

Experiences and tools

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| Title: | ERIO - European Research & Innovation Office |
| Topic: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Practices for fostering higher participation in EU research funding programmes 2. Upgrading the system of Research and Innovation | 1. |
| Country: | UK |
| Geographic level (regional or national) | Regional |
| Organisation (Please include here the name and some background information). | UCL - University College London |
| What were the aims of the experience/tool? | The UCL European Research and Innovation Office's primary function is to help maintain UCL's position at the forefront of European collaboration in science and technology. |
| In which part of the decision tree is the experience (see image at the end of the document) | Pre-call Intelligence, Call Scan, Applicant readiness, Partner search (in general), proposal drafting |
| Who were the beneficiaries or the target group? | Researchers of the university |
| Description of the experience of using the best practice: (Describe the operating experience with particular focus on the evolution of its development, end user experience). | The UCL European Research and Innovation Office's primary function is to help maintain UCL's position at the forefront of European collaboration in science and technology. They have a team of 17 people. These services include: Horizon 2020 funding information; Proposal support services; Project management; Project costings; Contract negotiations. The development and implementation of new ERIO services to encourage and support UCL's |

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| | <p>academic communities in leading new Horizon 2020 proposals. These services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Proposal support services;Proposal workshops and information days;Horizon 2020 advice and proposal-writing guides;Horizon 2020 information services;Proposal Management;Pre-award consultancy service;H2020 & Proposal Advice: <p>Advice for PIs expressing an interest in Horizon 2020 funding;</p> <p>Horizon 2020 guidance documents for UCL PIs</p> <p>Previously successful proposals;</p> <p>Templates & budget calculators;</p> <p>Proposal Review;</p> <p>Stage 1 & <i>ad hoc</i> checks of proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">General relevance to the Work Programme;Advice on Impact & dissemination;Formatting & level of completion;Management structure & IP matters;UCL costing & general finance check; <p>The ERIO is also organized Workshops timed to support UCL researchers applying to particular Horizon 2020 calls, with ERIO staff and guest speakers, including experienced PIs and ex- EU proposal evaluators</p> <p>ERIO takes care also of the Proposal Management. They provide proposal support, from concept to final submission. Afterwards, ERIO supports in the Implementation phase, management & finance</p> <p>ERIO receives about the 1% of total award as ERIO fee if funded.</p> <p>Based on successful trial in 2012 (75% funded)</p> <p>Selection based on a structured application</p> <p>A part of the team of the ERIO office (4 people) takes care of the post-award management, coordination and assurance of the the projects under management.</p> <p>They are involved in 26 large international research and innovation projects, for a total budget of 146 m EUR.</p> <p>For 2014, ERIO agreed to submit 44 Principle Investigators proposals.</p> |
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| | <p>ERIO provides the following rank of services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposal support services - Proposal workshops and information days - Horizon 2020 advice and proposal-writing guides; <p>UCL is also a founder member of Vision2020: The Horizon Network, a platform for excellent research organisations and companies collaborating in Horizon 2020 proposals and projects.</p> |
| <p>What is the period during which the experience/tool has been carried out?</p> | <p>The activities started in 2001.</p> |
| <p>What were the results of this best practice? (Please provide any charts, data, statistics, etc. showing the results of the implementation).</p> | <p>650 FP7 projects under management.</p> <p>UCL is one of the most successful UK universities at attracting funding, with an income of nearly £900 million in 2012, when we received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd highest allocation of Research Council UK funding 3rd highest allocation of European Research Council starting grants <p>UCL research income has risen more than 20% over the past three years to more than £300 million in 2012.</p> |
| <p>What is needed for the experience/tool to be successfully replicated?</p> | <p>As mentioned there are 17 people working in the ERIO office. Their background is either legal, business management or finance. The consulting model followed by ERIO of receiving the 1% of the contract also for projects funded to private companies is a model that could be replicated as well.</p> |
| <p>Please include any references or bibliography here:</p> | <p>Web page of ERIO http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/europe</p> |

The Decision Tree for Participating in Horizon 2020



Source: EURADA