



Platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions

WP1 - Practice
Master class on ERA-NET
planning and management
25-26 June 2015, Brussels

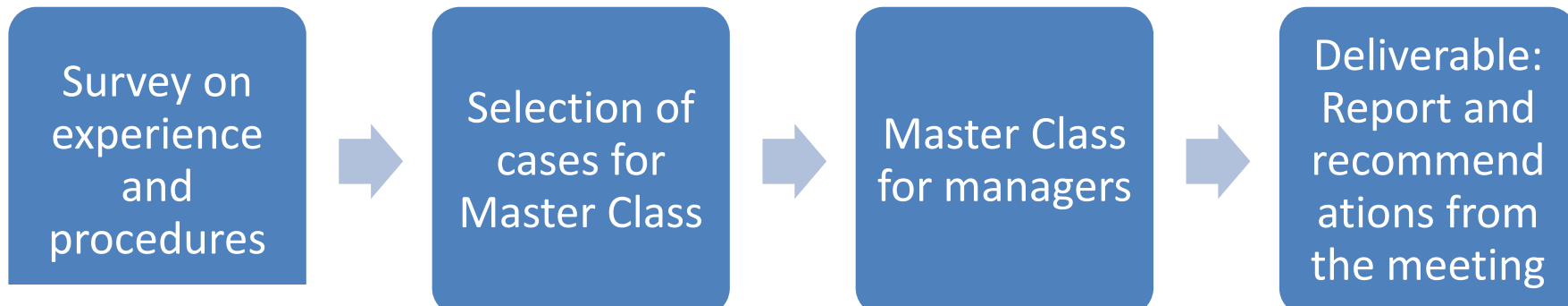
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Master Class - method



<http://www.era-platform.eu/news/platforms-masterclass-era-net-cofund-planning-and-management-25-and-26-june-2015/> recommendations will follow

Who took part?

Plus/cofund

- WoodWisdom Plus 2012
- BESTF Plus 2012
- CORE Organic Plus 2013
- BESTF² Plus 2013
- FACCE-Climate Smart Plus 2013
- FACCE-Surplus Cofund 2014
- BiodivERsA 3 Cofund 2014
- Climate-ERA4CS Cofund 2014
- CoSysMed Cofund 2014
- SusAn Cofund 2015
- ERA-GAS Cofund 2015
- HDHL-Biomarkers Cofund 2015
- JPI AMR Cofund 2015

Others

- ERA-CAPS
- ERA-IB
- SUSFOOD
- FACCE



Structure

- Optimal use of funds *by Ulla Sonne Bertelsen, CORE Organic Plus*
- Expert evaluation *by Kerry Young, BESTF2*
- Additional activities *by Nicolas Tinois, FACCE SURPLUS*
- Fund management *by Ulla Sonne Bertelsen, CORE Organic Plus*

- Increase innovation and SME involvement *by Marion Karrasch, ERA-IB*
- Multi-network calls *by Heather McKhann, FACCE*
- Institutional funds in calls *by Chloé Deygout, JPI Climate Cofund ERA4CS*

- Looking into the future: Public-Public Partnerships, *by Jörg Niehoff, DG R&I*

- 1) CASE
- 2) SHARING
- 3) MODELS
- 4) DISCUSSING
- 5) CONCLUDING AND RECOMMENDING

What did we learn? Cofund/Plus

- Optimal use of funds
 - EC funds as top-up funds – as far as possible
 - Possible to actively try to keep all partners onboard
 - Invite additional partners from under-subscribed countries
 - Possible to optimise use of funds by implementing restrictions
 - Does the allocated funds match the expected burden of applicants?
 - Reduce over-subscriptions by agreeing on a cut-off factor
 - Use barrels when ranking the proposals
 - Encourage funding bodies to be flexible at the selection meeting

