



## How to submit a successful proposal ?

Joint call 2021





#### **Seminar Topics**

Navigating the PO Phase of a Project

- Introduction
- Technical Experts' viewpoint
- Public Authorities' viewpoint
- Submitting a project outline Process, Tips and Pitfalls
- Next step: FPP
- Q&A





#### **Be Aware of Your Audience!**

**Technical Experts & National Funding Authorities** 

- Technical Experts will focus on the impact, quality and viability of the project as a whole
  - Extending the State-of-the-Art
  - Clear goals and objectives
  - Complementary and appropriate consortium
  - Stretch, but viable, targets reached through a well organised project
  - Relevant to the Penta & Euripides programme targets (ECS SRIA)
- National reviews will focus on National impact within the context of a trans-national collaborative project
  - Fulfilling National funding body criteria
  - Matching National RD&I focus areas
  - Must be addressed individually and collectively by the partners in each country
  - Clear in country impact in return for national support given







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A Technical Expert Viewpoint Patrick Pype and Wolfgang Dettmann





#### **Overall evaluation**

Evaluation summary			
Conclusions			
Plus			
Minus			
Recommendations for Full Project Proposal or New Submission			
Mandatory			
Recommended			





### **Project overview**

Project overview				
Rationale of the project				
One-page description				
Problem statement and market value chain	Good: Expected quality			
Project innovations and technology value chain	Good: Expected quality			
Writing quality				
Readability	Good: Expected quality			
Focus and conciseness	Good: Expected quality			
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#### Impact

Targeted impact		
Market analysis	Good: Expected	
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Consortium market access	Good: Expected	
Consolition market access	quality	
Partner market access	Good: Expected	
Partier market access	quality	
Impact of the project on the overall goals of PENTA and/or	Good: Expected	
EURIPIDES	quality	





## Technology

Technology		
State-of-the-Art analysis	Good: Expected	
Proposed technical innovation and novelty in relation to the	quality Good: Expected	
SotA	quality	
Expected project outputs	Good: Expected	
	quality	
Quantified objectives and quantification criteria	Good: Expected	
	quality	





## Consortium

Consortium overview					
Cooperation added value: business level	Good: Expected quality				
Cooperation added value: technology level	Good: Expected quality				
	Partner description				
Partner contribution					
Partner contributions and strategic importance of the project	Good: Expected quality				







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## Submitting a successful proposal

A Public Authority Viewpoint





## **Focus of evaluation**

From a Public Authority survey conducted in Q1 2020, with 10 respondents: Canada, France, Finland, Germany, Malta, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Turkey









### **PO Evaluation**

**Evaluation method** 





- Internal reviewers only
- Internal and external reviewers
- No PO evaluation
- Large diversity of criteria, with no clear "winner"
- The message is to clearly understand the criteria as specific to each country in the consortium







### How to submit a successful proposal ?

Submitting a project outline – Process, Tips and Pitfalls





#### **Process submission**

What should you expect ?

- Project submission is all via the PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> PROJECT ZONE
- Two channels for providing information
  - Directly via the PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> PROJECT ZONE <u>https://projects.aeneas-office.org/community</u>
  - Complemented by uploading two files
    - - Word document template
    - - Excel cost file
- The sooner you start, the better!



# **EURIPIDES**<sup>2</sup> Process flow to submit a Project Outline





How should you start ?

#### **Create my account in the PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> Project Zone:**

https://projects.aeneas-office.org/community





Registration and logging in on this page gives users access to the PENTA/EURIPIDES2 Project Zone which provides access to all the information necessary for submitting, evaluating and running a PENTA or EURIPIDES2

Forgot your password? Reset password

Don't have an account? Create your account

Welcome

Company email address

Project

Password

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Once you have registered. You will receive an email to get access to **my PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> profile** 

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How to edit your PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> profile ?

