

Proposal Evaluation Form



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Horizon 2020 - Research and Innovation Framework Programme

Evaluation Summary Report

Call: H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020
Type of action: MSCA-COFUND-DP
Proposal number: 101034331
Proposal acronym: Una Europa DocProg
Duration (months): 60
Proposal title: Una Europa Doctoral Programme
Activity: DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

| N. | Proposer name | Country | Total Cost | % | Grant Requested | % |
|----|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| 1 | Una Europa vzw | BE | 8,515,680 | 100.00% | 4,257,840 | 100.00% |
| | Total: | | 8,515,680 | | 4,257,840 | |

Abstract:

Neither a single researcher, nor an institution alone can tackle the societal challenges that lie ahead. The complexity of challenges requires a 'Team Science' approach with large consortia, leveraging the strengths, expertise and perspectives of academics and non-academic partners from different fields, sectors and countries. Tackling of future challenges require new skills sets, learning methods and new ways of thinking.

Una Europa's DocProg will provide 45 Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) with the unique opportunity to access a large pool of high-quality interdisciplinary research options that cannot be offered by one university alone ('Team Science' approach). The programme will launch one international call for applications, allowing ESRs to complete their doctorate within three or four years - according to their chosen track. Una Europa will focus this doctoral programme, Una Europa DocProg (DocProg), on two of its defined focus areas: Cultural Heritage (CH) and One Health (OH). Una Europa has defined five multidisciplinary and challenge-based focus areas to launch collaboration. These focus areas act as the initial thematic "glue" that ties the universities together in the mission to create a virtual campus.

By offering a true 'Team Science' approach, the goal of DocProg is to prepare ESRs for the future, providing them with excellent research skills and interdisciplinary, transnational and inclusive training required for future careers - within or outside of academia.

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Evaluation Result

Total score: 66.80% (Threshold: 70/100.00)

Form information

SCORING

Scores must be in the range 0-5.

Interpretation of the score:

- 0-** The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- 1- Poor.** The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- 2- Fair.** The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- 3- Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
- 4- Very good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
- 5- Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

* mandatory fields

Criterion 1 - Excellence

Score: **2.70** (Threshold: 0/5.00 , Weight: 50.00%)

Quality of the selection / recruitment process for the researchers (transparency, composition and organisation of selection committees, evaluation criteria, equal opportunity)

Quality of the research options offered by the programme in terms of science, interdisciplinarity, intersectorality and level of transnational mobility

Quality of career guidance and training, including supervision arrangements, training in transferable skills

STRENGTHS

- The dissemination strategy for advertising calls will be based on an appropriate set of channels for passing information to a broad range of candidates from all over the world.
- The information to the candidates is adequate and has the potential to attract early stage researchers.

- The eligibility criteria and the application requirements for the candidates are properly outlined.
- The evaluation criteria and the scoring procedures are clearly presented.
- The Applicant and the partners demonstrate sufficient range of instruments to safeguard equal opportunities during the whole implementation of the project. This includes in particular ensuring gender balance and necessary arrangements for disabled researchers.
- The programme has the potential to offer various research topics to the candidates.
- The proposal demonstrates well the beneficiary's commitment to promote interdisciplinarity, intersectoral and transnational mobility, profiting from a broad European network of partners in academia and the private sector.
- The proposed academic supervision arrangements are clear and relevant.

WEAKNESSES

- The selection process is not fully transparent in terms of scheduling and the preselection stage when the supervisor will select one or two candidates.
- The proposal insufficiently addresses the composition and organisation of selection committees. The selection criteria for internal and external evaluation experts are not clearly presented.
- It is not evidenced if the external experts will be involved in all stages of the selection process
- The training options for both research-specific training and training in transferable skills are presented only in general terms, lacking specific details on content and timing.

Criterion 2 - Impact

Score: **4.50** (Threshold: 0/5.00 , Weight: 30.00%)

Enhancing the potential and future career prospects of researchers; strengthening human resources on regional, national and international level.

Aligning practices of participating organisations with the principles set out by the EU for human resources development in research and innovation

Quality of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results

Quality of the proposed measures to communicate the results to different target audiences

STRENGTHS

- The programme has strong potential to enhance future career prospects of researchers.
- The proposal demonstrates well its impact on strengthening human resources on regional, national and international level through the supervision and secondments arrangements as well as on business creation through cooperation with non-academic partners.
- The proposal adequately describes how the programme will align itself with the European Charter and Code of Conduct for Researchers and the EU Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training.
- The proposal presents effective strategies for dissemination and exploitation of the research results with information on clearly set up channels and expected outputs included.
- The proposed measures to communicate the results to different target groups are sound. The communication activities will be supported by the previous experiences and the already developed communication tools across the member universities.

