator and 59 projects as partner) with the total funding value to DCU €37,891,073. Among the EU awards during that period are 13 MCSA Initial Training Networks (ITNs), 8 MSCA Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) projects, 16 Individual MCSA Fellowships, 1 MSCA COFUND (coordinated by DCU), 25 Research and Innovation Actions, 11 Innovation Actions, 16 Coordination and Support Actions. DCU is currently involved in 9 MSCA International Training Networks (ITNs) coordinating 4 ITNs, and hosts 7 MSCA fellows.

I have seven years full time experience and proven track record in research support and administration in the Higher Education Sector as well as ten years of full time research experience in Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin and Dublin City University. I have acquired extensive research support (mostly in pre-award and award registration), administration and management skills, excellent interpersonal communication and organisation skills, vast knowledge of national and international funding programmes including EU H2020, research lifecycle and research governance issues. I am interested in finding out more about the new framework programme (Horizon Europe) specifically about the Missions, EIT, MSCA and get intelligence and insider tips from REA officials. Also, I am interested in networking and hoping to build new partnerships between my institution (DCU) and V4 institutions and ascertain what calls in Horizon Europe can be leveraged to strengthen these partnerships.

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**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.)**

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## Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA

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### Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:

Health  
Civil Security for Society  
Digital, Industry and Space  
Climate, Energy and Mobility  
Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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### Testimonial:

The University of Gdańsk is a dynamically developing institution of higher learning, and one that combines respect for tradition with a commitment to the new. It offers education in nearly all fields of academic knowledge, in sought-after professions on the job market and in state-of-the-art facilities in its Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia campuses. UG is involved (as one of five Polish universities) in the creation of a network of European universities selected in the 'European Universities' competition organised by the European Commission (consortium SEA-EU). UG implements a host of diverse scientific research, representing the Humanities, Economic Sciences as well as the Social, Exact and Natural Sciences. In the areas of social sciences and the humanities, the broadly defined intercultural research is particularly noteworthy, encompassing studies of international relations from a great variety of perspectives, cultural, economic, linguistic or in relation to international communication.

Information about the project that UG is involved:

<https://ug.edu.pl/wspolpraca/projekty/projekty-rozwojowe>

I am the project specialist at the University of Gdańsk since 2016. Previously, for many years I was involved in project management on the commercial market. I have obtained certificates PRINCE2 Foundation and Practitioner level and AGILE Foundation level. My tasks in UG: ongoing support for researchers in the field of searching for funding sources, preparation and implementation of development and research projects (Horizont 2020, Interreg, EC grants), including supervision of the compliance of works with the schedule, budget, risk control, preparation of applications for project co-financing, reporting of projects, from Jan 2018 financial manager of the SEAPLANSPACE project (Interreg South Baltic 2014-2020).

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**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships)**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Women's Support and Information Centre (WSIC) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2002 as the first shelter in Estonia that focused on supporting women suffering from violence. WSIC focuses on creating conditions for stopping the mechanisms of domestic violence, enabling rehabilitation and resocialization of survivors and reducing the risk of repeated violence by offering comprehensive assistance to survivors.

WSIC also emphasizes the need for awareness-raising among all stakeholders, therefore WSIC provides different trainings on GBV issues to the police, social workers, teachers, policymakers, etc. On an international scale, WSIC has been a partner to numerous EC REC, Justice, and Erasmus+ projects on topics like elder abuse, cyberviolence, intimate partner violence and substance abuse, distance counselling, sexual harassment at schools, training professionals on GBV, minors in criminal proceedings.

WSIC has so far no experience in Framework Programmes. We are currently part of consortium building/proposal development for HORIZON-CL3-2021-FCT-01-01 call.

In previous and ongoing projects WSIC has supported consortiums in collection of Estonian level information needed for the project and research on GBV issues.

