

WEBINAR 2 – March 20, 2025 - from 2 pm to 5 pm CET

Introduction

This second webinar will start from the overview on the Horizon Europe programme and will deep dive into the opportunities reserved to cancer within and beyond Horizon Europe.

What to Expect:

- A comprehensive overview of exclusive funding opportunities tailored for young investigators in the oncology field.
- Smart strategies to identify the best funding mechanisms for your research proposal.
- A step-by-step guide on how to navigate funding calls and ensure eligibility.
- Insider tips from a real case study on preparing a winning proposal.

Program and speakers

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| 2.00pm - 2.10pm CET | Introduction Chiara Gabbi - OEI Academy Scientific Coordinator Carla Finocchiaro - Member of OEI Academy Scientific Board |
| 2.10pm - 2.40pm CET | Funding opportunities for Young Investigators in the oncology field in Europe Caterina Bonocore – NCP Italy - Agenzia per la Ricerca Europea - APRE |
| 2.40pm - 3.10pm CET | <i>How to read a call for applications</i> Carla Finocchiaro (OEI – Grant Office) |
| 3.10pm - 3.40pm CET | Q&A |
| 4.00pm - 4.25pm CET | How to find the best funding mechanism for your proposal: overview of the web search engines for grants. Tonnie Rijkers NCP – Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) |
| 4.25pm - 4.50 pm CET | <i>Tips from a real case: first steps to prepare a proposal</i> Hugo Soares, PhD –AICIB - Co-coordinator, ECHoS Project - Cancer Mission |
| 4.50pm - 5.00pm CET | Q&A and conclusions |

Learning objectives

By attending this webinar, participants will:

- **Gain a clear understanding** of the Horizon Europe programme and beyond funding opportunities for cancer research.
- **Identify major funding opportunities** available to young investigators in the oncology field across Europe.
- **Learn how to find the right funding mechanism** using web search tools for grants.
- **Develop skills to analyze and interpret funding calls**, ensuring alignment with eligibility criteria and proposal requirements.
- **Receive practical guidance** on the first steps to preparing a successful funding proposal, including real-world insights from a case study.

This session will equip you with the knowledge and tools to **effectively navigate the funding landscape** and take your oncology research career to the next level!

Speakers



Caterina Bonocore is an Expert on the Health opportunities in Research and Innovation programmes such as Horizon Europe (2021-2027); Evaluator for European Commission in the "Public health programme", currently named EU4healthStrong expertise on Design, Coordination, Management, Implementation of European Commission funded projects, with responsibility on leadership, coordination and quality control of international working groups, organization of working flows, resource monitoring and reporting, etc.. Public speaker, trainer and moderator in national and International conferences and workshops. Expert in stakeholder engagement, from Ministries to Associations and finding agencies.



Carla Finocchiaro has a background in Political Science and EU Law from the University of Strasbourg, France, and 30 years of experience in public research funding. She is an expert in preparing proposals for submission to the European Commission, its agencies, and other national and international funding bodies. Her expertise includes managing multi-partner and multi-expertise projects at the international level, leading teams, and facilitating the achievement of common goals. She currently serves as the Senior Manager of the OEI Grant Office and as Project Manager of CCI4EU, coordinated by OEI, and EUonQoL, where OEI plays a key role as one of the most significant WP Leader within the Mission Cancer framework. Additionally, she has been actively providing training in grant writing and project management, particularly for groups of young researchers.



Tonnie Rijkers is one of the Netherlands National Contact Points for Horizon Europe Cluster 1 Health and for the Cancer Mission. She advises potential applicants on the fit of their project ideas to upcoming topics, provides feedback on draft proposals and through several formal nominations is also involved in the preparation of the upcoming Work Programmes. Tonnie has a background in (medical) biology with expertise in molecular, genetic and health-related processes, as well as in public-private collaboration in the LSH field through subsidy schemes.



Hugo Soares is a Science Manager at AICIB – The Portuguese Agency for Clinical Research and Biomedical Innovation – has a PhD in Biotechnology by NOVA University of Lisbon and is the co-coordinator of the European project ECHoS, aiming at Establishing Cancer Mission Hubs and to create networks of support to EU Mission on Cancer. Hugo is also the co-coordinator of the Portuguese National Cancer Hub (NCH-PT), a structure dedicated to connecting people and organizations to foster the translation of scientific evidence into policies. The NCH-PT is oriented towards the implementation of EU Mission on Cancer and EBCP initiatives in the full spectrum of cancer - from fundamental research to clinical research and clinical practice. The NCH-PT catalyses the development of multi-stakeholders' projects and connections to the community in Health, Research and beyond.