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Funding soon to be found – Horizon 2020 Special Interview with UiB's EU task force member professor Matthias Kaiser, SVT



What: Member of UiB's EU task force – a team of researchers and administrators created to raise awareness for EU funding and Horizon 2020

Who: Carl Walter Matthias Kaiser, Center for the Studies of the Sciences and the Humanities UiB

When: Matthias Kaiser has been a coordinator of one EU project and partner / work package leader in 10 EU projects. He is also in the advisory committee of another EU project.

1) What was the best thing about your EU projects? Top expertise to work together, and significant widening of my own research network. So, research team was very good (better than in national projects), though sometimes one faced management and administrative problems in some.

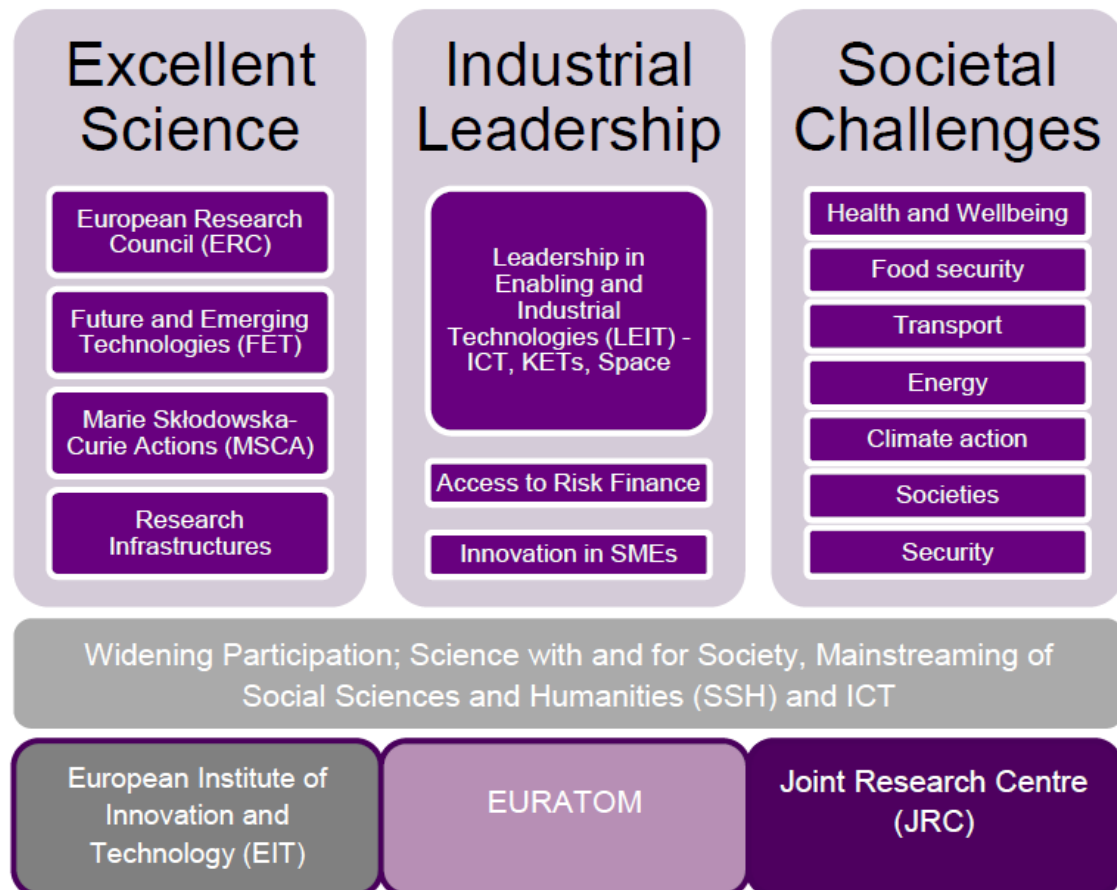
2) Why did you choose EU funding for your project ideas? In my experience, the EU was more open to innovative interdisciplinary projects than national funders. Furthermore, I found that the EU has a trustworthy and transparent evaluation system for research proposals.

3) Do you have advice for researchers who are unsure if they should apply for EU funding? Yes, first one must be clear what it is one wants: there are many instruments for EU funding, ranging from Marie Curie to policy support to network to research or ERC. What is it that brings you and your research group further? Where exactly are your interests and strengths? Get informed!

A good advice is to have you registered in the EU database of experts, so that you may evaluate some projects. Second, if you have identified a possible funding mechanism, do not be afraid of administrative issues or language which is difficult to understand. Form a little working group and include people from central research administration. Find out about the context of the call, and what projects have been funded already within your area. Make up your mind whether you want to act as coordinator, or whether you can do what you want to do as partner to some other coordinator. (In the latter case, take contact with these people.) Third, on the basis of a few pages project description, seek to establish the consortium of European partners. Start to write the project description (DoW) as early as possible, and be explicit on the expected financial distributions. You will need at least one to two weeks to finalize the DoW draft and the budget.

Main Point: do not be afraid of what first may look like a complicated procedure and structure, try to understand the rationale behind it, and ask for a realistic funding which allows you to do the work you want to do. If your project is good, you have a good chance to get funded, regardless of where you are from.

