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# Experience from a coordinator/partner in Cluster 6

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## How to become a consortium member?

- As early as possible, apply the multi-task approach,
- Cooperate with local centres for innovation and technology transfers,
- Communicate and disseminate your activities/results,
- Embed mobility in your DNA from the very beginning,
- Be flexible, curious and open-minded,
- Have a business partner who will co-create and co-test ideas with you,
- Work hard ...

## How was it 11 years ago?

- Numerous applications to national funding bodies failed,
- Every single stone (opportunity) on your path has potential value,



III.2016– II.2020

"Thank you for your quick response. It is difficult to say what specifically our colleagues have expectations and to what extent your Department can fit into them, but this will come out in the wash. This opportunity is certainly worth exploring - a worthy consortium with a good chance of success."

## How has the story unwound since then?



III.2016 – II.2020



XI.2017 – VI.2021



XI.2022 – X.2026



V.2025 – IV.2029



V.2018 – X.2021



IV.2024 – III.2027 (SBEP)

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## What challenges have piled up during the execution of the projects?

### Ranking:

1. Evolving, excessive and unreasonable bureaucracy in Poland,
2. Budget issues (inflation, salary costs, auxiliary costs),
3. Dependence on the outputs of prior trials,
4. Time scale, weather conditions, and the COVID-19 lockdown,
5. ...

## What were the straightforward elements of the projects?

- Friendly and fair application process,
- Reporting of expenditures, progress and results,
- Communication with the Project Officer and the funding body,
- Audit (fairly non-problematic),
- Execution of the project (in general).

## How to build a successful consortium?

- Join (direct invitation) or create a group of partners,
- It's good to have a real leader from the very beginning,
- Start with building an experienced core team (WPs, Task leaders),
- Get to know each other well,
- Think about the objectives and key elements of the call,
- Include other contributors/partners,
- Be inclusive and search for transversalities,
- Partners are experts,
- Focus on exploitation.

## How to deliver all promises pledged in the GA?

- If possible and relevant, start the activities as early as possible,
- Communicate all key issues (e.g. delays, key changes) to the lead,
- Do not assume that others are aware of your project's needs,
- Actively contribute to monthly and annual meetings,
- Set up internal communication infrastructure,
- Keep an eye on the IPR, DMP, etc.



## How does the local environment support the application and execution process?

- Key insights into how to initiate and build a consortium,
- Examples of good practices in cross-border Partnerships,
- Matchmaking opportunities for future calls,
- Communication of the institution's capabilities to attract like-minded partners.

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Thank you for your attention

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