

# EXAMPLES FROM EVALUATORS REPORTS

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## MSCA RISE 2017 STRENGTHS

### 2. Excellence

#### 2.1 Quality and credibility of the research/innovation action; level of novelty and appropriate consideration of inter/multidisciplinary, intersectoral and gender aspects

- The specific objectives and the relevance of the research action are clearly specified. The innovative aspects are convincingly demonstrated.
- The multidisciplinary, intersectoral and international aspects of the research concept are appropriately presented.
- The overall research strategy and research methodology are highly credible and in accordance with the objectives.
- The awareness of equal opportunities and gender balance in decision-making and secondments is adequately proved.
- The multidisciplinary nature of the project holds the potential for appropriate sharing of knowledge across boundaries.
- Gender related issues are sufficiently considered in the proposal.
- The overall aim of the envisaged research programme is very well described. The innovative aspects of the proposed work, as compared to the current state of the art, are appropriately demonstrated.
- The main research objectives of the research programme are clearly specified and include an extremely well suited multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary interaction.
- The research project is of high quality. It deals with advanced topics of \*\*\*\*\*. The credibility of the project is built upon recent advances by the consortium members.

#### 2.2 Quality and appropriateness of knowledge sharing among the participating organisations in light of the research and innovation objectives

- The quality of knowledge sharing among the participants in light of the project's innovation objectives is good.
- The contribution of each participating organisation in the planned activities is precisely formulated.
- The planned knowledge sharing strategy and actions are sufficient
- The involvement of the non-academic sector in the training activities adds value to the strategy of knowledge transfer.
- The knowledge sharing among the participating organisations is appropriate for the research objectives. There is a complementarity between the participating groups and a synergy can be anticipated. The contribution of each partner to the project objectives is clear.
- The planned support by organizations with high level of expertise to the revival or setup of \*\*\*\*\* in the third world participants' countries is very valuable.
- The participants will share their expertise with mutual benefits, thanks to high quality interaction planned at all stages of the project. The contribution of each team is well-documented and fully in line with the goals of the project.

## 2.3 Quality of the proposed interaction between the participating organisations

- The proposed interaction plan presents well the roles of each partner and their synergies.
- The project well identifies and exploits the network activities and synergies.
- The project demonstrates a good interaction between the participating organisations in knowledge sharing activities.
- The proposed interaction between the researchers from the academic institutions, in terms of secondments, is overall appropriate. The planned activities, briefly highlighted in the proposal, are also appropriate.
- Additional staff exchanges which are not eligible for secondments but necessary for the project will be covered from additional resources of participating organizations.
- The separation of networking activities between those that are internal to the consortium and those that will encourage network building in the wider context is a good approach.
- The proposal envisions a number of well-thought out symposia organized around important topics related to the clearly defined objectives of the project.

## 3. Impact

### 3.1 Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of the staff members

- The training goals are very well defined and personalised for each staff member. The enhancement of the career perspectives is suitably reinforced.
- The proposal identifies a series of well-articulated advantages which would help enhancing the potential and future career perspectives of the participants, both ERs and ESRs;
- Some career opportunities will be enhanced by the multidisciplinary knowledge gains as well as by the exposure to both academic and industrial environment.
- The planned exchange of staff and research demonstrates good potential for enhancing careers, skills and competences.
- The action's contribution to increase the potential of individuals through networking, as well as through the acquisition of competences, new interests and new skills is well demonstrated in the proposal.
- The impact of the project on the future career perspectives and employability of the staff members is extensively addressed and well demonstrated in the proposal.

### 3.2 Developing new and lasting research collaborations, achieving transfer of knowledge between participating organisations and contribution to improving research and innovation potential at the European and global levels

- The proposal convincingly argues that new and lasting research collaborations will be created as result of the project and that the transfer of knowledge will be done in both directions (from the MS to TC and from TC to the MS) thus improving research and innovation potential at European and global levels;
- The project builds on a well-balanced mixture of established and new collaborations. Currently existing collaborations will be strengthened during the project.
- The perspectives for long-lasting collaborations are convincingly justified. The plans to ensure the self-sustainability of the partnership after the end of the project are convincing.
- The dual strategy of fundamental and product-oriented research strongly contributes to the research and innovation potential in Europe and worldwide.
- The project convincingly argues that it will develop capacity-building activities across various disciplines and will help building capacity and expertise especially among the African and Latin American partner institutions, by transfer of knowledge about some new fields for those countries.
- The self-sustainability of the partnership after the end of the project is clearly foreseen.

- The proposal convincingly demonstrates how new and lasting research collaborations will be achieved. The self-sustainability of the partnership after the end of the action is adequately presented.
- There are plans to develop new joint projects within both national and EU programs, as a continuation of the present cooperation.
- The development of new and lasting research collaborations resulting from transfers of knowledge and networking activities is fully convincing, coupled with detailed tables describing the expected impacts.

