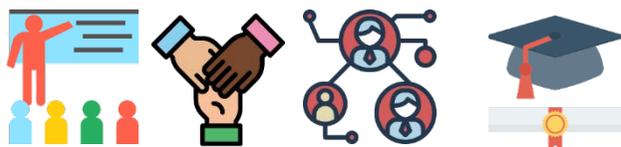


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Innovative Training Networks (ITN)

ITNs support joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by European partnerships providing Early Stage Researchers (PhD students) with training and experience inside and outside academia.

- Advancing an area of research while at the same time training the next generation of researchers
- Build upon common strengths in research and training
- 100% financing up to 4 years

Eligibility Criteria

3 beneficiaries from 3 Member States/Associated Countries, except for European Joint Doctorate where min. is 1 academic and 1 non-academic from 2 Member States/Associated Countries.

Nationality: Any, but vacancies must be internationally advertised.

Mobility: Early Stage researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to his/her (first recruitment).

Funding (per person month)

Early Stage Researcher	Living Allowance*	3 270 €
	Mobility Allowance	600 €
	Family Allowance	500 €
Institutional	Research, training and networking costs	1 800 €
	Management & Indirect costs	1 200 €

* The funding is adjusted at 130.6% for the cost of living in Norway.

3Ws

- Who?** (Non-) Academic institutions
- Where?** Europe and the world
- When?** Call deadline every year!

EU R&D unit at UiS

The EU R&D Unit has a primary goal of boosting UiS participation in European research projects. We will provide:

- Horizon 2020 information
- Proposal writing workshop
- Partnering
- Proposal and pre-award support
- Contract management
- Coordination of the Horisont Vest project

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Tips & Tricks for writing a good Innovative Training Network (ITN) proposal

General

Follow the call description

Write into the actions' objectives and rationale and mind the differences between action types.

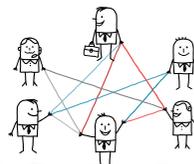
Less is sometimes more

Make it very easy for the evaluators to understand and find the relevant information.

Sustainability of collaboration

Describe the benefits of cooperation and how it can potentially go beyond the phase of EU-funding.

Start early and submit the right proposal on time



Highlight the EU-Dimension

Outline the potential impact on EU policy or societal challenges being faced in the EU.

Get an impartial view

Have your proposal proof-read by a colleague and pre-screened by your NCP.

Excellence

Make it specific and to the point

Be consistent with the aim of the call and avoid vagueness and generalization when describing your objectives and methods.

Describe the added value

Describe how the consortium is more than the sum of its parts with complementarity and synergy between partners.

Branch out to new sectors or disciplines

Get a meaningful contribution from the non-academic sector (or other disciplines) and involve them at the highest possible level.

Emphasise original and innovative aspects

Use clear and concise language when describing the innovative aspects of the research.

Impact

It's about Impact

Think about impact on different levels, for the Early Stage Researcher, the Beneficiaries, European level or others?

Focused Dissemination

Find ways to engage your target groups (academic circles, general public) and specify how your impact can be measured.

Supervision

Indicate clearly how each fellow is (co-) supervised and how each individual project is related to the overall scientific deliverables.

A strategy for career development

Have a career development strategy for each Early Stage Researcher, including complementary and transferrable skills training to increase employability.

Implementation

Transparent recruitment process

Make sure the recruitment process is clear with criteria for judging merit and a strategy for ensuring equal opportunity.

Empower Early Stage Researchers

Give Early Stage Researchers responsibilities in the project and the chance to have input to the design of training activities.

Monitoring and Risk

Coherent plans to monitor your projects progress and mitigate risk pay off and can increase the credibility of your proposal.

What, how and by who?

Be very clear on the parameters of the work, the objectives you aim to achieve and the projects overall management.



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