

Non-Minimal Higgs
First H2020-MSCA-RISE-2014 Meeting

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(c/o Scalars 2015)

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Updates since the internet meeting on 21 May 2015

- Grant started on 1 June 2015.
- New Project Officer : Marjory.GENACHTE@ec.europa.eu.
- Consortium Agreement Agreed by all and is currently being signed. We have copies returned from Helsinki and Paris already and expect ISEL and UPPSALA shortly – Rui & Rikard to chase their Legal Services/International Offices.
- Partnership Agreement Only Paris commented on the inclusion of the UCSC change (IP rights & PA), we are working with them and UCSC to resolve this. Other minor changes from Carleton, Paris and Helsinki were minor and all other partners were happy. As soon as we can get a resolution from Paris we can move towards getting signatures.

Budgets

Each partner receives €2,000 for each incoming and outgoing secondment month.
(Partners are the EU nodes only.)

Those with incoming visits from unfunded nodes (Carleton, UC and UT) will receive €2,000 for each of these secondment months. This will be funded by reducing all RTN budgets by approx. 10%.

Each partner received approx. 90% of the RTN budget of €1,800 for each incoming and outgoing secondment month.

Each partner receives 50% of the €700 management and overheads budget for every incoming and outgoing secondment month. The remaining 50% will be retained by the coordinator (Soton) to fund central costs such as project management and networking.

Networking (and project management) budget worked out at €34,797, so ~€3000 maximum per node over the lifetime of the grant.

Any unspent balance will be redistributed towards the end of the project.

Pre-financing

PRE-FINANCING: NonMinimalHigss BUDGET €				
Partner		Pre-financing	Less 5%	Total
		Payment 50%	Guarantee Fund	Pre-financing
SOTON		51,448.50	5,144.85	46,303.65
ISEL		33,767.00	3,376.70	30,390.30
UPPSALA		22,840.00	2,284.00	20,556.00
HELSINGIN		21,840.00	2,184.00	19,656.00
UPSud		20,854.50	2,085.45	18,769.05
Total		150,750.00	15,075.00	135,675.00

23/09/2015: UoS Accounts Payable sent out pre-financing payments to the partners (BACS)

Budgets should now be available to the EU nodes

Q&A from last meeting

- Q38: Can secondments be split? A: Secondments of the same staff member may be split in several stays over the duration of the project. But the total of all split stays for the same staff member may not be less than 1 month or more than 12 months over the full project duration.
- Q49: How will incomplete months be reimbursed? A: Subject to fulfilling the condition of completing a minimum period of one month, an incomplete month will be reimbursed pro-rata per day at 1/30 of the total units' cost, i.e. 150 €/per day.

The duration of a secondment is minimum one month but can be split into several stays (eg, 2*15 days).

What you cannot do is to split a secondment of one month into two different persons because in that case it will mean that you have two secondments of 15 days which is not eligible.

Other Q&A

- Can incomplete secondments be paid? Yes, so long that the full one-month secondment is eventually completed (by the same person) otherwise at the auditing stage *EU will ask for money back!*
- RISE webpage? (To keep track of secondments, T&S forms repository, database of meetings, etc.) There is money for it (from central management costs), but it would detract from the networking budget.
- Any more questions now?
- Reference:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/doc/call/h2020/h2020-msca-rise-2014/1600137-faqs_rise_19032014_en.pdf
- Acknowledgements: *XYZ acknowledges support from the grant H2020-MSCA-RISE-2014 n. 645722 (NonMinimalHiggs) - for collaborative work.*

Placements so far (occurred and planned)

- ZCST > Soton (July 2015, Khalil, 15 days)
- UAE > Soton (January 2016, Benbrik(*), 30 days)
- ZCST > Soton (January 2016, Un, 30 days)
- Soton > ZCST (January 2016, Boubaa, 30 days)
- (*) Recall creating visiting positions for externals (also Rathsmann & Uppsala)
- Others? (Please email me updates.)

Networking activities so far (occurred and planned)

2015 Warsaw (pegged to Scalars 2015, December)

– UoS T&S claim forms emailed to all participants, come forward for help

2016 Uppsala (pegged to Charged 2016, September)

2017 Lisbon (pegged to Multi Higgs 2017, September)

2018 Paris (pegged to Higgs Hunting 2018, July)

2019 Helsinki (May, TBC)

Backup slides

Objective

The RISE scheme will promote international and inter-sector collaboration through research and innovation staff exchanges, and sharing of knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa) for the advancement of science and the development of innovation.

The scheme fosters a shared culture of research and innovation that welcomes and rewards creativity and entrepreneurship and helps to turn creative ideas into innovative products, services or processes.

Scope

RISE involves organisations from the academic and non-academic sectors (in particular SMEs), based in Europe (EU Member States and Associated Countries) and outside Europe (third countries).

Support is provided for the development of partnerships in the form of joint research and innovation activities between the participants. This is aimed at knowledge sharing via international as well as inter-sectorial mobility, based on two-way secondments of research and innovation staff (exchanges) with an in-built return mechanism.

The organisations constituting the partnership contribute directly to the implementation of the joint research and innovation activities by seconding and/or hosting eligible staff members.

The proposed research and innovation activities should exploit complementary competences of the participants, as well as other synergies, and enable networking activities, organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate sharing of knowledge, new skills acquisition and career development for research and innovation staff members.

Activities can focus either on one dimension of mobility (inter-sectorial/international), or include a combination of both.

Exchanges can be for both early-stage and experienced researchers' levels and can also include administrative, managerial and technical staff supporting the research and innovation activities of the proposal.

Support for the exchanges between institutions in the EU Member States and Associated Countries covers only inter-sectorial secondments.

Exchanges with institutions from third countries can be inter-sectorial secondments as well as secondments within the same sector.

No secondments between institutions located in third countries or within the same EU Member State or Associated Country can be supported.

Management Issues

Secondments

- Who is eligible?
- Financing

Who is eligible? – Europe to non-European countries.
Egypt and Morocco to European countries.

Financing - There is a total of (4500€ – max(700€))/month to be used in each secondment.

- The total amount may be used or not.

- The month is the quantum – you can break the quantum in 2 or 3 parts but the amount of money for each month is fixed.

Management Issues

Local

- Who is eligible?
- Overheads

Who is eligible? – This is to be decided locally. People are supposed to be considered staff of the university in some sense (according to the country's laws).

Overheads – The budget for expenditure will be 4500€ less that which should cover your indirect (overhead) charges. That amount should be deemed (by your faculty finance) to be ~50% of the 'management and indirect' income of 700€ per person month. Therefore you will have a budget for expenses of ~4,150€ per person month claimed, the remaining ~350€ will be credited against your indirect cost charges.

Meetings

When do we meet?

- During secondments
- During workshops

During secondments – This was already decided locally. You can now use the secondments according to the plan you put forward (as much as possible).

During workshops - There are 5 planned workshops. People are expected to use the allowed secondments to meet around the time of the workshops.

Important note – you should follow the secondment plan as per the GA as closely as possible, have supporting documents to prove the secondments, e.g., boarding passes, travel bookings, other receipts which can be matched to the dates of secondments etc. Also to be aware of the income which will be claimed so, for example, if not all of the secondments will be possible, keep in mind that this will reduce expenditure budget.

Meetings

Planned workshop

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2016 Uppsala (pegged to Charged 2016, September)

2017 Lisbon (pegged to Multi Higgs 2017, September)

2018 Paris (including Higgs Hunting 2018, July)

2019 Helsinki (May, TBC)