

● Horizon Europe: Spotlight on opportunities and partnerships for research funding

Topics covered by Dr Vincenzo Lorusso's presentation:

- The AU-EU cooperation in Research & Innovation
- The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and [the AU-EU Innovation Festival](#) (15 June, Cape Town)
- Horizon Europe and its 'Africa Initiative II'
- Opportunities for researchers' mobility and training: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Erasmus+ and EURAXESS Africa

Programme Layout:

08:30 - 08:45	Welcome by Ms Lizél Senekal, Manager: Multi-national Research Grants, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
	Delegates - own introduction & expectations of workshop
08:45 - 09:30	Short introduction of speaker
	Presentation by Dr Vincenzo Lorusso, Policy Officer, EU Commission, Belgium (via Zoom)
	The AU-EU cooperation in Research & Innovation
	The AU-EU Innovation Agenda and the AU-EU Innovation Festival (15 June, Cape Town)
	Horizon Europe and its 'Africa Initiative II'
	Opportunities for researchers' mobility and training: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Erasmus+ and EURAXESS Africa
09:30 - 09:40	Questions
09:45 - 10:30	Short introduction of speaker
	Presentation by Ms Kimberly Cornfield, Head of European Research and Innovation Office, University College London, UK (in person)
	Horizon Europe collaborative proposal development (pre-award)
	Tips & tricks to developing a successful Horizon Europe collaborative proposal
10:30 - 10:50	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:50	Research and innovation support service development
	The role of research managers in partnership development
11:50 - 12:00	Questions
12:00 - 12:15	Short introduction of speaker
	Presentation by Dr David Langley, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer, Crowdhelix, UK
	The importance and challenges of international collaboration and partnerships in research
12:15 - 12:25	Questions
12:30	Closure

Presenters | Biographies:

- **Dr Vincenzo Lorusso, European Commission, DG Research & Innovation (DG RTD)**
Vincenzo Lorusso works as a Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation (DG RTD), where he is in charge of Research and Innovation cooperation with Africa, multilaterally, and, bilaterally, with South Africa, Nigeria and Rwanda. He chairs, from the EU side, meetings and work of the Task Force of the "Ad-hoc Innovation Agenda Working Group of the High-Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) on Science, Technology and Innovation".

Prior to joining the European Commission, Vincenzo worked for eight years in the pharmaceutical industry as Head of Research and Innovation for infectious parasitic diseases, while also co-supervising MSc and PhD projects focused on Public Health and rural development in Africa, through an Honorary Research Fellowship at the University of Salford, UK. Vincenzo's educational background combines a blend of life sciences and social sciences, including a Master in International Development and African Studies (Sciences Po, Paris), which followed a PhD with in Public Health and Rural Development in Africa (University of Edinburgh, UK), and a first degree as Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (University of Bari, Italy). He also holds a High-Level Executive Diploma in Diplomacy & Health (The Graduate Institute, Geneva).

- **Ms Kimberly Cornfield, University College London (United Kingdom)**

Kimberly leads a team of 15 European research management, project management, innovation management and grant writing specialists, and oversees the pre-award and post-award delivery of UCL's European research and innovation portfolio of 700+ projects, totalling c. €450 million. Her role is focussed on supporting UCL in sustaining its place as one of the leading universities in the European Union's framework programmes for research and innovation, through the UK's Horizon Europe Guarantee, and supporting its achievement of economic, social, and environmental impact arising from these funded projects. She and her team have developed novel services and strategic partnerships to increase UCL's European collaboration and funding success rates, project delivery, and post project impact (social, environment, and economic). She has developed extensive European and international networks across academia, industry, investors, governments, and non-profit organisations.

- **Dr David Langley, Crowdhelix (United Kingdom)**

David is Chief of Strategy at Crowdhelix, having spent many years at the forefront of research management, and has played a significant role championing professional development. He co-led Erasmus+ StoRM project and is now part of RM Roadmap project.

He was previously Chief of External Engagement at New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering, Director of Research and Enterprise Development at the University of Bristol, Deputy Chief Scientific Advisor to the Welsh Government, Professor of Practice in Research Management at Cardiff University, Director of Research Services at Imperial College London, and a Senior Manager at the UK Medical Research Council.

- **Workshop Facilitator:** Ms Lizél Senekal, Stellenbosch University (South Africa)
