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ITN CALL 2020: WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND

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ITN IN H2020: BUDGET & SUCCESS RATES

MSCA ITN	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Overall Budget in mio EUR	405	370	370	430	456	497	530
Overall Success rates in %	10,5	6,8	7	7,4	7,5	8,2	
Nr of Proposals funded	121	106	109	127	123	128	
Retained AT coordinated	1	3	1	1	2	4	
ETN Budget	350	317	317	370	386	427	445
ETN Success Rates	9,4	6,3	6,3	6,8	6,6	7,7	
ETN proposals funded AT/all	1/94	1/83	1/85	0/98	2/94	3/103	
EID budget	25	25	25	28	35	35	40
EID success rates	18,8	9,6	13	10,5	13,1	11,8	
EID retained AT/all	0/19	1/15	0/16	0/20	0/20	0/16	
EJD budget	30	28	28	32	35	35	45
EJD success rates	15,4	9,2	9,8	10,5	11,1	11,7	
EJD retained AT/all	0/8	1/8	0/8	1/9	0/9	1/9	



REMEMBER THE PURPOSE OF AN ITN

- to train a new generation of creative, entrepreneurial and innovative early-stage researchers able to face current and future challenges and to convert knowledge and ideas into products and services for economic and social benefit
- to raise excellence and structure research and doctoral training, extending the traditional academic research training setting, incorporating the elements of Open Science and equipping researchers with the right combination of research-related and transferable competences
- to provide enhanced career perspectives in both the academic and non-academic sectors through international, interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility combined with an innovation-oriented mind-set



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KEY ASPECTS FOR THE TRAINING

- To increase the employability of the researchers: the research training should be complemented by the meaningful exposure of each researcher to the non-academic sector.
- Substantial training modules, including digital ones, addressing key transferable skills common to all fields and fostering the culture of Open Science, innovation and entrepreneurship
- In view of Open Science as new modus operandi of research: training should prepare ESRs for an increased research collaboration and information-sharing made possible by new (digital) technologies (e.g. collaborative tools, opening access to publications and to research data, FAIR data management, public engagement and citizen science, etc)

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BUDGET – SOME NOTES

- Budget calculation – as usual (ie country correction coefficient applied to living allowance and in relation to the country of recruitment; project budget for family allowance for 50% of the researchers; redistribution of institutional unit costs among organisations is possible; budget flexibility for using institutional units)
- Mind the requirement of full-time employment  
→ check if you need matching funds for employment costs to meet real staff costs
- Mobility allowance for private mobility
- Family allowance meant “to reduce family related obstacles to researcher mobility”
- Visa / residency card for the ESRs from the RTN budget (all entry visa for ESR and his/her family), even if before recruitment, and also for secondments

ITN – EXAMPLE PROJECT BUDGET

Contribution to the Living allowance in some countries below actual salary costs – check and clarify how to cover the gap (full time employment!)

for funded projects consortium agreement required

Institutional unit costs (IUC) can be redistributed among beneficiaries

max. 40% of the total budget to one country (exception: EID with 2 beneficiaries)

Costs for short secondments up to 6 months (at least travel and accomodation) must be covered from the Research, Training & Networking costs

Visa costs (entry visa for ERS and family) are covered from RTN budget – and can be before actual recruitment

ITN		540 PM / 36 = 15 researchers over three years full time employment in EID with 2 beneficiaries: 180 PM = 5P researchers over three years full time employment					
		ESR living allowance	ESR mobility allowance	ESR family allowance	Research, training, networking	Management and overhead	TOTAL funding - but without country correction coefficient
		PM					IUC gesamt
		3270	600	500	1.800	1.200	3.000
EID2P	100	327.000	60.000	25.000	180.000	120.000	300.000
	180	588.600	108.000	45.000	324.000	216.000	540.000
	200	654.000	120.000	50.000	360.000	240.000	600.000
	300	981.000	180.000	75.000	540.000	360.000	900.000
	400	1.308.000	240.000	100.000	720.000	480.000	1.200.000
max	540	1.765.800	324.000	135.000	972.000	648.000	1.620.000



RESUBMISSION OR  
NEW PROJECT?

- **Y/N question in form A** “Resubmission” if the proposal or a very similar one have been submitted to the ITN Calls 2018 or 2019
- **What is a “very similar proposal”?** → the previous proposal differs from the current one in minor ways from the consortium composition and scientific point of view
- **Why this question?** Relevant for evaluation procedure: no comparison of projects, but Vice-chair receives previous ESR at the end of the consensus phase

Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted to a previous ITN call in the last two years?

