

# The Basics

Describing the general case of  
European Commission ICT funding for  
collaborative research in H2020

A slideset intended for newcomers

– acknowledged by its originator: the UK ICT National Contact Point to be

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# THE NEXT 4 SLIDES WILL TELL YOU A FEW ESSENTIALS ABOUT

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## IN EUROPEAN FUNDED COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

- RESEARCH & INNOVATION

The European Commission supports collaborative Research and Innovation projects by means of grants.

- COLLABORATORS

The collaborators form a consortium which must include three independent partners from different EU member or associated states.

- BENEFITS

Important benefits to project participants include the development of knowledge underpinning new products and services, shared expertise, widened capabilities, enlarged networks and an expanded world view,.....

- MAKING A PROPOSAL

Participation follows successful submission of a written proposal in response to a call for proposals referring to a Workprogramme document which defines the technology areas to be addressed.

- SUBMISSION  
Proposals are submitted electronically using the participant portal before a fixed date and time by the coordinating partner, to whom evaluation results are communicated up to 5 months later.
- SUCCESS  
Not all proposals are successful, competition is strong, typically one proposal in 7 gets to become a project.
- THE GRANT AGREEMENT Highest scoring consortia get a 3 month period within which to conclude their Grant Agreement with The Commission. This necessitates validation of the identity and financial status of the proposers. The Text part of the proposal is taken virtually unmodified to become the description of work. There is NO Negotiation.

- CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

The consortium partners undertake a **Consortium Agreement** which defines the way the consortium will operate

- PROJECT START

**Commencement** of the project follows. Within **30 days** of which a substantial **pre-financing payment** is made by The Commission

- REPORTING

The **coordinating partner** interfaces with The Commission through a specific **Project Officer**. **Progress reports, financial information** and settlement of interrim cost claims are exchanged on a regular basis, with updates to the financing as necessary.

- PROGRESS

Periodic **project reviews** involving **independent experts** are arranged by the Project officer. Reviews can, in a minority of cases terminate projects which fail to perform, with recovery of unspent/misspent finance.

- RETENTION

Around 90% of the grant is payable before the project ends. The remainder or retention awaits completion of all documents.

- SUPPORT

Newcomers are encouraged to discuss their interest with their **National Contact Point** [ncp-ict-fet@innovateuk.gov.uk](mailto:ncp-ict-fet@innovateuk.gov.uk) who will be able to provide guidance and advice on further steps

- DOCUMENTATION

**Documentation** for particular calls for proposals can be downloaded from **The Participant Portal**:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>