

INVITATION

TO THE EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE PRAGUE
AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, HOSTED BY THE CHARLES UNIVERSITY

MASTERING HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS: SIMPLIFICATION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROLS

CHARLES UNIVERSITY - KAROLINUM (BLUE LECTURE HALL)
CELETNÁ 20, PRAGUE 1
15 JUNE 2026, 10 AM

***Are you preparing or managing a Horizon Europe project?
Curious about the latest simplification measures, lump sum funding,
and how projects are managed and controlled in practice?***

As Horizon Europe moves into a more advanced implementation phase, new simplification measures and updates in the Work Programme 2026–2027 are being introduced, the use of lump sum funding continues to expand, and the first ex-post technical reviews of lump sum projects, as well as financial audits of actual cost grants, are now taking place.

This event will help you better understand these developments and their practical implications for both proposal preparation and project implementation. It will provide practical guidance and insights to help you address key implementation challenges and avoid common pitfalls.

Take this opportunity to engage with the European Commission, ask questions, and discuss your practical challenges. The programme combines expert presentations, interactive discussions, and networking opportunities.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Research managers and administrators supporting Horizon Europe proposals and projects
- Researchers involved in Horizon Europe proposals and project implementation
- Anybody looking to engage in European research collaborations

SPEAKERS



Alison IMRIE, European Commission, DG RTD

Alison has worked in the EU institutions since 1996 and joined the EC in 2001. Over the years, she has worked on policies relating to the textiles sector, SMEs, and research and innovation in support of climate action, environment and resource efficiency. For over 12 years, Alison coordinated the drafting and preparation of H2020 and HE work programmes. She now works on simplification of Horizon funding.



Sara CAPRUZZI, European Commission, DG RTD

Sara has worked in the EU institutions since 2019, and has joined the Common Legal Support Service of DG RTD in 2024. Over the years, she has worked as Legal and Financial Officer in the management of grant agreements awarded under H2020 and HE, both in the EC and in an Executive Agency, dealing with legal and financial aspects of the projects' implementation. In her current role, she provides legal advice on several legal and contractual issues of grants awarded under the Research programme to R&I Commission Services, Executive Agencies and Joint Undertakings.



Harald SCHMID, European Commission external auditor

Harald joined the EC in 1997, shortly after the accession of Austria to the EU. Over the years, he has worked on various issues like Information Technology, Competition (Mergers) and International Trade (anti-dumping and anti-subsidy). For over 5 years, Harald works as an external auditor at the Common Audit Service of the EC, auditing Financial Statements submitted by beneficiaries of H2020 and HE grants. He also reviews audit reports prepared by external audit firms appointed by the EC.

PROGRAM

10:00 – 12:00 **SIMPLIFICATION & LUMP SUM: What does it mean in practice?**

Explore the latest simplification measures in Horizon Europe and their practical implications for preparing and implementing collaborative projects (RIA, IA, CSA), including key updates on lump sum funding and the approach to ex-post technical reviews in lump sum projects.

- Changes introduced in the Horizon Europe Work Programmes 2026–2027
- Novelty on lump sum funding
- Ex-post technical reviews in lump sum projects
- Q&A with European Commission experts

PROJECT MANAGEMENT: How to manage your grant?

Gain practical insights into key legal and non-financial aspects of Horizon Europe project management, with a focus on day-to-day implementation challenges.

- Reporting, amendments and changes during project implementation
- Non-financial rules and other obligations
- Q&A with European Commission experts

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch break**

13:00 – 15:00 **FINANCIAL AUDITS: How to prepare and avoid errors?**

Gain a clear understanding of how financial audits of actual cost grants in Horizon Europe are carried out and how to prepare for them effectively.

- Preparing for a financial audit
- Avoiding common errors
- Q&A with European Commission expert

FUNDING & TENDERS PORTAL: What's new for project management?

Discover the latest developments in the Funding & Tenders Portal and how they support project preparation, implementation and reporting.

- Key novelties and recent updates in the Portal
- EU Funding & Tenders Portal mobile app – latest news
- Q&A with European Commission experts

15:00 – 16:00 **FINAL DISCUSSION AND CLOSING OF THE EVENT**

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