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**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships)**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

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Civil Security for Society

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**Testimonial:**

The Technical University of Kosice (TUKE) has 9 faculties, around 10 000 students, 850 academics, and research workers. It is a member of Ulysseus Alliance of European universities. I work at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. Our main areas of interest are mechanical engineering (automation and robotics - controlling robots in a virtual reality environment, multisensor perception of the environment with real-time data analysis, group deployment of robots with increased cognitivity, navigation of robots when crossing different environments, collaborative robotics with elements of artificial intelligence, construction of robots for problem environments); effective production and storage of hydrogen and its use in automotive industry); biomedical engineering (personalized implants using scanning and finalizing products by additive technology).

People from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering participate in Horizon 2020 projects:

Project RIMA (Robotics for Inspection and Maintenance) establishes a network of 13 Digital Innovation Hubs (DIH).

Within TERRINet platform in projects 1. Cognitive Industrial Robotics: Kinematic Control of "Pick and Place" Robot Application; 2. Skilled and Innovative Training Approach - Dual Arm Robotics;

Project MIDIH focuses on Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) and Internet of Things (IoT) in manufacturing processes, and has the aim of enabling interoperability, decentralization of the decision-making process and the digitalization of products, manufacturing processes and business process behaviors.

We are interested in joining consortia within Horizon Europe specifically in Pillar 2 (Cluster 4 - Digitalisation, Industry and Space, Cluster 1 - Health, Cluster 5 - Climate, Energy&Mobility) but also other.

My background is related to 20 years working within Enterprise Europe Network (business support network of the European Commission) so the projects I worked on were mainly aimed at the

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support of SMEs in various areas. I worked with COSME programme, European Innovation Council programmes, Horizon 2020, etc.

This year I started to work at the university and so I am more focusing to the needs of researchers. I am interested in the knowledge and experience of others in that areas, how the best support researchers in order to be more active in the programmes and projects at the European level, which programmes to focus at, how to motivate the researcher to be willing to share ideas to be developed by international consortia, how to assess the suitability of the idea for EU R&I programmes in order to reply to the question - "Is the idea good enough for the EU level project?".

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**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

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**Testimonial:**

CFT PAS is a small institute that gathers researchers from various fields related to theoretical physics, astrophysics and mathematics. CTP currently employs 42 researchers at various stages of their careers. Most of the senior staff is widely recognised in their fields. Researchers are regularly awarded funding from various research agencies. That includes, ERC-Synergy grant and MSC Individual Fellowships , the Polish-Norwegian Grieg, the Polish- German Beethoven , and a Team-NET grant from FNP. CTP currently manages 28 research grants. CTP has an outstanding publication output: within the last five years, its researchers have published more than 300 scientific articles in international peer-reviewed journals, including Science and Nature. The significant part of these achievements is a result of international scientific collaboration with scientists from affiliated foreign institutions, mainly European and American.

ERC Advanced „Quantum resources: conceptuals and applications QOLAPS”,  
Marie Skłodowskiej-Curie IF „Nonlocality in Multipartite Quantum Systems (N-MuQuaS)  
Marie Skłodowskiej-Curie IF „Dance of galaxies: testing General Relativity and alternatives using galaxy velocity fields (GalaxyDance)”  
Synergy ERC „Sub-percent calibration of the extragalactic distance scale in the era of big surveys”  
COST "Quantum Technologies with Ultra-Cold Atoms"  
COST Action TD1403 “Big Data Era in Sky and Earth Observation”

2011-2019 Programme Officer FNP Foundation for Polish Science  
EU Funds Programme Management – responsibility for whole competition process, grant realisation, programme closing procedures  
Independent coordination of FNP Prize – the most prestigious scientific award in Poland  
2019-2020 Chief Officer NAWA Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange  
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Administrative projects' management , grants and scholarships opportunities monitoring, preparation and application for institutional grants, merit support in grant application procedures, participating in conferences' organising committees, conducting institute PR activities, preparation of internal documents and procedures regarding administrative project management

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## **Pillar 1 - Excellent Science (ERC, MSCA, RIs)**

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### **Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Digital, Industry and Space

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### **Testimonial:**

The Faculty of Engineering is a part of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague. Our faculty researchers' expertise is focused on precision agriculture, the sustainable development of agriculture and primary production and smart solutions for the use of new and environmentally friendly technologies in the agri-food sector (i.e. monitoring, collecting and analysing data, design and construction of agricultural drones and robots).

