

SUMMER SCHOOL in GRAN CANARIA – JULY 17-19TH

Open Science & Writing Successful Projects for Excellent Research and Disruptive Innovation: HE, ERC & EIC.

EXPER project (Excellent peripheries for a strong European Research Area)

AGENDA




17-19/07/2024

- University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Nexo Building, Campus de Tafira, Gran Canaria – Canary Islands


Day 1 – 17th July: Short introductory presentations. Working Groups for Successful proposals under HE Calls.






Time slot	Topic & Speaker
08:30 – 09:00	<i>Welcoming Reception</i>
09:00 – 09:15	Institutional presentation  Sebastián López - Vice-rector of Research and Transfer of the ULPGC
09:15 – 09:30	EXPER Review: Action Plans & ULPGC transformation  Sebastián López - Vice-rector of Research and Transfer of the ULPGC
09:30 – 09:40	Societal Challenge Working Groups (SCWGs) Action Plans  Lucía Dobarro - ITC
09:40 – 10:20	EU Mission & SCWG1. Adaptation to Climate Change in the Blue and/or Circular Economy  Leví Aday García and Joana Barcelos e Ramos – ULPGC & UAC  Manuel Amorim - Sustain Azores
	EU Mission & SCWG2. Restore our Oceans and Waters in the Blue and/or Circular Economy  Rodrigo Riera and Andrea Zita Costa – ULPGC & Uac Collaboration with Jelena Pantel. UNI-DUE – Twinning proposal. To be confirmed
10:20 – 10:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:40 – 13:00	Methodology and tips for Horizon Europe Project development Focus On Impact Section of Horizon Europe proposals  Beatrice Avagnina – Consulta Europa
13:00 – 13:30	Working Group dynamics
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

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14:30 – 17:00	<p>Hands on! Outlining a project proposal: Calls analysis. Structure the objectives and work plan. Building the consortium: distribution of responsibilities and budgeting.</p> <p>Open calls: Work in groups per calls of interest</p> <p> Michelle Perello & Beatrice Avagnina – Consulta Europa</p>

Day 2 – 18th July: Capacity building training for Successful proposals under ERC (European Research Council) calls & Open Science Skills.

Time slot	Topic & Speaker
09:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 1. Introduction to the ERC programme, assessment process and useful tools.</p> <p> David Alcántara Parra – SACSIS (Sociedad para el Avance Científico)</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 14:00	<p>Session 2. Research proposal, Extended synopsis and Lead Researcher</p> <p> David Alcántara Parra – SACSIS (Sociedad para el Avance Científico)</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15:00 – 15:45	<p>ERC: success story at ULPGC</p> <p> Jonathan Alberto Santana Cabrera - ULPGC</p>
15:45 – 17:00	<p>From Theory to Practice: Open Science And Research Evaluation in the Spanish context.</p> <p> Ignacio Gárate Alarcón – ULPGC</p>

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09:00 – 11:00	EIC introduction & EIC Pathfinder  Isabel Vinagre – SILO Science & Innovation Link
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 13:30	EIC Transition & EIC Accelerator  Isabel Vinagre – SILO Science & Innovation Link
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 15:15	EIC: success story  Roberto Pangallo – WOOPTIX Project Manager
15:15 – 16:15	Widening Programme  Anselmo Sosa – Widening NCP
16:15 – 16:30	Closing session  Sebastián López - Vice-rector of Research and Transfer of the ULPGC



Open Science and Writing Successful Projects for Excellent Research and Disruptive Innovation: Horizon Europe 2021-2027, ERC (European Research Council) & EIC (European Innovation Council).

Join us for the **EXPER Summer School in Gran Canaria from July 17 to July 19, 2024**, at the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC). This immersive experience, part of the Excellent Peripheries for a Strong European Research Area (EXPER) project, focuses on promoting excellent and responsible research at ULPGC and the University of the Azores (UAC).

The summer school programme aims to equip participants with a comprehensive understanding of research management, encompassing essential cross-cutting competencies. The curriculum delves into open science practices, fostering a collaborative environment that empowers participants to strategically leverage funding opportunities offered by the Horizon Europe programme.

Designed to cultivate project development through group work, **the programme draws inspiration from the established thematic areas of the EXPER Societal Challenge Working Groups (SCWGs).** Participants will collaboratively refine initial project ideas and explore avenues for further development. Participants are encouraged to contribute their unique perspectives and expertise, enriching the collaborative brainstorming process.

Furthermore, the programme offers **invaluable networking opportunities.** Participants will have the chance to engage with esteemed speakers from the **European Research Council (ERC)** and **the European Innovation Council (EIC).** Through these interactions, they will gain insights into successful research proposals and funding acquisition strategies within the Horizon Europe framework.

Participants will actively engage in a **practical proposal writing workshop**, focusing on **Horizon Europe projects such as Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) and Innovation Actions (IA).** The workshop will involve international and multidisciplinary stakeholders, fostering collaboration between academia and local industries to address global challenges like climate change adaptation, ocean and water restoration (EU Missions), resilience in ultraperipheral regions, and leveraging EU funds for economic growth.

