Coimbra Group Research Support Officer Group Meeting

2:30-4.30pm	**Update on Stakeholder Workshop – Shaping How Horizon Europe is Implemented,** Chaired by Dr Ann Ryan, NUI Galway

Working Session 1 – Proposal Submission, Evaluation and Selection

Group 1	**Experts** • Do you favour balancing representation over the best and most appropriate? • Is the remuneration appropriate? • How do you balance the workload for reviewers?
Group 2	**Evaluation** • What possible variations to standard sequence (individual-consensus-panel) would be effective? • Do you consider more remote consensus and/or more interviews would be effective? • What suggestions do you have to ensure a coherent portfolio of projects are funded under the Missions programme? • What suggestions do you have to ensure evaluation criteria are simple, non-overlapping and meaningful?
Group 3	**Proposals** • What is a reasonable length for a full collaborative project proposal? • What information is needed for a sound evaluation? • What information is needed for statistical purposes and policy? • What information could be collected later from successful applicants? • How can proposal information be provided so as not to impact Time to Grant adversely?
Group 4	**Feedback** • What is appropriate feedback for full proposals? • What is appropriate feedback for short proposals? • How do you ensure that ESRs provide adequate rationale for decision? • How do you ensure that ESRs contain constructive feedback?

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Working Session 2 – Ex-ante and ex-post control: System and Process Audits

Group 1	**Scope** • What is the appropriate scope of a System and Process Audit? • What is the appropriate timing for a System and Process Audit?
Group 2	**Validity** • What is appropriate methodology for a System and Process Audit? • What are appropriate benchmarks to use?
Group 3	**Lessons learnt** • What is the recipe for a successful System and Process Audit? • How do ensure a quality audit?
Group 4	**Feedback** • How to ensure consistency/negate preferences of auditees? • What type of checks are appropriate?

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Working Session 3 – Capturing Data and Knowledge for Efficient Dissemination and Exploitation and for the Key Impact Pathways

Group 1	**Data Collection**
	• What modifications to the reporting requirements on dissemination and exploitation activities do you suggest such that –
	  1. It is clear to beneficiaries what information is requested?
	  2. The data collected provide a more complete picture of the dissemination and exploitation activities of the project?

Group 2	**Dissemination and Exploitation Plans** • How can the Commission best implement a dissemination and exploitation reporting requirement that extends beyond the end of the project?
Group 3	**Facilitate Exploitation** • How can a Horizon results platform be implemented such that it facilitates better presentation of results to potential users and greater third-party exploitation?
Group 4	**Unique identifiers** • How can the Commission implement a system of using unique identifiers of individual researchers to improve harvesting of existing databases? • What are your views on the adoption of such an approach?

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Working Session 4 – Use of Simplified Forms of Costs

Group 1	**Simplified forms of Costs** • How can the Commission focus more on performance rather than spending?
Group 2	**Lump Sums** • What are the pros of a lump sum approach? • What are the cons of a lump sum approach?
Group 3	**Lump sums fixed ex-ante by the Commission?** • What are your views on the approach to fix lump sums ex-ante by the Commission in the call for proposals?
Group 4	**Lump sums proposed by the applicants?** • What are your views on the approach to propose lump sums by the applicant for each grant agreement on a detailed estimation of costs?

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Working Session 5 – Reinforcing Communication and Information

Group 1	**Portal** • How can the quality and clarity of the guidance be increased? • Is there sufficient guidance available? • How can the FAQ function be inproved?
Group 2	**Annotated Model Grant Agreement** • Is the recently introduced electronic version useful? • How can the user interface with the AGMA be improved? • How can the legal certainty be increased?
Group 3	**Communication** • In what areas of the project life cycle is there a need to improve the information provided to stakeholders? • How can this be done?
Group 4	**Training/Advice** • How can Coordinator Day training events be improved? • How can the capacity building capability of NCPs be improved? • How can the usefulness of the NPC network to beneficiaries be improved?