Our research team has extensive experience with international projects that have been awarded grants from EU Programmes; however, we have not been participating in the EU research Framework Programmes as much so far. Our most important foreign projects are as follows:

- City Air Remote Emission Sensing (CARES) – participating as a partner, H2020;
- Precision Farming in Kazakhstan - Erasmus+;
- Control Traffic Farming – H6 Partners.

With regard to HE topics, we are mainly interested in Pillar I - MSCA calls and Pillar II - Cluster 4 (Digital, Industry and Space) and Cluster 6 (Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment).

One of our priorities is to expand our participation in Horizon Europe research projects in the future and to build strong international networks for research cooperation.

The University has a central project management office coordinating and helping each faculty with their projects. In addition, each faculty runs its own project management office. At the Faculty of Engineering, the project management office consists of a few project managers providing support to the research team in every step of a project cycle, from searching for funding options, networking, submitting the proposal, administrative and technical support during the implementation of a project to its final stage.

As we are still learning about specific instruments and conditions of Horizon Europe Programmes, understanding our peers' experience from the previous participation in the framework program's projects, such as possible ways of building international partner/consortium networks, key elements of a project proposal, how to encourage researchers to participate in HE projects, etc. will be beneficial for us.

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**Pillar 1 - Excellent Science (ERC, MSCA, RIs)**

**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships)**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

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**Testimonial:**

Open University of Cyprus (OUC) is a public university, and the country's only university dedicated to open and distance education. OUC is a leading institution in higher education and opens up new possibilities to prospective students wishing to study in an innovative environment. At Open University of Cyprus, there is no 'one size fits all' approach to higher education. OUC's flexible educational methodology supports people's need for continuous enhancement of their qualifications apropos of personal development and career advancement, allowing students to tailor their own educational path. With an enrollment of approximately 4000 students in the 2019-2020 academic year, and an alumni community reaching nearly 5,800 graduates, the Open University of Cyprus offers 23 programmes of studies organised by the University's three faculties.

Previously: Nationally funded projects, European: Erasmus mainly KA2, Health, CEF, Life, Interreg, Interreg Mediterranean, Bilateral Cooperation, Life Plus, COST, Horizon mainly thematic and 1st stage of Widening participation

Currently: Nationally funded projects, European: Erasmus KA2 and 1 project KA3, CEF, Life Plus Integrated, COST, Horizon: Widening participation Phase 2 Teaming, Widening participation Twinning, Future Emerging Technologies, Security, Science with and for Society

Interest in Horizon Europe: Many fields. OUC is a small university. The unit supports all academic staff. We are aware of all pillars.

I am involved in research management and support since 2002. From 2002 until 2010 I was working in funding organisations. Since Jan. 2011 I am working at OUC. We are involved in all steps of preparation of a proposal and support implementation of current projects. Lately, as from Jan. 2021 we also participate in the internal team that checks and provides support for the eligibility of various expenses in projects.

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## Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA

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### Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:

Health  
Digital, Industry and Space  
Climate, Energy and Mobility  
Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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### Testimonial:

With its regular high-ranking positions (between 200 and 800) BME is among the top universities (2-6%) globally. At the university's 8 faculties and 76 departments, there are 1,200 lecturers teaching 5,000 subjects and 10,000 courses each semester. In the H2020 Framework Programme.

Faculties: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Architecture, Chemical technology and Biotechnology, Electrical Engineering and Informatics, Transportation Engineering and Vehicle Engineering, Natural sciences, Economic and Social Sciences. We are members of the Quantum Information National Laboratory, the Autonomous Systems National Laboratory and the Artificial Intelligence National Laboratory.

The University is an active participant in the European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance (EELISA) European University, the European University Association and the CESAER association of universities of science and technology.

