Horizon Europe Global Challenges Training Seminars

How do you write a successful proposal for Horizon Europe’s (HEU) highly competitive Global Challenges programmes, or just participate in one? How do you identify and analyse a call and set the right consortium? What are the specific requirements of HEU process management and project participation? How do you approach the proposal template and what are its main problem areas? What are the key resources and what support is available? This seminar series is designed to equip current and future applicants at AU with the right strategies to optimize the application process. It is, in short, your survival guide to the HEU’s Global Challenges.

The seminars are relevant to:

- **The Coordinators:** Researchers who wish to take on the role as coordinator of an HEU Global Challenges project and handle the application process efficiently
- **The Partners:** Researchers who wish to be partners in such projects, including task or work package leaders
- **The Curious:** Researchers with an interest in these programmes who might at a later point in time wish to participate in such a project
- **The Supporters:** Local research support staff such as scientific coordinators, research consultants and centre administrators
- **Management:** Management at the levels of departments, sections, centres and research groups who are responsible for setting the strategies and action plans for HEU-participation at AU

To the Coordinators and Partners, the seminar series will greatly support your application efforts and efficiency, and it is an additional service to the support that you will get at the AU’s Research Support Office (RSO). Each seminar can be taken separately and independently of previous participation, and the main target groups for each seminar are indicated in the programme below. The entire series will take place via Zoom or Teams.

The seminar series is arranged by HEU specialist team at AU’s Research Support Office and draws in expertise and experiences from researchers and specialists across AU. If you have questions to the programme or your own participation in it, please contact RSO advisors Svend Binnerup (svbi@au.dk) or Ann-Christina L. Knudsen (aclk@au.dk).
Seminar 1 – The Structure and Work Programmes of the HEU’s Global Challenges

Thursday 5 May 2022, 1.00-2.30 pm

Target Groups: Coordinators, Partners, the Curious, the Supporters & Management

Objective: The seminar has two parts: The first part provides an introduction to the HEU’s Global Challenges grant map including an understanding of the strategic plan underpinning the work programme. The second part takes place in break-out sessions devoted to introducing each of these thematic Clusters and Work Programmes:

- Health
- Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
- Digital, Industry and Space
- Climate, Energy and Mobility
- Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment

Outcome: Participants have a solid overview of the HEU’s Global Challenges structure and of the Cluster Work Programme most relevant to their research, and will understand how to identify a relevant call topic

After seminar: Coordinators and Partners are encouragement to select a relevant topic and/or to contact a research advisor at the RSO

Register for Seminar 1 here. Registration deadline is Tuesday 3 May 2022

Seminar 2 – From Topic to Project Idea

Tuesday 31 May 2022, 2.00-3.00 pm

Target Groups: Coordinators, Partners, the Curious, the Supporters & Management

Objective: For researchers to position themselves in relation to an HEU call topic, it is crucial to understand the relationship between the political and scientific parts of the call topic including the EU’s cross-cutting requirements such as the integration of Social Sciences and Humanities, health, or data management in the projects

Outcome: Participants gain an analytical approach to reading a call topic. Participants will know how to draft their concept notes

After seminar: Participants will write their concept note

Register for Seminar 2 here. Registration deadline is Friday 27 May 2022
Seminar 3 – The Right Consortium

Monday 20 June 2022, 2.00-3.00 pm

**Target Groups:** Coordinators, Partners, the Curious & the Supporters

**Objective:** To provide an understanding of how to set or join the right consortium. The seminar looks at different partner types, as well as how to approach special actor requirements of the Global Challenges calls such interdisciplinarity and the multi-actor approach

**Outcome:** Participants will know how to set or join the right consortium and will have a good understanding of what roles they and others can assume in a consortium

**Before seminar:** Participants have completed their concept note

**After seminar:** Participants will define their own competences in light of their selected topic. Participants will identify possible partners/consortia or will make a strategy for identifying them

Register for Seminar 3 [here](#). Registration deadline is Thursday 16 June 2022

Seminar 4 – Leadership and Process Management

Tuesday 28 June 2022, 2.00-3.00 pm

**Target Groups:** Coordinators, Partners & the Supporters

**Objective:** To lead a proposal writing process requires not only skills in strategic project and process management but also an understanding of the special requirements of an HEU project. Seminar 4 provides insights into the multi-levelled processes that you need to juggle during the proposal phase. The seminar also looks at key issues in the post-award phase that need to be integrated already in the proposal phase. The seminar integrates knowledge about the resources available internally at AU and externally that are useful to HEU coordinator PIs

**Outcome:** Participants are familiar with the particular requirements of HEU project process management from the proposal stage and are able to draw up and organize a detailed and workable process plan

**Before seminar:** Define your own competences in light of your topic. Identify possible partners/consortia or strategy for finding partners

**After seminar:** Participants will draft a multi-levelled process plan based on their own concept note

Register for Seminar 4 [here](#). Registration deadline is Wednesday 22 June 2022
Seminar 5 – Feed the Reviewer I - Excellence

Tuesday 4 October 2022, 1.00-3.00 pm

Target Groups: Coordinators, Partners & the Supporters

Objective: To write a successful proposal that convinces reviewers, applicants need to master the special terminology of the proposal template. This seminar provides an understanding of the logic of the proposal template, focusing particularly on the Excellence section that is necessary in both single-stage and two-stage proposals. It includes a discussion of how to integrate key EU-priority issues such as Gender, Open Science, data management, IPR, and Ethics

Outcome: Participants will understand what is expected from the Excellence section and will begin drafting it

Before seminar: Participants have drafted a multi-levelled process plan based on their own concept note

After seminar: Participants will draft section 1 – Excellence.

Register for Seminar 5 here. Registration deadline is Friday 30 September 2022

Seminar 6 – Feed the Reviewer II - Impact

Wednesday 12 October 2022, 1.00-3.00 pm

Target Groups: Coordinators, Partners & the Supporters

Objective: This seminar provides the participants with an understanding of the logic of the proposal template with focus on the Impact-section. It includes a discussion of how to integrate key elements such as expected results, dissemination, exploitation and communication measures, and outcomes

Outcome: Participants will understand what is expected from the Impact section and will begin drafting it

Before seminar: Participants have drafted section 1 - Excellence

After seminar: Participants will draft their Impact section

Register for Seminar 6 here. Registration deadline Monday 10 October 2022
Seminar 7 – Feed the Reviewer III - Implementation

Thursday 3 November 2022, 1.00-3.00 pm

**Target Groups:** Coordinators, Partners & the Supporters

**Objective:** This seminar focuses and elaborates on a competitive implementation section which includes resources and budgeting

**Outcome:** Participants will understand what is expected from the Implementation section and will begin drafting it

**Before seminar:** Participants have drafted their Impact section

**Register for Seminar 7 here.** Registration deadline Tuesday 1 November 2022