

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Training Report

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A group of six people from different EPR member organisations and countries participated a EU Funding training dedicated to explore different EU funding programmes and learning on how to submit successful applications. The training was delivered by Nikolaos Floratos, expert in EU projects and the European Commission. The training was divided into a half-day session.

This first day provided the participants with understanding and knowledge how to become aware of various funding opportunities and what it takes to exploit them successfully. The state of play and the funding possibilities for European projects in the framework of the EaSI/PROGRESS programme and the ERASMUS+ strategic partnerships, the strand “Promote rights of persons with disabilities” of the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) as well as relevant / useful aspects in other EU programmes. Main objective of the training was looking at the Successful Exploitation of European Funding Opportunities.

The trainer shared with participants his developed techniques to achieve successful applications. For this, the expert introduced participants to the learning processes of identifying easily the most suitable funding opportunities for the mission and vision of their organisation and how to apply an effective methodology and tips for joining or submitting competent consortia and proposals.

The second day of training was focused on learning how to apply effective methodologies and tips and methods and well validated material from EC experts on writing successful proposals. The expert gave participants key insights and tips on how to address all evaluation criteria with success and convince the EC evaluators to fund their proposal and how to evaluate their proposals from the EC evaluators’ point of view and further enhance it.

The seminar was evaluated by the participants on five aspects: matching needs, relevance and possible application at work of the gained knowledge and information, the overall satisfactory level of the training seminar and an assessment of the expert. The participants rated the training seminar as extremely useful, the expert was highly valued and EPR will consider repeating the training to a higher audience of members.

Before the training, needs and assessments of EPR members on EU funding were collected and evaluated to feed into the trainer programme of the days helping the training being tailored-made to the needs of our members.