In the H2020 framework programme BME has ranked #2 among the Hungarian institutions (67 funded projects as beneficiary). Top SC work programmes of participation: LEIT-ICT, ENERGY, HEALTH, LEIT-ADVMANU, FET, TPT. We participated in MSCA ITN and RISE networks, also in WIDESPREAD Teaming.

Our interest in Horizon Europe participation expands to all Pillars and all clusters under Pillar 2. We have researchers competent in engineering and technology, natural sciences research and also in social sciences (economics, sociology, data science, psychology).

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In my position I cover most of the pre-award tasks: advising researchers, supporting partner search and consortium negotiations, pre-submission proposal review, training, representing the university. I am the editor of horizon.bme.hu. As pre-award team leader and independent consultant I have developed expertise in wide portfolio of funding support activities since the beginning of H2020. I was member of the Board of the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators, and the Chair of the Committee responsible for liaising with the EC. I was active in BESTPRAC – The Voice of Research Administrators COST Action and a member of the Core Group of the ERION network for Research Ethics and Research Integrity professionals. I have been an invited trainer and speaker at conferences and workshops since 2018. Reasons to participate: 1. „Added value from Brussels” 2. Building connections and network 3. Learning from different perspectives about the trends of a dynamic, exciting FP.

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**Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Institute of Molecular Genetics of the Czech Academy of Sciences (IMG) is a public research institution, an important part of the Czech Academy of Sciences. It focuses on research in the fields of molecular and cell biology, immunology, genomics and bioinformatics.

IMG participated so far for example in MSCA (SILIA, LIGER), ERC (Consolidator Grant - D-FENS, Starting Grant - FunDiT), in the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Erasmus+ and others (including national programmes). In the Horizon Europe we are planning to participate

mainly in the Pillar I. and partly in Pillar II. (Clusters 1 - Health and Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment). We are open for any cooperation, our scientists are also participating on projects as co-investigators.

At IMG we have a Grant Department, which focuses on administrative and technical help not only for the applicants and investigators, but also for any IMG employee, who is interested in the topic of grants (both national and worldwide). Except for the preparation time, we are providing help with the contracts and with partial and final reports.

I have been working on the Grant Department for about one year. My agenda consists of communication with our scientists, helping with proposals, grant agreements and reports. One of my main goals is to encourage the scientists to believe in themselves and in their work.

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Health

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

Institute of Sociology is engaged in the pursuit of research into contemporary society. It conducts ongoing and one-time empirical surveys, comparative research studies, public opinion surveys, and case studies, applying modern qualitative and quantitative research methods, and it also cultivates the development of sociological theory and methodology. Research at the Institute also makes use of information, concepts and methods drawn from related scholarly fields, such as economics, law, political science, demography, social geography, and gender studies. IS CAS is involved in national projects and EU funded projects such as H2020 and Horizon Europe (in the role of beneficiary, affiliated entity and also as a coordinator).

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IS CAS is/was involved in EU funded projects such as H2020 as a coordinator (CSA project Genderaction) and beneficiary (call SwafS, CORONAVIRUS) and linked third party (call INFRADEV) and in Horizon Europe (in the role of affiliated entity).

I have been working as a project manager of FP7 and H2020 projects for over 5 years at the Institute of Sociology Czech Academy of Sciences. Although I work in a smaller institution, we are participating in a several H2020 projects and also we coordinate one of the H2020 project. I am very interested in sharing new knowledge and information about Horizon Europe projects and establishing possible future cooperation across the V4.

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**Pillar 2 - Global Challenges & European Industrial Competitiveness (6 clusters, missions, partnerships)**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

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**Testimonial:**

Slovakia became part of ECRIN (European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network) in 2018. ECRIN is a not-for-profit intergovernmental organisation that supports the conduct of multinational clinical trials in Europe. ECRIN has the legal status of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC). SLOVACRIN (Slovak Clinical Research Infrastructure Network) is a national research infrastructure network connecting hospitals, universities and scientific institutions involved in academic clinical research. SLOVACRIN provides a full service for clinical trials organized by researchers, supports the preparation and implementation of academic clinical trials, including international trials. The aim is to increase the number and quality of academic clinical trials in Slovakia using available capacities and expertise, knowledge, research and development in the medical sciences. SLOVACRIN provides trial management, regulatory activities, clinical trial monitoring and pharmacovigilance.

