

# Applying for EU funding for research on education of therapy radiographers: Our experience of a successful application

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## Funding: SAFE EUROPE project



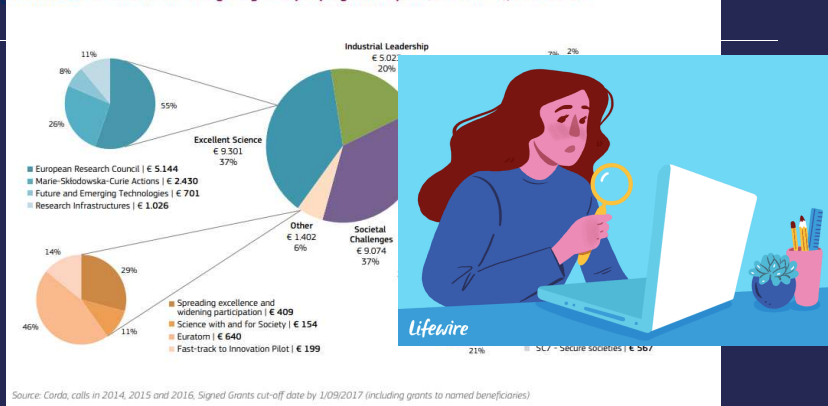
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## Background

Physicians' migration  
(2004-2007)

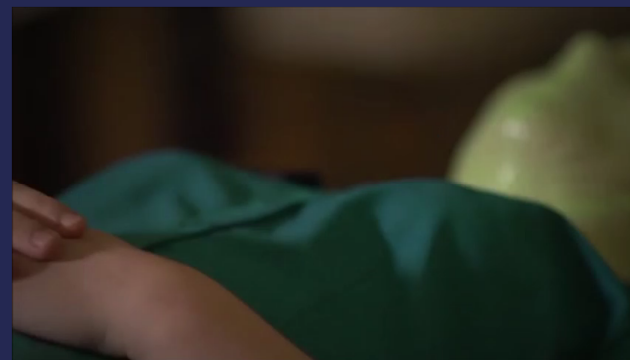
FIGURE 11: EU contribution to signed grants per programme part (EUR million), 2014-2016



Source: HORIZON 2020 in full swing - Three years on. KEY FACTS AND FIGURES 2014-2016

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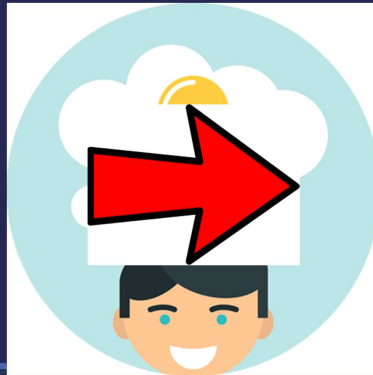
Describe our experience of applying to the EU Sector Skills Alliance grant funding to develop research on education of therapeutic radiographers



Video source: University of Otago, Wellington (2014)

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## How did it all started?



Project Support Team



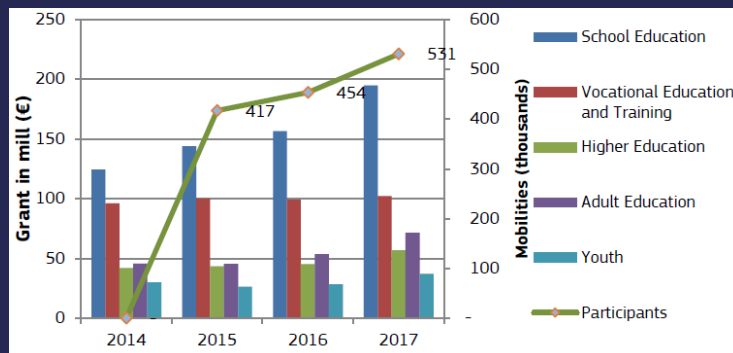
## The ERASMUS+ programme

Programme to support and strengthen education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

- Key Action 1 – Learning mobility of individuals
- Key Action 2 – Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
- Key Action 3 – Support for policy reform
- Jean Monnet Activities
- Sport

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## Key Action 2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices



In 2017: total of EUR 559 million (Source: ERASMUS+ Annual Report 2017)

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## Key Action 2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices

- Strategic Partnerships in the field of education, training and youth
  - skills needs identification
  - design and delivery of VET
  - specific sectoral cooperation
- Knowledge Alliances
- Sector Skills Alliances
- Capacity Building in the field of higher education
- Capacity Building in the field of youth

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First step...

Read grant guidelines:

- Objectives
- Eligible countries
- Eligible organisations
- Selection criteria:
  - Needs to include “digital skills” and “circular economy”
  - Continuous project quality assessment
  - The consortium must be relevant
  - Relevant beyond the grant is finished



Setting up the consortium....

- Added value for the project (tick the boxes)
- Experience in the tasks assigned to them
- Experience in European Projects
- Good geographic distribution
- Committed to the project
- (be able to contribute to the application)
- (we contacted more organisations than the minimum required)



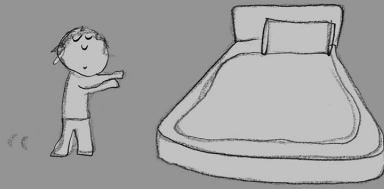
Writing the application

- PART 0. Summary
- PART I. Project **relevance**
- PART II. Quality of the project **design and implementation**
- Part III. Quality of the partnership, the **team** and the cooperation arrangements
- PART IV. **Impact, dissemination, exploitation, and sustainability**
- PART V. Additional project information (if applicable)
- PART VI. **Work plan and work package**



...and submit

HAPPINESS IS



...finally going to bed.

Results came out a few months later!

- 57/100 pontos
  - (the minimum was 70)
- Plan: try again
  - Improved application
  - Feedback

**EVER TRIED.  
EVER FAILED.  
NO MATTER.  
TRY AGAIN.  
FAIL AGAIN.  
FAIL BETTER.**

Samuel Beckett

Coordinator

Draft application

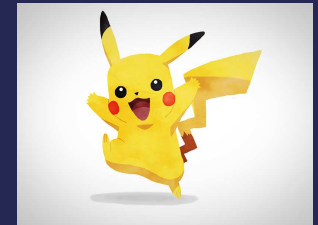
Feedback

Partners

Grant  
guidelines

Results came out a few months later!

- 74/100 pontos
  - (the minimum was 70)



## Conclusion

### Pros

Potential high benefits

Networking

Experience

### Cons

Time spent (a lot of it!)

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## Experience

Where are the funds

Where to find partners

How to write an application

Understand all steps of an application

Ask for help!

There are always things to improve

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Recommendations (regarding application)

Search for grants before they come out

Contact possible partners as soon as possible

- Ask help with the write up
- Have more than the minimum required

Check all the boxes (as per Grant Guidelines)

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Recommendations (for the applicants)

Keep motivated. It will get better soon :)

Don't be afraid of "failing"

Get the right people to work with you

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Thank You!

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