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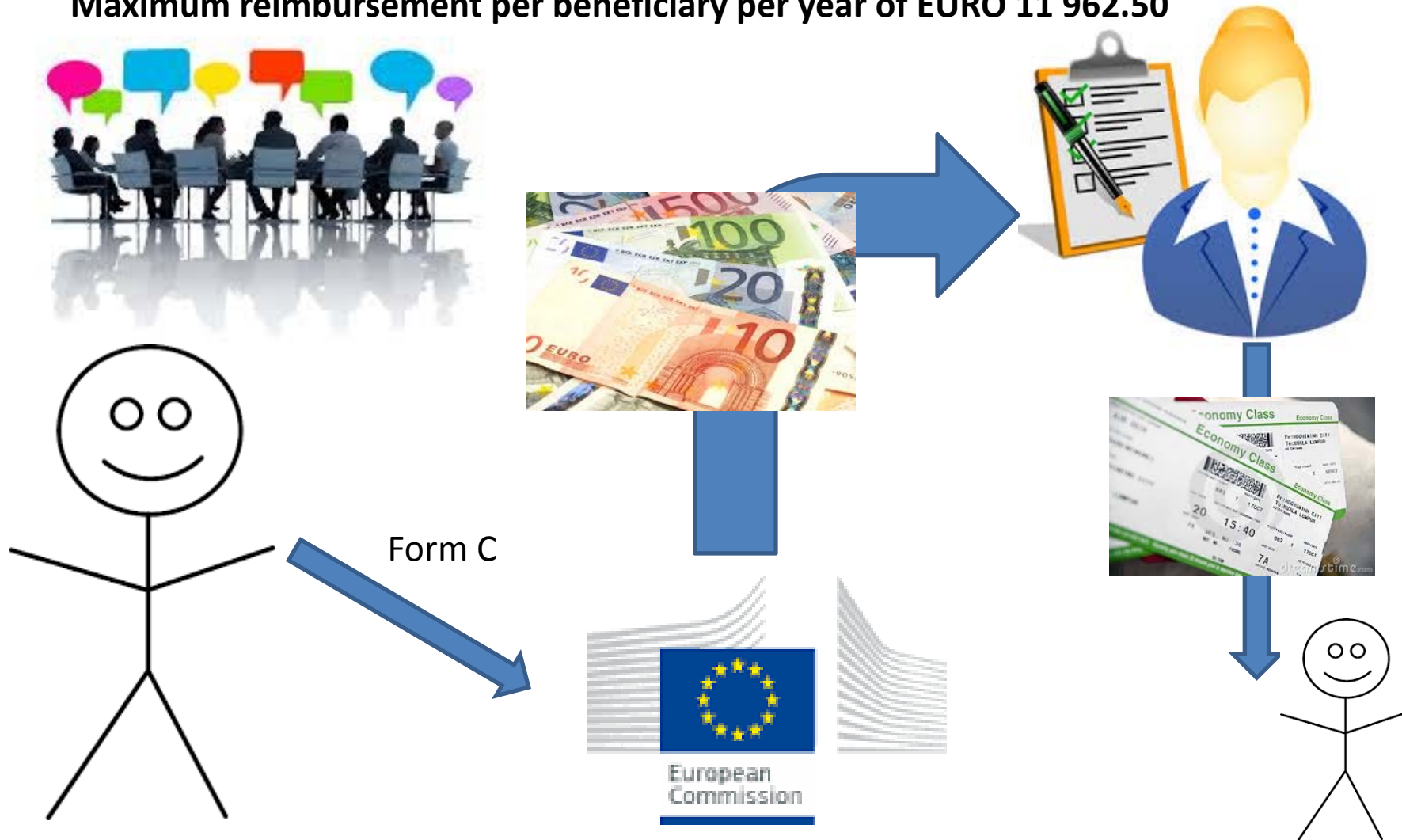
- Expert evaluation
 - High degree of freedom to formulate and weight the evaluation criteria – just keeping the excellence, quality and impact
 - Keep freedom for selection by using barrels (whole points, e.g. ‘5, 5, 5’ as the EC)
 - Feedback at stage 1 gives better proposals
 - Rebuttal procedure = a more fair process
 - Train the experts for common starting point

What did we learn? Cofund/Plus

- Additional activities
 - Still lacking experiences! Planning - still no implementation
 - Not be directly related with the Cofund call – no research seminars
 - Agreements on redistribution of Unit costs should be made
 - Encourage ERA-LEARN to collect practices from Cofunds

Unit costs – 20% of EU funds

Maximum reimbursement per beneficiary per year of EURO 11 962.50



What did we learn? Cofund/Plus

- Fund management

- Up to the ERA-net to find working methods for fund management
- Cover PM for partners? Travels as a lump sum?
- All partners able to pre-finance EU funds for researchers?
- Expert evaluation costs – quite different procedures
- Unit cost management – purple box



What did we learn? General

- Increase innovation and SME involvement
 - Be clear in call text and guidelines
 - Equal weight of economic/social and scientific excellence
 - Experts from industry
 - Join forces with SME-directed networks

What did we learn? General

- Multi-network calls
 - Common or overlapping research themes are needed
 - Procedures to be agreed upon
 - Minimum a few funders from each network
 - New networks and learnings
 - More efficient – “funds spent twice”

What did we learn? General

- JPI Climate ERA4CS: institutional funds in calls (only planning phase)
 - One call with two topics – cash and in kind
 - Firewall between topics (from in kind to cash)
 - In kind only virtual pot, very high success rate, guarantee funding!
 - Need a high return of EC funds for motivating research institutions

12 FBs (25 M€), 28 in kind (45 M€), EC 25 M€

What is lacking?

Practical experience with

Additional activities

Institutional calls

Way ahead

MasterClass for call managers in 2017

Use of network! Use of Platform intranet for participants

New managers: all presentations and the report are available on the Platform website

More help? contact us



Together we build a strong pathway



Thank you for your attention!