



BE-Rural Capacity building Workshop for researchers and SMEs:

25 & 27 October 2021

Virtual event

Agenda is in CEST time

Introduction

European regions are diverse – economically, ecologically and culturally. These areas are home to a wealth of ecosystems and resources, where the bioeconomy carries the promise of opportunities for rural employment and sustainable growth. This transition towards a new, bio-based regional economy requires the active involvement of a broad spectrum of stakeholders and the sustainable use of agricultural, forest and marine ecosystems. Building on this idea, BE-Rural will explore the potential of regional and local bio-based economies and support the development of bioeconomy strategies, roadmaps and business models.

Aim of the workshop

The workshop aims to enhance the capacities of researchers and businesses within the OIPs to engage in effective research & innovation (R&I) activities and cooperation. The particular objectives of the event are to deliver content on 'how to'

- (i) Find sources of inter/national R&I funding
- (ii) Identify suitable calls, requirements and reference documents (focus on Horizon Europe programme)
- (iii) Design good application and avoid common mistakes
- (iv) Start preparing your project proposal

Target participants

This Capacity Building Workshop is targeted at research institutions and research/innovation SMEs located in the five innovation regions of BE-Rural project (Vidzeme and Kurzeme in Latvia; Szczecin and Vistula Lagoons in Poland; Covasna in Romania; Stara Zagora in Bulgaria; and Strumica in North Macedonia). To participate in the workshop, participants do not need to have prior experience with international research projects.

Registration

Registration is free of charge but compulsory at <https://forms.gle/1sDHx2rHd6G8BDbaA>.

Please note that the number of participants is limited. Your registration is not an automatic confirmation for admission to the workshop.



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Programme

(further details to be confirmed as soon as possible)

Monday, 25 October 2021, 13.30 – 17.00 CEST

13.30-15.30 Part 1

- Introduction to the BE-Rural project
- Overview of EU funding sources for R&I in the period 2021-27
- Closer look at Horizon Europe: work programmes, types of actions, calls and topics, timetables and main requirements, eligible applicants

15.30-15.45 *Coffee break*

16.00-17.00 Part 2

- Guidance on successful proposal preparation: winning proposal's essential features
- Shaping an international consortium: how to find international partners

Wednesday, 27 October 2021, 13.30 – 17.00 CEST

13.30-15.30 Part 1

- From idea to proposal
 - EU Funding and Tenders Portal
 - First steps in proposal development
- Small group discussion

15.30-15.45 *Coffee break*

16.00-17.00 Part 2

- Experiences on the ground: SME and/or researchers to share their practical experiences
 - Lessons and advice
 - Q&A
- Wrap up and end of the seminar

