

## About HORIZON 2020



Horizon 2020 is the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme ever with nearly €80 billion of funding available over 7 years (2014 to 2020).

The goal is to ensure Europe produces world-class science, removes barriers to innovation and makes it easier for the public and private sectors to work together in delivering innovation.

Independent experts are appointed by the European Commission to evaluate proposals, review projects and monitor programmes and policies.

We advise and support in applying for EU funds and the execution of projects:

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## Be an Expert in HORIZON 2020!

Research proposals within the Horizon 2020 programme are selected for funding based on peer review evaluation. Accordingly, the European Commission is looking for independent experts in the different funding areas of the programme.



*„Being an expert in Horizon 2020 gives you the opportunity to learn about the peer review process, helping you with the writing of your own EU-proposal.“*

Prof. Jürgen Rabenhorst,  
University of Applied Science Ostwestfalen-Lippe

### 1. Why become an independent expert?

- You help to ensure that EU grants will be awarded to the best research and innovation proposals and/or that running R&I projects funded by the EU are delivering what they set out to do.
- By working with an international community of experts from interdisciplinary fields you have the opportunity to widen your scientific network within and outside the EU.
- You will have insight into the latest scientific and technological developments of the scientific communities.
- Your reputation in the research community is supported by your role as an EU Expert.
- To be involved in the peer review process is considered by many applicants enormously instructive and a perfect support for their own applications.

### 2. What are the requirements to apply?

- A high level of professional experience in one or more of a broad variety of fields, which are specified in the full-published call for experts (scientists, managers, EU Liaison officers...)
- Availability for occasional, short-term assignments.
- A good knowledge of English is essential.

*"To be an expert in Horizon 2020 is worth it! It allowed me to expand my international network."*



Prof. Sabine Fechner,  
Paderborn University

### 3. How can you register?

In order to access the expert registration form on the Participant Portal (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>), you are first asked to login with a valid Participant Portal ("EU Login") account. If you do not have it yet, it's easy to create your EU Login.

or

If your organization is interested in recommending experts for the Horizon 2020 programme, they can nominate you and following receipt of this nomination, the European Commission services shall contact the proposed experts and invite them to register their details in the registration form on the Participant Portal.



### 4. How does it work in practice?

Once registered as an expert in the database, you may be offered specific assignments. Some of the evaluation work has to be done remotely, but your tasks could entail travelling to Brussels, e.g. for consensus meetings or elsewhere e.g. mid-term project reviews, too.

Experts are entitled to fixed daily rates. Travel costs and subsistence expenses are covered in addition.

The evaluation facilities in Brussels as well as the support for experts (including IT tools, payments) are managed by the Research Executive Agency (REA).



*"To be an expert in Horizon 2020 is very fruitful! It taught me essential things for my own successful applications at the EU."*

Prof. Olaf Kruse,  
Bielefeld University