

Review of the Transferable Skills Workshop 7: *Knowledge communication: Grant proposal writing*

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The seventh transferable skills workshop titled *Knowledge communication: Grant proposal writing* was held on December 2, 2021. It was opened by Professor Hans-Georg Schaible from Jena University who welcomed the ESRs and the speaker. The first lecture was given by Claudia Weinmann who is the EU Research manager at Jena University. Her lecture was titled *Different types of research funding: Horizon Europe – The EU's key funding program for research and innovation*. Ms Weinmann explained the three different pillars of Horizon Europe funding and how the grants differ one from another: She pointed out relevant options for the ESRs in the coming years. Following her lecture, Ms Weinmann answered questions raised by the ESRs which was surely very valuable guidance for the ESRs' future funding applications. Ms Weinmann will also provide the ESRs with additional materials and tools that will make their search for appropriate grant calls easier. The second part of the training was given by Professor Schaible who gave an interactive lecture about writing grants as well as the process of grant review. This was appreciated very much by the ESRs. Professor Schaible has served as a reviewer on several grant committees both in Germany and other European countries. Learning about his insights was an important opportunity for the ESRs to understand the process better. This training session was also a unique chance to get tips and recommendation on how to write the grant applications from a reviewer. Additionally, Professor Schaible explained the different kinds of grants offered by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) and shared insight into which grants could be appropriate for the ESRs at their current level. This was a very successful training event on a topic that is highly relevant for the ESRs as many of the ESRs are in the final stages of their PhD education.