

Horizon Europe Proposal Writing Camp for Moldova

Dates: 16, 17 and 18 February 2026

Venue: National Agency for Research and Development (NARD)

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Draft Agenda

DAY 1 – Monday 16 February 2026	
09.30 – 10.00	Registration and Networking
10.00 - 10.30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Marie Komendzinski , European Commission, DG RTD• Moldovan host (tbd)• Presentation of Trainers Introduction to Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explanation about the formats and expected activities, openness and limits• Participants brief tour de table (previous experiences with HEU; future targets)
10.30 – 12.00	Overview of Horizon Europe and Work Programme 2026-2027 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of Horizon Europe structure• Overarching presentation of Horizon Europe (HE) Work Programmes for 2026 – 2027• Specific HE calls of interest for Moldova with emphasis on Clusters under Pillar II, European Innovation Council (EIC) and European Innovation Ecosystems under Pillar III
12.00 – 12.15	COFFEE BREAK
12.15 – 12.45	The Funding and Tenders Portal - How to find the right call (interactive)
12.45 – 13.30	Evaluation of proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation criteria• <i>Group work to understand the evaluation approach</i>
13:30 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14.00 – 15.00	How to understand a call and decode its content?
15.00 – 16.00	Call/topic decoding and understanding: Two working topics from the HE Work Programme 2026 – 2027 will be chosen according to the profiles of the registered participants (tentatively from the Clusters, EIC or the European Innovation Ecosystems) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Splitting in several small groups for working on the chosen working calls/topics</i>
16.15 – 16.30	COFFEE BREAK



16.30 – 17.30	Call/topic decoding and understanding (continuing) • <i>Working groups on specific calls/topics</i>
17:30 - 18:00	Recap of Day 1 & outlook on Days 2 & 3

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 17 February 2026

09.30 – 09.45	Introduction to proposal's main parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellence and its contents • Impact and its contents • Implementation and its contents • Budget • Ethics and other Annexes
09.45 – 10.00	Implementation part overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan • Work packages • Deliverables
10.00 – 11.00	Drafting a Workplan description <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Working groups on specific calls/topics</i>
11.00 – 11.15	COFFEE BREAK
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Presentations of the drafted Workplans and discussion</i>
11.45 – 12.00	Consortium as a whole and individual profiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required qualifications, complementarity • Individual profiles
12:00 – 12.30	Excellence part overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project rationale, objectives and the European dimension • Responding to the scope of the call (problem raised in the call), describe solution and expected results • Excellence parts: objectives; relation to Work Programme; concept and methodology; ambition
12.30 – 13.00	LUNCH BREAK
13.00 – 14.00	Drafting Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Working groups on specific calls/topics</i> 1.1 <i>Objectives</i> 1.2 <i>Relation to the work programme</i> 1.3 <i>Concept and methodology</i> 1.4 <i>Ambition</i>
14.00 – 14.30	<i>Presentations of the drafted Excellence parts and discussion</i>
14.30 – 14.45	COFFEE BREAK
14.45 – 15.15	Horizontal issues in Horizon Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics; IPR; Open science; RRI <p>How to integrate these aspects in the proposal</p>
15.15 – 15.45	Identifying horizontal issues in the calls/topics addressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group work on specific calls/topics on Ethics; IPR; Open Science; RRI</i>
15.45 – 16.15	<i>Presentations on the identified horizontal issues and discussion</i>
16.15 – 17.00	Discussion, Q&A, Wrap-up of the two first days and orientations for Day 3

DAY 3 – Wednesday, 18 February 2026	
09.00 – 09.15	Budget and eligible costs in Horizon Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible costs, funding rates, direct/indirect • Tips for preparing a budget
09.15 – 10.15	Drafting a budget for a work package (or a task) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group work: Calculate costs for work package or task, including human resources (p-m and rates), consumables; travel; other equipment; Sub-contracting</i>
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Presentations of the drafted budgets and discussion</i>
10.45 – 11.00	BREAK
11.00 – 11.30	Impact part overview <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expected Impact, impact types, indicators 2. Measures to maximize impact (Communication, Dissemination, Exploitation)
11.30 – 12:30	Drafting an impact section and measures to maximize impacts: Group work on specific calls/topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Expected impacts 2.2a Dissemination and Exploitation of results 2.2b Communication
12.30 – 13.00	<i>Presentations of the drafted Impact parts and discussion</i>
13.00 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK
13.30 – 14.15	Success Story from Moldova (tbc) Presentation and Discussion with participants and trainers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway for getting that grant; • Challenges during implementation; • Q&A
14.15 – 15.30	Recap on practical steps and timeline for getting a grant (with links to proposal writing tips addressed during the training) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call/topic identification and decoding; • Approaching potential partners; • Forming a consortium and assigning the coordinator; • Drafting Tasks and Work Packages; • Drafting the Excellence part; • Drafting the impact part; • Calculating the budget.
15:30 – 16.00	Final discussion and Q&A