Project Zone /	Account information /	Edit profile
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Last name

#### EDIT PROFILE

Use the form

below to edit you	low to edit your profile							
Attention	Mr/Ms.							
Title	•							
First name	Give your first name							
Middle name	Give your middle name							

- The name of my organisation is appearing by default taken from your **business address**
- While editing your profile, use the drop down menu to select your Organisation
- If your organisation is missing fill it in using the **legal company name**

Organisation	
Organisation	AENEAS (France)
	O — None of the above
Full company name	AENEAS
	Select here the full name of the orgisation. There typical appendings as SAS, GmbH or BV can be chosen
Department	Give your department
Position	Give the position in your organisation



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What are the different steps of a project submission ?

- Create project
  - View Project Zone website homepage
  - Create Project
- Edit project basics
- Create/edit consortium
  - Invite partners
  - Edit partner details
  - Add partner associates
  - Edit cost & effort for funding (per country)
- Final project version
  - Upload annex document
  - Check merged document Submit project version
  - Re-submit version until the given deadline





Process

#### **Project Zone**

How should you start and get some support ?



 Log in with your PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> profile then click on "Create new project"

- A quick start "blue box" is available through the submission which:
  - Indicates the first steps which are required to create a Project Outline
- You can retrieve more support in the project help section on the submission process
- Or/and send an email to:



penta@aeneas-office.org



#### How should you provide information ?

Basics	Partners	Countries	Costs & effort	Management 🔻
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		Health a	nd Wellbeing (SRIA)	
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🗹 Edit project key data for 2021001 P6E14-2021

- The Project Zone User Interface uses tabs for the different steps in creating the Project Outline. The process is not entirely linear and some elements can be iterated (e.g. when inviting a new partner).
- You can select multiple strategic challenges for your project
  - Feel free to come back to your project and navigate through the project's tabs completing and changing the information up until the deadline





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C Edit roles in the project of 2021001 P6E14-2021

## **Project Zone**

How to create a consortium ?

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- From the "Partners" tab you can invite a new partner organisation by giving an email address and clicking the button "Invite partner":
  - Invited partners will show in the 'list of pending invitations' overview at the top
  - Partners that have accepted the invitation will be added to the 'list of partners' at the bottom.
- Inviting a partner applies to inviting a partner organisation. An invitation should be sent to and accepted by only 1 person per organisation: the main technical contact for that partner organisation. → Extra contact persons per organisation can be added by via the "Associates" tab (on a partner page).





#### How to edit a consortium ?

Partner in 2021001 P6	E14-2021 🤇	)					
Partner details	Description	1 Market access	Costs & effort	Contacts	Membership	Payment sheet	Questionnaires
Partner inform	mation						
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	2022	N	ot set			Not set	
	2023	N	ot set			Not set	
	2024	N	ot set			Not set	

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- From the "Partners" tab, by clicking on a partner's name, you will be redirected to a dedicated partner page including tabs for:
  - Partner details (incl. position on the value chain and technical & financial contact),
  - Description → Make sure you add a description per partner organisation that adheres to the criteria as stated in the Annex template,
  - Costs & effort,
  - Contacts,
  - Invoicing details.
- Depending on access rights, you will be able to update / complete these partner details via the "Edit" button (available per tab).
- It is advised to first make sure all partners are listed correctly before editing costs and effort.

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How to inform and edit the rationale for funding ?

#### Details of 2021001 P6E14-2021

PENTA6-EURIPIDES14-2021

Basics Partners Countries Costs & effort Management -

#### **Country overview**

Country	Coordinator	Organisation	Public Authorities contacted	Partners	Total effort [PY]	Total costs [k€]
1 France 🖉 € (	Remy Renaudin 🖂 😫	EURIPIDES <sup>2</sup>	Yes	2	1.00	500.00
				Total	1.00	500.00

#### Country date information

Country	Project level		Call level	
	Expected national application date	National application submitted	Date national application	Expected funding decision
1 France	01/09/2021 🕜	01 Sep 2021 🕜	Not provided 🕂	Not provided