European Research and Preparedness Network for Pandemics and Emerging Infectious Diseases

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(H2020-IBA-SC1-CORONAVIRUS-2020-3; GA 101015736) Design and implementation of a new European adaptive platform trial on COVID-19 (2 clinical trials: Discovery and EU-SolidAct)

Call: HORIZON-INFRA-2021-EMERGENCY-02, Type of Action: HORIZON-RIA, Acronym: ISIDORe, Current Phase: Grant preparation, Number: 101046133

Covid-Vaccine-Monitor - Study protocol for Cohort Event Monitoring of safety of COVID-19 vaccines in special populations, the tender of EMA

Visegradfunds Educational V4 platform for capacity building in oncology

European Research and Preparedness Network for Pandemics and Emerging Infectious Diseases (H2020-IBA-SC1-CORONAVIRUS-2020-3; GA 101015736) Design and implementation of a new European adaptive platform trial on COVID-19 (2 clinical trials: Discovery and EU-SolidAct)

Simona SONDERLICOVA (female) - European Correspondent of SLOVACRIN, Faculty of Medicine, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. As the European Correspondent, she links the national clinical research network to the ECRIN Core Team and other countries. She provides coordination of regulatory activities in clinical trials and monitoring of clinical trials. Her deep knowledge of the national research landscape ensures efficient management of multinational trials.

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#### **Pillar 1 - Excellent Science (ERC, MSCA, RIs)**

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#### **Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

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#### **Testimonial:**

Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology is a part of Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS). Our activities concentrate on three main fields: scientific research, innovation, and education.

The research team combines biology, chemistry, computation, and technology focusing mainly on studies that can be directly translated to health protection and improving quality of life. These

include novel therapies and diagnostic methods in cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases, and other diseases of modern civilization.

To accelerate the innovation and translation of basic discoveries, we provide support of the Technology Transfer Unit (TTU). Our TTU participates in the SPARK Global initiative to foster research conducted in cooperation with businesses and facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the laboratory to industry.

We are also committed education through the multidimensional, international graduate schools (Warsaw-4-PhD, Tri-Bio-Chem and Bio4Med) and various outreach activities.

Since becoming a Centre of Excellence under an EU FP5 funded project 'Bringing Research Advances In Neurobiology to Society' (BRAINS), the Nencki scientists have been increasingly involved in international collaborative research. In the recent years the Institute has been involved in 33 EU funded projects (FP6 – 7 projects, FP7 – 18 projects, H2020 – 8 projects), either as a coordinator or as a partner. We have 2 ERC Starting Grants that are finishing soon. We also had one MSCA COFUND DP, 7 MSCA ITN (including one as a coordinator) and a MSCA RISE. We also benefited from REGPOT, INFRADEV and FETOPEN funding schemes.

In 2014 Nencki Institute was awarded an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and is an active participant of the Erasmus program since then.

Now we are interested in securing EU funds from Horizon Europe to support individual research groups or researchers, further promote networking but also to develop and upgrade our research infrastructure.

I have extensive research experience through my PhD and postdoctoral studies in several international institutions.

During that time I have helped with preparing parts of 2 awarded ERC grants. I was also unofficially involved in correcting scientific reports for ERC-STG and Emmy Noether Grant from the German Science Foundation (DFG), or writing grant applications for the creation of the Dioscuri Center of Scientific Excellence (a program initiated by the Max Planck Society, managed jointly with the National Science Center) or EMBO Installation Grant.

In 2020, I decided to change my career profile towards project management and use my international research experience to help scientists at the Nencki Institute in their applications for European Funds or other international grants.

