

# **FIT4FUNDING COURSE**

## **YOUR TRAINING ON EU FUNDING BY FFG ACADEMY**

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**Are you a junior scientist interested in European funding programmes for Research & Innovation (R&I) and would like to improve your knowledge in this area? If yes, then take part in the new Fit4Funding course! After this course, you will have sufficient knowledge to kick-off your own European funding journey.**

- approx. 30 learning units à 50 minutes from 20 April to 27 May 2020
- a mix of online self-learning modules provided on an e-learning platform, live webinars and a one-day on-site training
- the course is offered by the FFG Academy and is free of charge
- for junior scientists from universities, research organisations and companies

### **You will get:**

- basic knowledge on the relevant political background of European funding and an overview of available programmes
- insights on proposal preparation, peer review processes & information on programmes for developing your career
- an overview on important cross-cutting topics in the context of European R & I projects

Furthermore, you will learn the EU “jargon” and how to use the Austrian support structures when preparing a project.

## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

- 1. Start with a live online introductory session on 20 April 2020, 9.00 – 9.45 am**  
(time investment: 1 LU<sup>1</sup>)  
→ You will get a detailed introduction into the course, about the dates, the e-learning platform and you will get your first questions answered.
- 2. Module 1: “Understanding the European funding landscape”, 20 – 26 April 2020**  
*Includes a live online webinar on 24 April 2020 from 9.00 to 10.30 am.*  
(time investment: 5 LU)  
→ You will receive a basic overview on how the EU works, and who are the main players involved in defining the research policy of the EU. Furthermore, major funding programmes for research and innovation will be presented in a nutshell.
- 3. Module 2: “Towards a successful project proposal”, 27 April – 3 May 2020 and 13 May 2020**  
*Includes a live online webinar on 30 April 2020 from 9.00 to 10.30 am and an on-site training day on 13 May 2020 from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm in Vienna.*  
(time investment: 4.5 LU for e-learning and webinar + 8 LU for the on-site training)

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<sup>1</sup> 1 learning unit = 50 minutes

→ You will benefit from insights into the proposal preparation process including the crucial planning phases, the funding selection mechanisms and the key features of successful research proposals. With hands-on exercises and practical experiences.

**4. Module 3: “European Funding Programmes to boost your career”, 4 – 10 May 2020**

*Includes a live online webinar on 7 May 2020 from 9.00 to 10.30 am.*

(time investment: 4 LU)

→ Enjoy an overview of European research funding programmes for your career development. We will introduce you to the networking programme COST, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) and the European Research Council (ERC).

**5. Module 4: “Good to know about cross-cutting topics in European R & I projects”, 18 – 24 May 2020 and 27 May 2020**

*Includes a live online Q&A Session on 27 May 2020 from 9.00 to 9.45 am.*

(time investment: 6 LU)

→ You will learn about important cross-cutting topics in the context of European R & I projects such as gender equality, research ethics and research integrity, protection and use of project results, open science, international cooperation.

**6. Final quiz (available as of 18 May 2020)**

**7. Closing session: 27 May 2020**

*Live closing online webinar on 27 May 2020 from 9.45 -10.30 am.*

**Important note:** This course has been designed to support young researchers in Austria on their way to explore European research funding. Therefore we select among the incoming registrations those who meet our participation criteria: you should **be a „young researcher“** to benefit from this course to the most possible extent. Both “young” and “researcher” are important in this respect, e.g. an advanced PhD candidate, an early Post-Doc researcher, an industry researcher with less than 7 years in research, or equivalent. You have to **be affiliated to an Austrian organisation**. Your **motivation** is also relevant – please write a few sentences why you would like to attend this course (dedicated field in the registration form). The **timing of your application** may have an impact. If you meet all criteria mentioned before we will prefer the ones who applied earlier.

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Registration will be available **until 22 March 2020** on

[https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ffg-akademie\\_fit4funding](https://www.ffg.at/europa/veranstaltungen/ffg-akademie_fit4funding) .

You will get the information if you have been selected for participation **by 27 March 2020**.

We look very much forward to welcoming you at the Fit4Funding Course!

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