	Public Authorities contacted Piene confirm that all Public Authorities involved in the project have been contacted to confirm their knowledge of and provisional support to the submission by checking the loss above				
Summary of feedback	Not applicable				
	Please provide short summary of Public Authorities feedback to your national consortium' (mandatory)	.al			
Expected national application date	01/09/2021				
	Indicate here the date on which the submission of the national application is expected. Note that this form field accepts texts, so also a period like Q4 2016 could be given.				
Date national application submitted	01 \ 09 \ 2021	0			
	Indicate here the date on which the national application is submitted. Note that an exact date is expected.				
	Update rationale Cancel				

- The Project leader must fill in the names of the national coordinators
- It is crucial that all national coordinators get in touch with their national Public Authorities (PAs) to present them the project (idea, partnership, budget, etc.), checking funding opportunities and ensuring that the national consortium is eligible.

#### $\rightarrow$ Beware of eligibility issues at national level

 You must confirm that all Public Authorities involved in the project have been contacted to confirm their knowledge of and provisional support to the submission by checking the box in the Project Zone and summarising their feedback





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### **Project Zone**

#### How to finalise your project version ?

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- In the "Management" tab of your project page:
  - Upload the PO annex document
  - Check the merged document
  - Submit a project version
  - Re-submit the version until the deadline
- Submitting a proposal is the last step of the proposal creation process. It is highly recommended to already start testing to upload an Annex, checking the merged document and submitting a proposal well in advance to avoid problems just before the deadline
- Please make use of the re-submit functionality to improve your proposal towards the final version
- Only Once all checks are successful, will your Project Outline submission button appear
- The Project checklist guides you through the missing information you need to provide before being able to submit a version.





**General Remarks** 

- Read the green text, and, if you don't understand it, ask the office team
- Key point: respect the page limits! Going beyond them will be interpreted by the experts as substituting quality by quantity
- Don't forget a picture is worth a thousand words
- Check for correctness of language. Poor English and incorrect spelling make it hard for the evaluators and do not help your case





Specific guidelines – PO Introduction

- One-page project description
   Main idea: what is your Unique Selling Point? and why are you able to deliver it?
- 2.1. Rationale of the project
  - 2.1.1. Problem statement and market value chain Max 2 pages What is the problem that the project aims to solve?

This subsection describes the context and background relevant to the project, in terms of technological and market status, **not the project itself**. It should convince evaluators that **the project partners have a good understanding of the context** in which they will be evolving, both technology- and business-wise.

2.1.2. Project innovations and technology value chain – Max 1 to 2 pages Explain how the project differs from existing results and previous or current projects, products and services, how partners will be able to differentiate themselves from existing market actors and become competitive.

This subsection should convince evaluators of the **novelty of the project** proposal





Specific guidelines - Impact

- 2.2. Targeted impact
  - 2.2.1. Market analysis Max 2 pages

This subsection should convince evaluators that the project partners have a clear and detailed understanding of the market they are targeting, including not only the current situation but also the current trends, forecasted evolutions and potential threats

A common mistake to avoid is to provide numbers which are relevant to a whole industry, not the market segment which you are targeting. For example, if your project is on connected sensors for water quality monitoring, what matters is the market for that type of sensors and its forecasted evolution, not the planned increase of IoT devices worldwide. Be specific, this will evidence that you know the market you are addressing.

#### 2.2.2. Consortium market access – Max 2 pages

This subsection should convince evaluators that **the consortium is credible**, **legitimate and relevant to address the market and to exploit the project results** (if successful) to generate business (i.e., that it can have an impact on the market). This subsection should be market oriented and should only focus on the longterm goals of the project (i.e. what is expected to be achieved thanks to the project outcomes, i.e. after the project closure)

Why is the consortium well positioned to bring the developed innovation to the market?