I expect that participation in the V4 training will equip me with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively manage ambitious projects, as well as expand my contacts among people in similar positions.

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## **Pillar 1 - Excellent Science (ERC, MSCA, RIs)**

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### **Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

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#### **Testimonial:**

The institute performs interdisciplinary research on complex functional materials and nanometer-scale structures, exploration of physical, chemical, and biological principles, their exploitation in integrated micro- and nanosystems, and in the development of characterization techniques:

- utilization of nanotechnology and materials science for novel physical sensors, particularly for MEMS/NEMS
- fabrication and integration of MEMS/NEMS, sensor structures for medical diagnostics, Minimal Invasive Surgery techniques, energy efficient autonomous systems
- methods and tools for non-destructive optical and magnetic measurement of surface nanostructures and materials
- development and application of label-free optical biosensors
- synthesis of 2D materials, their atomic-scale characterization and modification, exploring their electronic and optical properties
- development of various thin films and coatings, evaluation of modern 2D semiconductor layers; development of bioceramics

The researchers and the institute was involved in several EU research projects: FP6, FP7 and H2020 as well, both bilateral, V4 and EU consortia grants. Such projects are/were MSCA projects (FAEMCAR, Granarip, StatPhysNetFormGame, INTAKE), ERC Starting grant (NanoFab2D), ECSEL JU projects (INCITE, Position II, Moore4Medical), Graphene Flagship FP7 to Core1-2-3 , Flag-ERA, and ERA-NET project, and other innovation driven cooperations.

See more about the projects, units and facilities at <https://www.mfa.kfki.hu/research/>

Currently we are working on more than 40 research projects, most of them are domestic, but 10-12 are founded totally or partially by EU. These are ECSEL JU, Flagship and other H2020 grants. As a project manager I help the preparation of proposals administrative and financial part in harmony with the technical and deliverables. I'm responsible for the administration of contracts, and also managing the financial and technical reports.

I'm interested in

- Good practices of administration and management
  - Project communication, dissemination
  - Financial issues (changes from H2020 to HE)
  - Open Science
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**Pillar 3 - Innovative Europe (EIC, EIT, etc.)****Widening participation & Strengthening the ERA**

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

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**Testimonial:**

ISS PAS conducts research on all Slavic cultures and languages as well as their relations with neighbours. The Institute currently implements national and international projects involving researchers from different countries worldwide: 14 National Science Centre and 5 Ministry of Science and Higher Education grants, i.a. Beethoven, a Polish-German research project.

The Institute is a member of CLARIN-PL, a Polish research consortium which is a part of a pan-European research infrastructure CLARIN and initiated DARIAH. The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange supported the ISS PAS projects within the PROM and Welcome to Poland programs which aim to increase mobility of Polish researchers and develop competencies of academic staff and the institutions' potential to establish and maintain international cooperation. The ISS PAS employees have been granted numerous awards and scholarships, i.e. Fulbright Senior Award, SMILE, and many others.

ISS PAS submitted two grants proposal for ERC, and we are waiting for the results.

I work at the ISS PAS Research Support Office almost a year. I am a project manager of two ongoing grants realized at the Institute: Preludium for phd students and Sonata in consortium with two more institutions financed from the Polish National Science Centre. I am also in charge of the international scientific cooperation at the ISS PAS, which is organized under the supervision of International Cooperation Office of PAS. I worked on the preparation of several grants to the NCN and Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

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**Testimonial:**

As a research facility Fakultni nemocnice Hradec Kralove usually participate in Structural Funds, Norway Grants, newly EU Joint programme and H2020. In research, the FN HK aims, in selected prospective fields with a required human potential and corresponding infrastructure, to get the position of a research facility with top quality of research capable of participation in European research activities. In this field FH HK closely cooperates with local faculty of medicine and other research institutions. In accordance with the long-term strategy of research at FN HK, seven research trends/research teams have been established: 1. Operation trauma and new operational methods, 2. Development and evaluation of drugs, 3. Age-related diseases, 4. Neurosciences, 5. Clinical and experimental gastroenterology, 6. Modern trends in oncology and 7. Development of new diagnostic methods.

