

# FIT4FUNDING COURSE

## YOUR TRAINING ON EU FUNDING BY FFG ACADEMY

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Are you a junior scientist interested in European funding programmes for Research & Innovation (R&I) and would like to improve your knowledge in this area? If yes, then take part in the Fit4Funding course! After this course, you will have sufficient knowledge to kick-off your own European funding journey.

- approx. 30 learning units à 50 minutes from **7 March to 11 April 2025**
- a mix of **online self-learning modules** provided on an e-learning platform, **live webinars** and a **one-day online training**
- the course is offered by the FFG Academy and is **free of charge**
- for **junior scientists** from universities, research organisations and companies

### You will get:

- an introduction on the relevant political background of European funding and an overview of available programmes
- insights on proposal preparation, peer review processes & information on programmes for developing your career
- an overview on important cross-cutting topics in the context of European R&I projects
- Furthermore, you will learn the EU “jargon” & how to make use of the Austrian support structures

## COURSE SCHEDULE

- 1. Kick-off with a live online introductory session, 7 March 2025, 9.30 – 10.30 am**  
You will get a detailed introduction of the course, about the dates, the e-learning platform and you will receive answers to your first questions.
- 2. Module 1 “Major EU research funding programmes”, 7 – 14 March 2025** (time investment: 5 LU<sup>1</sup>)  
*Includes a live online webinar on 14 March 2025 from 9.30 to 11.00 am.*  
You will receive a basic overview on how the EU works, and who are the main players involved in defining the research policy of the EU. Furthermore, major funding programmes for research and innovation will be presented in a nutshell.
- 3. Module 2 “Towards a successful project proposal”, 17 – 28 March 2025** (time investment: 12 LU)  
*Includes a live online webinar on 20 March 2025 from 9.30 to 11.00 am and an online training day on 26 March 2025 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.*  
You will benefit from insights into the proposal preparation process including the crucial planning phases, the funding selection mechanisms and the key features of successful research proposals. With hands-on exercises and sharing of practical experiences.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 learning unit = 50 minutes

**4. Module 3 “European Funding Programmes to boost your career”, 31 March – 4 April 2025** (time investment: 4 LU)

*Includes a live online webinar on 4 April 2025 from 9.30 to 11.00 am.*

Enjoy an overview of European research funding programmes for your career development. We will introduce you to the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), the European Research Council (ERC) and other relevant schemes such as the networking programme COST.

**5. Module 4 “Good to know about cross-cutting topics in European R & I projects”, 7 April – 11 April 2025** (time investment: 6 LU)

*Includes a live online Q&A Session on 11 April 2025 from 9.30 to 10.15 am.*

You will learn about important cross-cutting topics in the context of European R & I projects such as gender equality, research ethics and research integrity, protection and use of project results, open science, international cooperation.

**6. Final quiz, available as of 7 April 2025**

**7. Live online closing session 11 April 2025, 10.15 – 11.00 am**

**Important note:** This course has been designed to support young researchers in Austria on their way to explore European research funding. Therefore we select among the incoming registrations those who meet our participation criteria: you should **be a “young researcher”** to benefit from this course to the best possible extent. Both “young” and “researcher” are important in this respect, e.g. an advanced PhD candidate, an early Post-Doc researcher, an industry researcher with less than 7 years in research, or equivalent. You have to **be affiliated to an Austrian organisation** (exception: young researchers from Ukraine). **Your motivation** is essential – please write a few sentences on why you would like to attend this course (dedicated field in the registration form). The **timing of your application** may have an impact. Also, we are aiming at a fair distribution of participants among different organisations and departments.

If you are **concretely planning to apply for a specific scheme** such as the MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships, the ERC Starting Grants or a Pillar 2 Research & Innovation Action, we advise you to **register for the respective proposal writing trainings instead**, also offered free of charge by the FFG Academy:

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/akademie-termine>

## INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Registration will be open **until 7 February 2025** on the [FIT4FUNDING Website](#). You will receive information on whether you have been selected for participation in due time.

We look very much forward to welcoming you at the Fit4Funding Course!

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