COST Targeted Network TN1302
BESTPRAC

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What is BESTPRAC: Network of administrative, finance and legal services involved in the lifecycle of European funded projects to exchange experiences and share and develop best practices and increased efficiency.

What do we do: creation of guides and learning material, knowledge transfer, personal development.

• This leads to → friends, skills, efficiency, communication, results, sharing, benefits, structure, leadership.
BESTPRAC key messages

For Europe
  • Excellent research requires top research support

Policy makers
  • Research support networks enable capacity building which strengthens European R&I cohesion

For funders
  • Professional research support increases value for money in the ERA
Being part of BESTPRAC network = To further empower ourselves as research administrators. = CAPACITY

- Sharing ideas and practices
- Networking
- Improving the skills and knowledge
- New contacts

Personal level

- Increase of research support service
- Rise in number of applications
- New partnerships

Institutional level
### 3 working groups and training possibilities.

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Meetings twice a year
What has been delivered!

• **Creation of guides**
  • Support tools on preparation of proposals and implementation of projects
  • Financial guide
  • Presentations of all the meetings
  • Soft skills instructions and information guide

• **Knowledge transfer**
  • Know-how and sharing best practices
  • Support of European applications

• **Personal development**
  • Participants trained in relevant competences and skills
  • Materials available on specific topics
  • Leadership training
What has been going on!

- Working Group Meetings (10)
- Training Schools (7)
- Short-Term Scientific Missions (28 IM 10 GM)
- Management Committee Meetings (7)
- Research Support Staff Framework (working on improvement)
- Several WG activities (making survival kits, guidebooks etc.)
- Working on sustainability and branding of BESTPRAC
What we did in 2018 so far

- Bucharest and Belgrade MC and WG1/WG2/WG3 meeting,
- Setting up and meeting of the Impact and Stakeholder Engagement Group (ISEG), Sustainability Group (SG) and Communication Group (CG)
What we did in 2018 so far

- Call for STSM
- Two Training Schools on Financial issues/grant writing (H2020/HEurope)
Coming next in 2019

• WG1/WG2/WG3 2 meetings, Brussels (Sep)/ Tallinn (March)
• ISEG – impact and stakeholder engagement plan
• SG – sustainability plan
• CG – communication plan
• Call for STSM – (July)
• Call for Training School (July, Croatia)
Beyond COST TN duration

• Maintaining the network of research administrators alive

• Keeping BESTPRAC as “a brand”

• Putting efforts into keeping best practice exchange (through some of the forms from COST action – STSM, TS, meetings but also through virtual forums/means of communication)
Thank you for your attention

• You can find all the information on www.bestprac.eu
• Apply for a training school or STSM (new calls/July 2019).
• Active participation is more than welcome!
• Joining us? cost-tn1302@tuwien.ac.at
• Follow us on #BESTPRAC!
• Or check out the Research support Staff Framework at www.bestprac-wiki.eu