### **3.3 Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the action results**

- The dissemination activities are very well-conceived and developed including regularly held symposia; various training activities carried out by the partners; three books on topics of the three WPs; submission of three papers per year to peer-reviewed journals; a website and a portal with diverse opportunities to share work in progress; banks of raw video images and of images that show evidence of preserved culture of resistance; connecting the project's results with the already existing digital projects in progress in Europe;
- The dissemination strategies to different target groups such as academic scientists and industries are very well-designed.
- The protection of intellectual property rights is adequately pursued
- The dissemination and exploitation strategies targeting scientific and industrial audiences are very convincingly presented and fully in line with the research program.
- The interest of industrial partner in the proposal is well presented, as this project will open opportunities to access markets outside of the EU.
- The presented plan for the exploitation and dissemination of results is well thought out, and will include presentations at conferences, and implementation of project results in teaching activities. Also, communication to industry will be made through industrial and commercial fairs and exhibitions.
- The proposal envisions an innovative use of the Marie Curie Alumni Association's webpage for spreading information and for communicating results to multiple non-academic audiences.
- The consortium has very well developed strategy of exploitation and dissemination of the project results targeted at scientists, at potential users and the wider research and innovation community. The proposal thoughtfully addresses various high quality dissemination measures: conferences, policy focused events, impressive number of peer-reviewed papers and edited volumes, website.

### **3.4 Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the action activities to different target audiences**

- The communication strategies to the general public comprise well-established elements and new approaches and demonstrate the consortium's commitment to interact with the general public.
- Measures to communicate the project activities to different target audiences are very well presented in the proposal. A wide range of activities is planned, and includes social platforms, media, raising awareness to potential researchers within high schools, students through lectures.
- The proposal provides a detailed information on the strategy for communicating the project's results, with several clearly outlined and feasible measures.
- There is a public policy dimension of research outcomes which is also well addressed.
- The programme foresees an extensive and ambitious communication strategy that envisions both conventional (press releases, public seminars, exhibitions) as well as innovative actions, such as cartoons and other visual resources.

## 4. Quality and efficiency of the implementation

### 4.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan, including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks and resources

- The work plan is coherent and realistic. The five work packages are well thought out with limpid explanations on the lead beneficiaries, their objectives and methods. It also includes a work package for dissemination and one for management, in phase with the aims of the research project.
- The work plan is organised in several very well-structured work packages. The description of deliverables is credible and the list of milestones gives additional clarity regarding the envisioned activities.
- The work plan is coherent and effective. The WPs are very well-elaborated with clearly outlined objectives and high quality deliverables.
- They contain very well-designed roles, and appropriate tasks and resources allocation for each participant organisation; the list of milestones is well presented bringing additional clarity regarding the results.
- The work plan is arranged according to a representative list of relevant deliverables, given the choices of the dissemination and communication plans. They include scientific, management, training and dissemination deliverables.
- The feasibility of the expected project's activities is adequately demonstrated.
- The work plan is very well structured and provides a good overview of the tasks and responsibilities of each of the involved groups of actors, of the interdependence between various tasks and of the phases of project.

### 4.2 Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including quality management and risk management

- The proposal suggests an appropriate scholarly management structures;
- The financial management is also extremely relevant.
- An agreement has been concluded between the consortium members, establishing the basic principles of the collaboration, objectives, tasks and staff mobility.
- The management structure is clearly presented and the risk management is justified.
- Risk management, decision making and conflict resolution mechanism are well addressed.
- The secondment plan describes some elements like: the seconded staff, the host organizations and the duration of visits. A Gantt chart for secondments is provided.
- The proposal justifies very well the risk management and proposes proper mitigation measures
- The mentoring scheme strengthens the proposal.

### 4.3 Appropriateness of the institutional environment (hosting arrangements, infrastructure)

- All beneficiaries involved in the consortium can provide the appropriate infrastructure and equipment for the realization of this project.
- The hosting arrangements are fully considered in the proposal.
- The participants' expertise and infrastructures are suitable for the needs of the project.
- Hosting arrangements are properly addressed and it is obvious that the team members have experience in the management of international projects.
- The proposal presents a high quality institutional environment with clear explanations of various hosting arrangements and infrastructure of both beneficiaries and partner institutions;
- The adequacy of institutional environment is convincingly demonstrated by the proposal because the participating institutions have sufficient infrastructure and arrangements for carrying out research activities.

#### 4.4 Competences, experience and complementarity of the participating organisations and their commitment to the action

- The level of commitment of the participating institutions for the proposed project is high.
- The partnership is well balanced and includes the necessary competences and experience in the addressed fields to enable the successful completion of the project.
- The project fully demonstrates how complementary expertise and synergies between the participants will be exploited.
- The consortium consists of highly competent and experienced teams, which is excellently supported by their track records. In addition, complementarity of the participating organisations is comprehensively demonstrated through planned work packages as well as their commitment to the project.
- The complementarity of the participating academic and non-academic organisations to the programme is convincingly explained where the network has an adequate multidisciplinary complementarity.
- The beneficiaries are experienced research and teaching institutions and their competences and participation in the project are appropriately elaborated.
- The commitment of partner organisations to the project is visible and well justified.
- The interaction and networking activities are fully convincing and are based on previous strong and qualified links between the European and South American involved scholars and institutions.