Ultimately, participants will benefit from **expert presentations, interactive workshops, and the participation of representatives from local companies**, providing comprehensive insights into research management and effective knowledge transfer to society.



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Who should attend:

- Researchers, companies, and entities experienced in or interested in European projects' calls
- R&I promotion agents

After the EXPER Summer School, proposals with the potential to be presented to an open European call will receive support until March 2025.

Participants in the EXPER Summer School in Gran Canaria will gain several benefits from the programme:

- **Proposal Writing Skills:** The summer school fosters interdisciplinary collaboration by creating an environment for exchanging ideas among researchers, entrepreneurs, and relevant organisations. This collaboration aims to address social challenges effectively through project proposal writing.
- **Research Management Skills:** Participants will have the opportunity to explore the concept of open science and its fundamental pillars. The session will address open access to research results, highlighting its importance and benefits, as well as the current regulatory framework and context, including the Law on Science, Technology, and Innovation, the Organic Law of the University System, the National Open Science Strategy, and the Horizon Europe programme. Additionally, the session will discuss the curricular evaluation of research activities, including the analysis of specific cases, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of open science practices and their implementation.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Through the activities, with the involvement of international attendants, local companies, and organisations, participants will have ample opportunities to network with peers, industry experts, and stakeholders. This networking can lead to potential collaborations for project development, especially enhanced through the activity of EXPER SCWGs.
- **Certificate of Participation:** Participants will receive a certificate for their participation during the 3 days - lasting Summer School.

During the programme, a **team of experts specialising in European project calls** will analyse participants' profiles and facilitate group work to generate projects of common interest. The focus will be on open calls for Horizon Europe projects, particularly those linked to EU missions such as Adaptation to Climate Change and Restore Our Oceans and Waters. Emphasis will be placed on the projects' impact on society, highlighting both technical and broader societal impacts as required in Horizon Europe calls. This approach ensures that participants gain practical experience in proposal writing and project development that aligns with EU priorities and societal needs.



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About the event

The agenda for the three-day event will consist of a comprehensive programme designed to equip participants with essential skills and knowledge for successful proposal writing and project development under Horizon Europe calls. Here's how each day will unfold:

Day 1—17th July: Short introductory presentations. Working Groups for Successful proposals under HE Calls

On the first day, participants will engage in short talks covering institutional presentations, transformation strategies, action plans, and EXPER Societal Challenge Working Groups focused on EU missions. Additionally, the day will feature sessions on Horizon Europe project development methodologies, impact assessment, and practical exercises in outlining project proposals based on open calls. Participants will work collaboratively in groups aligned with their areas of interest, ensuring networking among participants.

Day 2—18th July: Capacity Building Training for Successful Proposals under ERC (European Research Council) Calls and Open Science Skills

The specialised day on ERC Grant Actions aims to train both established and emerging principal investigators to maximise their chances of success in ERC calls. Participants will learn the key elements of a winning ERC project, including the selection criteria and the specific focuses of different evaluation panels. The training will cover defining ambitious research objectives, ensuring the suitability of the scientific approach, and addressing high-risk and high-gain aspects. It will also provide essential guidance on proposal preparation, understanding the basic terminology, and aligning CVs with panel expectations. This practical session will examine concepts of novelty, innovation, and impact, offering a comprehensive approach to developing a competitive ERC proposal. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to learn about a success story regarding funding obtained through the European Research Council (ERC), thanks to the participation of a distinguished researcher from ULPGC as a speaker.

Day 3—19th July: EIC (European Innovation Council), new skills for an Excellent Innovation and Technology Transfer framework in Outermost regions & Widening Programme

This training session will focus on the European Innovation Council (EIC), the EU flagship programme for SMEs, start-ups, and spin-offs, which promotes breakthrough innovation with scale-up potential at the global level. In detail, the EIC mainly focuses on breakthrough, deeptech, and disruptive innovation, targeting especially market-creating innovation. To learn more about the funding opportunities the programme offers, this session will address the three main funding instruments: EIC Pathfinder, EIC Transition, and EIC Accelerator. The Widening Programme will also be addressed, an EU initiative that aims to reduce the research and innovation (R&I) gap among lower-performing countries. It seeks to harmonise R&I capacities across Europe. Besides funding, it focuses on improving infrastructure, fostering a high-quality research environment, and promoting researcher mobility to counteract brain drain and distribute knowledge more equitably across Europe.



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The venue of the EXPER Summer School is at the **University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC) campus at the premises of the Edificio NEXO, Campus de Tafira, 35017, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain**. The language of the event will be English.

Throughout the event, coffee and lunch breaks will facilitate networking opportunities, foster connections among participants, and encourage informal discussions that complement the structured agenda.

Register here at: <https://forms.office.com/e/TVC1QG6ShZ>

Don't miss this opportunity to advance your knowledge and skills in research and innovation proposal writing while networking with peers and industry experts.



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