

*COFUND as a moving impulse of research excellence: challenges  
and opportunities*

*Ministry of Science, Education and Sports  
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<i>Day 1, Thursday – June 16th 2016</i>	
<b>19:00</b>	<b>OFFICIAL DINNER - HOSTED BY MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND SPORTS</b>
<i>Day 2, Friday, June 17th, 2016</i>	
<b>9:00-9:30</b>	Registration
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>Welcoming speech</b> Predrag Šustar, minister of science, education and sports
<i>Keynote speakers</i>	
<b>9:45 – 10:30</b>	<b>COFUND in FP7 and HORIZON 2020: Lessons learned and lesson yet to be learned</b> <i>Mr. Alan Craig – Research Executive Agency</i>  The idea behind the presentation is to introduce MSCA, COFUND (facts, figures and experiences with COFUND in FP7 and H2020) etc.
<b>9:45 – 10:30</b>	<b>New career opportunities for experienced researchers: What happens next?</b> <i>Croatian researcher (waiting for the final confirmation)</i>  The idea behind the presentation is to present new paths that the young researchers within EU can pave career wise.
<b>11:15 – 11:45 –</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45 – 12:30</b>	<b>Facts and Misconceptions: Can scientists also be successful entrepreneurs?</b> <i>Croatian entrepreneur/researcher (waiting for the final confirmation)</i> <i>Presenter will be an excellent researcher who embarked on a successful business venture.</i>  The idea with this presentation is to break the myth that researchers cannot be successful entrepreneurs.



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<p><b>12:30-13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of The new International Fellowship Mobility Programme for Experienced Researchers in Croatia – NEWFELPRO: facts, figures, Experiences</b>  <i>Krešo Zadro, Assistant Minister</i>  <i>Kristina Ferara Blašković, Head of Sector for Science and Technology Development</i>  <i>NEWFELPRO fellow - TBC</i></p> <p>The idea behind this presentation is to present Croatia's experience with COFUND implementation and to present the existing plans for the future. The presentation will also include a NEWFELPRO fellow who will hold a short overview on his/her experience with NEWFELPRO.</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>
<p><b><i>COFUND Experiences and Challenges - Parallel sessions</i></b></p>	
<p><b>14:00-17:00</b></p>	<p><b>1. New elements under COFUND H2020: opportunities, obstacles and solutions</b>  <b>Mr. Alan Craig – REA</b></p> <p><i>The idea behind this session is to provide tips and tricks based on the experiences of REA representatives with COFUND implementation and when preparing a new programme proposal /what to do and what no to do/</i></p> <p><b>2. Challenges and opportunities in COFUND – FP7 and H20202 implementation ( TBC )</b>  <i>The idea behind this session is to provide an overview of most common problems and solutions during a COFUND implementation in different countries.</i></p> <p><b>3. Young researchers’ employability: opportunities, demands and experiences (TBC)</b>  <i>The idea behind this session is to introduce the labour market demands put upon young researchers and the way they can most successfully deal with them.</i></p> <p><b>4. Managing finances of a COFUND (TBC)</b>  <i>The idea behind this session is to present directions for optimal financial management of the program (auditing included)</i></p> <p><b>5. Monitoring, dissemination and visibility of programmes and projects: How it’s done! ( TBC )</b>  <i>The idea behind this session is to present ways of how these activities were done in other countries/on other projects.</i></p> <p><b>6. Synergies: Finding the optimal model for small EU countries ( TBC )</b>  <i>The idea behind this session is to introduce the possibilities of synergy with ESIF and other funds when preparing a programme.</i></p>



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<b>17:00 – 17:45</b>	<i>Conclusions of the parallel sessions</i>
<b>17:45 – 18:00</b>	<i>Closing remarks</i>



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