The next EU framework program Horizon 2020 starts January 1st – we hope to give you some information that will help you to make use of the numerous possibilities offered here!



Horizon 2020 mainly consists of three pillars depicted above (the figure is taken from the UK Research Office leaflet about Horizon 2020). The Excellent Science pillar hosts bottom up projects open for all research fields, Industrial Leadership includes the former ICT, Space, Nanotechnologies and parts of the food and agriculture programs as well as funding instruments for medium and small enterprises (SMEs). The third pillar Societal Challenges offers projects related to challenges like ageing populations, food security, climate change and the growing demand for energy. There will be bi-annual work programmes instead of annual work programmes as in FP7.

Become an evaluator for Horizon 2020

The new framework program is currently looking for evaluators for all programmes. Working as an evaluator will give you the chance to learn more about project proposal writing and how the EU evaluation system works. You can register yourself on the participant portal. Women are still underrepresented as evaluators, so this is an interesting opportunity for female researchers. You can sign up [here](#).

Follow the developments

If you want to follow the development of Horizon 2020, there are many national and international sources. RCN offers an EU newsletter, which can be ordered [here](#).



We can also recommend the news service from the UK research office, this is the Brussels representation of the UK research councils. You can register [here](#).

Swisscore Synopsis offers a [monthly overview](#) of current developments directly to your inbox.

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Overview of Horizon 2020 calls to be published in December 2013:

Please contact the FunderFinder team if you have questions, our contact details can be found on the first page. Remember that project establishment support (PES) will be available at the Division of Research Management for UiB researchers participating in EU proposals from 2014. Projects for the European Research Council (ERC), Marie Skłodowska Curie actions (MSCA) and FET open are thematically open for all scientific disciplines.

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions: As in FP 7 it is possible to apply for initial training networks (ITN) for doctoral education, individual post doc stipends (International Fellowships IF) and exchange programs with other countries (RISE).

ERC: The European Research Council continues to offer ERC Starting Grants, ERC Consolidator Grants and ERC Advanced Grants with an even higher budget than FP7.

FET open This program to foster alternative ideas, concepts or paradigms of risky or unconventional nature in a collaborative effort is now open to all disciplines.

Infrastructures: A list of currently funded research infrastructures can be found [here](#). Information about future plans can be found [here](#).

Industrial Leadership and Societal Challenges – You can find most work programs [online now](#), but for the final call texts, please use the documents published officially on December 11th. These will be located under EUs [participant portal](#).

A preliminary list of deadlines can be found on the [UKRO pages](#) (requires registration).

Guidance for researchers

See also our updated **list** on other **courses and information meetings** below.

Call specific guides for applicants will be made available under each call on the [EU participant portal website](#) starting December 11th. Please contact the FunderFinder Team if you need help finding the documents you need, we will gladly assist you.

Upcoming information meetings and courses

16.12.2013 Infomeeting Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Oslo (ITN and RISE) [Information and registration](#)

18.12.13 EU Transport information day Brussels [Information and registration](#)

17.1.2014 Infoday Societal Challenge 2 (Food Security) in Brussels [Information and registration](#)

20.1.2014 FET proactive information day, Brussels (NB: this will be about the FET proactive initiatives "Global Systems Sciences", "Knowing, doing and being: cognition behind problem solving" and "quantum simulation") Registration closes January 4th. [Information and registration](#).

26.-27.2.2014 Achieving Impact in the Socio-economic sciences and Humanities conference in Athens. This is directed to researchers interested in SSH research in Horizon 2020. [Information and registration](#).

Other calls

Czech-Norwegian research program, deadline 3.2.2014 More information about the call can be found [here](#).

Norway-Romania research program, deadline 17.1.2014. Please note that this time only projects in the field of renewable energy; health and food safety; environmental protection and management as well as social sciences and humanities will be funded. [More information](#)

A **partner search database** for these calls can be found [here](#).

From the FunderFinder team:



We are very happy to welcome Anne Fjellbirkeland as a new colleague in our team from January 2014. Anne will mainly be responsible for the faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and is currently employed as a research adviser at the department of biology.



Other open and upcoming calls

Link to [deadlines list](#)

The **European Science Foundation (ESF)** has launched a new call for exploratory workshops to be held in 2014. Deadline 18.4.2013. More [information](#).

Horizon 2020 ICT public consultation open until 15.4.2013 – more [information](#)

New COST trans-domain scheme: COST is a networking action which now also can fund proposals covering more than one domain. Deadlines 27.3. and tentatively 27.9.2013 [COST website](#)

COST needs new experts - women are especially encouraged to apply. More [information](#).

Bergen Medisinsk Forskningsstiftelse - new call for proposals. Research utilizing opportunities in health registries, biobanks and larger complex research infrastructures. [Information and call text](#). Deadline 13.5.2013

Novo Nordisk exploratory pre-seed grant for commercialization of biomedical research findings-deadline 30.4.2013. [Information leaflet](#).

The European Commission intends to award up to three **EU Prize for Women Innovators 2014**. Female researchers, who have brought about outstanding innovations to the market are very welcome to apply. Deadline to submit applications: 15 October 2013. [FP7-CDRP-Women-Innovators](#)
