-EU Call Proposal- first clarification from EU Office is if NP needs students or fundings.

-NP has identified the need for students (PhDs) then Marie-Curie ITN needed. (RISE is fundings for staff, usually travels)

-Pablo explains that the competition is very high therefore, good preparation on the proposal is strongly required.

-In the previous years the proposals' main goal was generally about science; now there is a focus on **technologies and industries** (*Industrial cases not just production)*

-Evaluators check, if in the proposal, Industry played a key role.

-**CONSORTIUM** some are beneficiaries of the grant =Partners and they receive funds from the European Commission and have students.
The other partners don't receive fundings but host students.
Associate Partners (usually 8, amongst them 2/3 must be industries)
Students will have PhDs & work experience.

-Max 10 students for one Proposal/Call

-CERN is considered Academic but can't give degrees

-**FIRST STEP** to identify **how the project can benefit the industry** and their role in the Consortium (*not just production*).

-There must be a **contribution to Innovation & Technology**

-WP academic =WP industry

-Draft short description, 10 lines for WP & identify suitable companies / *EU Office can assist-network of industries*

-TIMELINE next call May-November 2023

-Different ways to approach your proposal; you can split the WPs but not with same CONSORTIUM (similar though, for instance same partners but different industries); be careful one proposal can be accepted but not the other. Or the entire project in one proposal.