RISE Call 2014_2015 Webinar
Questions and Answers

Question: Should I include the names of the seconded researchers in the proposal?

Answer: No, it is not a good idea to include the names of the seconded researchers, unless you know for certain that these researchers will actually take part in the secondments as planned in the proposal (dates, duration, venue etc.). This is because in Horizon 2020 there is no opportunity to revise your Part B during the grant preparation phase – your Part B as submitted to the Call becomes the 'Description of Work' part of the Grant Agreement.

In place of names, you should use a code to describe the researcher (e.g. ESR1, ER2, TECH1), but be sure to provide the profile of the researcher (e.g. highest education qualification, areas of research expertise, what knowledge they could transfer). The use of codes allows for flexibility in the operation of the secondments during the project implementation phase.

Question: a) Is there any requirements for secondments to be "balanced" in a RISE project, i.e. if an organisation sends staff out for 50 months of secondment, must they host staff on secondment for 50 months in return? b) In a related question, can an organisation host staff but not second anyone out themselves?

Answer: a) No, there is no requirement for balanced secondments in a RISE project (in contrast to the FP7 IAPP scheme), as long as it is justified in the application. b) As long as it is appropriate to the transfer of knowledge programme and justified in the application, then it's fine to host staff but not second any yourself, or vice versa.

Question: Are there any limitations on "young" companies (start-ups) participating in RISE?

Answer: All entities must be able to prove that they have the required financial capacity to participate in any Horizon 2020 proposal. To facilitate this, a Financial Capacity Self-Check is available at http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/lfv.html. Companies in the first years of trading should pay particular attention to this check, as if they fail it, they will most likely not be allowed to participate in the Horizon 2020 project. Further information can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/applying-for-funding/register-an-organisation/financial-viability-self-check_en.htm. Details of the Legal and Financial NCP, who can assist with queries, are available at http://www.horizon2020.ie/who-can-help/european-advisors-competitive-industry/.