WEAKNESSES

- The proposal inadequately addresses the open science principles.
- Data management, IPR issues and IP policies are not presented convincingly for such an ambitious programme.

Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Score: **3.20** (Threshold: 0/5.00 , Weight: 20.00%)

Coherence, effectiveness and appropriateness of the work plan

Appointment conditions of researchers

Competence of the participant to implement the programme

STRENGTHS

- The gantt chart is coherent and the work plan is elaborated well, organised around six work packages with clear objectives, milestones and deliverables and with a realistic timeline
- Risk management is properly addressed and an effective mitigation plan is proposed.
- The appointment conditions of researchers are of good standards and in line with MSCA Guide for Applicants individual Fellowship and according to national regulations with full social security coverage.
- The proposal adequately demonstrates the relevant competence and operational capacity of the applicant and the participating universities to implement the programme.

WEAKNESSES

- The budget of the programme is inconsistent and does not fully cover all the proposed support mechanisms. For example, coverage for the appointment's conditions and mobility allowance for all the ESRs targeted in the programme are not clearly described.

Scope of the proposal

Status: **Yes**

Comments (in case the proposal is out of scope)

Not provided

Operational Capacity

Status: **Operational Capacity: Yes**

If No, please list the concerned partner(s), the reasons for the rejection, and the requested amount.

Not provided

Exceptional funding of third country participants/international organisations

A third country participant/international organisation not listed in [General Annex A to the Main Work Programme](#) may exceptionally receive funding if their participation is essential for carrying out the project (for instance due to outstanding expertise, access to unique know-how, access to research infrastructure, access to particular geographical environments, possibility to involve key partners in emerging markets, access to data, etc.). (For more information, see the [Online Manual](#))

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should exceptionally be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

Not provided

Based on the information provided in the proposal, we consider that the following participant(s)/international organisation(s) that requested funding should NOT be funded:

(Please list the Name and acronym of the applicant, Reasons for exceptional funding and the Requested grant amount.)

Not provided

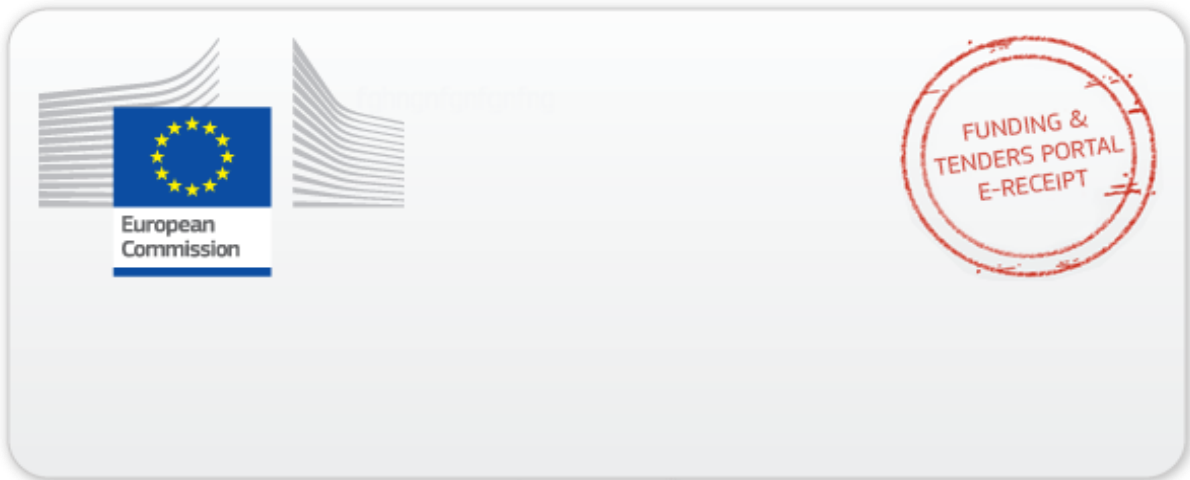
Use of human embryonic stem cells (hESC)

Does this proposal involve the use of hESC?

No

If yes, please state whether the use of hESC is, or is not, in your opinion, necessary to achieve the scientific objectives of the proposal and the reasons why. Alternatively, please state if it cannot be assessed whether the use of hESC is necessary or not because of a lack of information.

Not provided



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