

ITN Call 2016 Webinar Questions and Answers

Question: You mention that secondments are done at another beneficiary organization, and you mention that partner organisations can host “short secondments”. Does this mean that 3-4 months secondments in partner organisations are not advised?

Answer: Secondments can be done either at another beneficiary organisation, or at the partner organisation. 3-4 months is fine for secondments in both types of organisation.

Question: In the description of Local training (section 1.2), should we then include a short description of the training offered at each one of the academic beneficiaries, even if only 1 or 2 ESRs hosted there will take them, and therefore local training will be different for each ESR? Or should we try to unify the common aspects of all local trainings?

Answer: Best practice is to provide a brief description of local training at each beneficiary e.g. graduate studies programme. You can use a table to do this, and could highlight any common local elements relevant to the overall training programme. Then, describe the complementarity between the local and network-wide training that will be achieved using the Personal Career Development Plan for each ESR.

Question: Regarding the Description of Work Packages (Table 3.1a), could you please elaborate on what is expected to be included in the breakdown of tasks (beyond supervising ESRs and hosting secondments), particularly in SSH projects where there are no testing or prototypes to be done. Could you please give an example?

Answer: Consider an ESR project about survivors of conflict in the Balkans. The tasks in a WP could be:

Task 1: Desk research

Task 2: Interviews with survivors

Task 3: Analysis of survivor interviews and developing a report.

Question: If we have big companies as partners do they have the same right to get financing from the EU program as SMEs and Universities have?

Answer: All beneficiaries receive the EU financing, except those located in high-income countries such as the USA or Australia. They can request funding, but it is unlikely to be granted. They are better off applying as partner organisations.

Question: Do Beneficiaries need to sign Part A before it is submitted (by using electronic signature?)

Answer: Each beneficiary completes section 2 of the Part A form about their organisation, but there is no electronic signature.

Question: Do we need Letters of Commitment from the Beneficiaries?

Answer: For EID and ETN, Letters of Commitment are not required for Beneficiaries (please do not include them as the evaluators will ignore them). For EJD, a Letter of Commitment is required from the academic beneficiaries who will award the joint/double degrees.

Question: Does the project short name have to be an acronym or can it be a word which captures the overall essence of the project?

Answer: The short name does not have to be an acronym of the project title. It can be a real word which captures the overall essence of the project.

Question: Are 5 research work packages too many?

Answer: 5 WPs is acceptable as long as it isn't too unwieldy to manage or makes the proposal too long.

Question: In terms of the overall length of sections, if you allocate it on the basis of 50/30/20 then section 3 shouldn't have more than 6 pages. Looking at all the tables required for this section we think we will have 6 pages of tables. So is it OK to increase the length of section 3 to 8 or 9 pages?

Answer: You can divide the pages up as you see fit. Remember that you can decrease the font size in tables, which will save some space.

Question: Finally we were planning on combining management and dissemination into 1 WP, instead of the 2 you mention. Would this be acceptable do you think?

Answer: You can combine the WPs if that makes sense

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