To date, we have managed to submit several dozen proposals for FP7-Health/H2020/HEU projects as a beneficiary (MSCA, Societal Challenges: Health, Security, Excellent Science: FET, ERC), but we implement only one project in Societal Challenges/Health and Wellbeing section.

I am mainly focused on Structural Funds financial management (7 years) for all project stages (preparation, realization and sustainability). I participate in preparation and administration also Norway Grants, newly EU Joint programme and one H2020 project as a beneficiary.

Participating in the training will open doors to more detailed knowledge, understanding and the experience of many stakeholders could help us prepare new proposals in appropriate quality and structure, build strong member consortia including perspective partners from application sphere, avoiding errors in implementation, with tips for preparation of gender equal plan and how to use research potential of our clinicians and specialized scientists in participation at international

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**Your interests in particular thematic clusters under the Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe:**

Health

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**Testimonial:**

KTU is involved in strong and long-term collaborations with significant international partners. The University is in cooperation with more than 350 research and academic institutions in 51 countries of the world as well as the representatives of international business enterprises. KTU is a member of such influential international organisations and associations as EUA, CESAER, ECIU and 10 more. KTU, being a part of ECIU University, contributes to the development of the idea to create a completely new educational model on a European scale. The ECIU University gathers together learners, teachers, and researchers to cooperate with cities and businesses and solve real-life challenges. According to the 2021-2025 University's strategy, the R & D & I priorities are industrial transformation; digital transformation; smart cities and resilient communities.

KTU is the leading university in the participation in H2020 competitive research grants (48 funded projects) in the Lithuania area. In 2020 KTU has participated successfully in 248 R&D&I projects (69 international and 185 national) financed by the European Union and national structural funds).

I have more than 8 year experience in participation in different type of projects (Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020; Erasmus+; Lifelong learning programme Interreg and etc.). Also starting in project proposals preparation under the new R&I programme Horizon Europe. Most of my activities are related to financial part of project implementation, but also I have experiences in the proposal writing stage and preparation of deliverables and research. My daily job activities are related to the foundation of most suitable funds for our researcher's ideas, and to

help them ideas become true. I decided to join the V4 trainings in order to know more details about new Horizon Europe programme and accelerate the broader University's participation in it.

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Health

Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

Civil Security for Society

Digital, Industry and Space

Climate, Energy and Mobility

Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

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**Testimonial:**

University research organisation

EU Collaborative (FP7; Horizon 2020; Horizon Europe)

I support pre award and post award EU funding proposals in a top level research University. I wish to share good practice and learn about the EU policy landscape and how it affects Horizon Europe.

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Civil Security for Society  
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Climate, Energy and Mobility  
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**Testimonial:**

Euroatlantic is a Budapest-based consultancy helping local companies to find the best combination of national and EU funding opportunities for innovative projects. The company provides tailored monitoring of calls published on the EU funding and tenders portal, workshops about the specificities of centrally managed research and innovation calls, assistance in preparing the tender documentation, and management of the application process.

Euroatlantic has been assisting Hungarian companies to prepare for energy-related calls published under Horizon Europe Cluster 5, the Innovation Fund, and CEF AFIF. Our projects include preparing a CCU pilot and the roll-out of EV charging points along the Hungarian section of the TEN-T network.

For over a year, I have been helping Hungarian companies to understand the structure and logic of directly managed EU funding programmes, the specific requirements of various Horizon Europe and Innovation Fund calls, and the broader policy context these funding opportunities are linked to. Prior to this job, I worked at the European Commission's DG Research and Innovation, assisting in the preparation of the Horizon Europe programme. The V4 Training provides up-to-date information about the roll-out of the directly managed funding programmes, as well as valuable insights into how companies in the region intend to utilise these funding opportunities, what difficulties they need to overcome, and how they want to tackle the difficulty of getting into successful European consortia (with or without the use of the hop-on scheme) and/or forming new cross-border project consortia.

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