

Ways to support research funding: H2020 and other competitive research programmes

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The Cyprus Institute:

- Relatively young organization (launched on 2007)
- Non for profit private entity
- Focuses on research and technology for the benefit of the society and its prosperity through a knowledge based economy
- A European research hub for the Eastern Mediterranean Region



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Cyl has been steadily increasing its funds from competitive research programmes:

- It has as a success rate of 18% in H2020
- The average success rate of Cyprus is 11.8% *
- The average in EU-28 is 13.5%*

*Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation in Horizon 2020, Analysis of FP participation patterns and research and innovation performance of eligible countries, May 2018

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Factors behind the success:

- An organization that research interests relate to the Smart Specialization Strategy of Cyprus and the calls of H2020
- A research community that is highly encouraged to prepare project proposals
- A research administrative structure aiming at supporting researchers throughout the project submission: identifying calls, building consortia, supporting the preparation of proposals, implementing projects, networking, liaising with national authorities

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT OFFICE (RIMS)

The Cyl Office that coordinates centrally the activities of the Scientific Coordinators

- It operates under the management of the Vice President of Research
- Its members are Scientific Coordinators and Project Officers that are highly skilled in guiding and supporting researchers to prepare for project submission in H2020 and other competitive research programmes

RIMS

- Scientific Coordinators and Project Officers are assigned to specific Research Centers and they have in depth knowledge of the research interests
- Each RIMS member is ‘specializing’ in specific call of proposals
- RIMS organizes in-house trainings, information days in collaboration with H2020 National Contact points and other authorities

Challenges

- **Entering existing consortia: Emphasis on networking activities**
- **Setting priorities: Focusing on specific calls and leaving others behind or assigning them to other partners to coordinate**
- **Young researchers: Promoting exchange of good practices among the institute's researchers**
- **Building close links with the National Contact Points of H2020**
- **Investing in the training of RIMS members**

Thank you

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