Specific guidelines - Sustainability

2.3. Contribution to Sustainability – Max 2 pages

Level 1 (incremental): Incremental or small, progressive improvements to existing products

Level 2 (re-design or 'green limits'): Major re-design of existing products

Level 3 (functional or 'product alternatives'): New product or service concepts to satisfy the same functional need e.g. teleconferencing as an alternative to travel

Level 4 (disruptive): Design for a sustainable society

This section is designed to provide summary information on how you expect your project to contribute towards the creation of a more sustainable society and **all claims will need to be substantiated** 

Do not exaggerate, do not fill the page with "hot air"





Specific guidelines – Technology (1/2)

#### 2.4. Technology

#### 2.4.1. State-of-the-Art (SotA) analysis – Max 3 pages

This subsection should convince evaluators that the project partners have detailed knowledge of the technological background (and evolution) in the targeted field. PENTA and EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> consider the State-of-the-Art analysis as a key tool to clearly understand and steer innovation all along the project lifespan.

Do not describe the current status of the consortium partners technologies, but the worldwide state-of-theart, including research status when academic papers are available. This is a very important section for experts to assess whether you are aware of the competition, technology-wise.

#### 2.4.2. Summary of technological innovation and novelty in relation to the SotA – Max 3 pages

This subsection should convince evaluators that the consortium has sufficient insight into the technological challenges, enough R&D competence and proposes significant breakthroughs to bring technological innovation and novelty

Here you describe how your developments are going to put you on a par or even ahead of the competition. Do not forget that the competition will also make progress, so your technological goals should be at least on par with what will be available, at the same level of maturity, at the expected end date of your project.

2.4.3. Expected project outputs – Max 1 page

This subsection should convince evaluators that the project will deliver tangible results of interest that will support the business goals of the project partners

Define tangible outputs, such as a prototype, or a technology maturity level





Specific guidelines – Technology (2/2)

2.4. Technology

#### 2.4.4. Summary of Project Objectives (measurable) – Max 1 page

This subsection should convince reviewers that the clear analysis and quantification of project progress will be possible during the project lifetime (and sometimes beyond)

Define a limited number of quantified Key Performance Indicators, covering innovation (progress vs. initial SotA), Unique Selling Proposition (differentiation vs. competition), and market access

SMART

Specific (the KPI must be unambiguous)

**Measurable** (the KPI must be measurable in order to indicate its progress and prove if the target has been reached)

Achievable (the KPI must be achievable by the current consortium)

Relevant (the KPI must demonstrate the uniqueness of the project results)

Timely (the KPI must be achievable within the project's time frame)





Specific guidelines – Consortium

- 2.5. Consortium overview
  - 2.5.1. Cooperation added value: business level Max 2 pages This subsection should convince the evaluators that the consortium has enough business power to have an impact on the market
  - 2.5.2. Cooperation added value: technology level Max 2 pages This subsection should convince the evaluators that there is enough R&D competence in the consortium, that the consortium is appropriate, and that value will be created from a technological point of view.

Both business and technological "sleeping" partners must be avoided.





#### **Finalise your submission**

- Check that there are no blocking points in the project checklist
- You can upload Project Outline annexes and Cost file as many times as you want before the deadline
- The deadline IS a deadline
- The PENTA-EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup> office is here to help!





#### **Next step: Full Project Proposal**

- You will be requested to provide Work Package details
  - Demonstrate that the project will be well managed
  - Demonstrate that the project will be easy to monitor The FPP is the basis for the project monitoring later on, therefore progress during the project duration should be easy to check, thanks to well defined milestones and regular deliverables
- The proposals invited for FPP will have received detailed feedback on how to improve vs. the PO phase. Make sure that you take this feedback into account





#### In summary

- For **technical experts**, the PO should demonstrate that:
  - The consortium is knowledgeable in the field
  - There is innovation beyond state-of-the-art not a "me too" product, or a pure engineering project
  - There is a market potential
  - The consortium is complementary and there will be real cooperation
  - There is added value through the collaboration
- For national Public Authorities, show that
  - The project is aligned with national priorities
  - It will have positive national impact for each country involved
    - Projects which do not meet those two criteria will be eliminated at the Project Outline stage
- Get advice & help
  - Contact your National authority contact as soon as possible for guidance and support
  - Use the PENTA-EURIPIDES office to get help
  - Start entering your project in the Project Zone **NOW**





## Thank you!

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