☒ Yes☐ No

In the case of proposals that have been submitted to H2020-MSCA-ITN, the procedure applying to the evaluation of a resubmitted proposal will be applied only if YES is ticked and a correct proposal number is added.

Please give the proposal reference or contract number

Add

"The Vice-Chair in charge of following the evaluation of your current proposal will receive a copy of the previous Evaluation Summary Report<sup>29</sup> at the end of the consensus phase (i.e. after the agreement of the experts on the comments and scores). However, please note that the evaluation of the current proposal will take place independently of the previous submission(s). There will be no comparison between proposals."

5. Participating Organisations

All organisations (whether beneficiaries or partner organisations<sup>30</sup>) must complete the appropriate table below. Complete one table of maximum one page per beneficiary and half a page per partner organisation (**minimum font size: 8**). Entities with a capital or legal link should be described together with the linked beneficiary.

For beneficiaries:

Beneficiary Legal Name:	
General Description	Short description of the activities relevant to the action
Role and Commitment of key persons (including supervisors)	Including names, title and the intended extent of involvement in the action (in percentage of full-time employment) of the key scientific staff who will be involved in the research, training and supervision
Key Research Facilities, Infrastructure and Equipment	Outline the key facilities and infrastructure available and demonstrate that each team has sufficient capacity to host and/or offer a suitable environment for supervising the research and training of the recruited Early-Stage Researchers
Status of Research Premises	Please explain the status of the beneficiary's research facilities - i.e. are they owned by the beneficiary or rented by it? Are its research premises wholly independent from other beneficiaries and/or partner organisations in the consortium?
Previous Involvement in Research and Training Programmes, including ITN	Detail any relevant EU, national or international research and training actions/projects in which the beneficiary has previously participated. Please clearly mention any previous involvement in ITN funded project(s), including project(s) acronym and reference number.
Current Involvement in Research and Training Programmes, including ITN	Detail any relevant EU, national or international research and training actions/projects in which the beneficiary is currently participating. Please clearly mention any current involvement in ongoing ITN funded project(s), including project(s) acronym and reference number.
Submission of similar proposals under the same H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020 call	Please declare if you have submitted other similar proposals (in terms of participants or research objectives) under the same H2020-MSCA-ITN-2020 call.
Relevant Publications and/or Research / Innovation Product	Max. 5

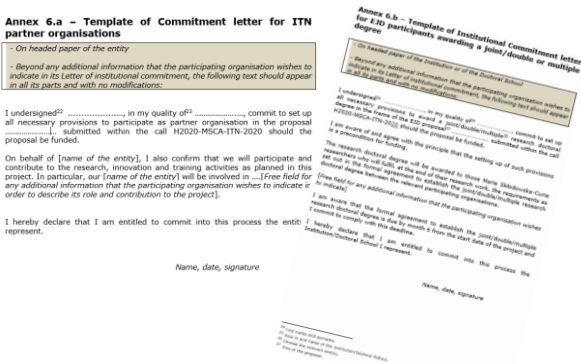
CHANGES IN THE TEMPLATE

General advice: simply use the new template ☺

Changes in ITN template 2020 versus 2018/2019

- No Gantt chart required anymore
- Section 4 only for EID. If irrelevant → “n.a.”
- **New!!!** Check section 5 – tables for beneficiaries: information required on
  - a) previous involvement in ITN
  - b) current involvement in ITN
  - c) similar proposals under ITN call 2020?Mind the wording: “relevant actions/projects”

LETTERS OF COMMITMENT



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- For all types of ITNs  
Commitment letter for each all Partner organisations, to ensure “*real and active participation*”
- EJD only  
Institutional Commitment letter “to indicate commitment to award a degree from all participating organisations awarding a degree (irrespectively if beneficiary / partner)
- GfA and template part B include templates for both types of letters (annex 6a, 6b)
- Integrate letters into B2, section 7, mind the max. size per file (10 MB)

MSCA SUPPORT

Research Services at Universities

- for basic and organisation related questions

National Contact Points in Europe

- in all MS/AC and many non-European countries
- offer support if the project is not coordinated by an Austrian organisation

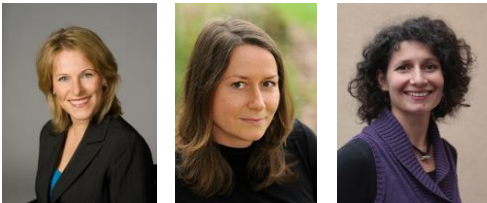


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FFG Proposal Check:  
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