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Best Practices for Post-Award Management

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Introduction

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Established in
1942

2,390
employees

32%
a doctorate or a licentiate's degree

296 M€
operating income

No. 1
Recipient of EU R&D funding in Finland

353
Horizon Europe projects funded

70+
Coordinated HE projects

260+
HE funded partner projects

In-house support for EU projects

Organisation-wide assistance, complemented by project-specific tailored support

- EU pre- and **post-award support**

- EU project finance

- Legal support

- Business development

- IPR management

- Other (e.g., data management, ethics, EU-level networking & influencing, Business Intelligence)

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VTT's post-award support – main elements

Tailored support for individual projects

Organisation-wide EU capacity building programme

Support for exploitation of research results

Organisation-wide EU capacity building programme

- Training Offer
- Tools & Templates Library
- Coordinators' Forum

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EU Training Offer

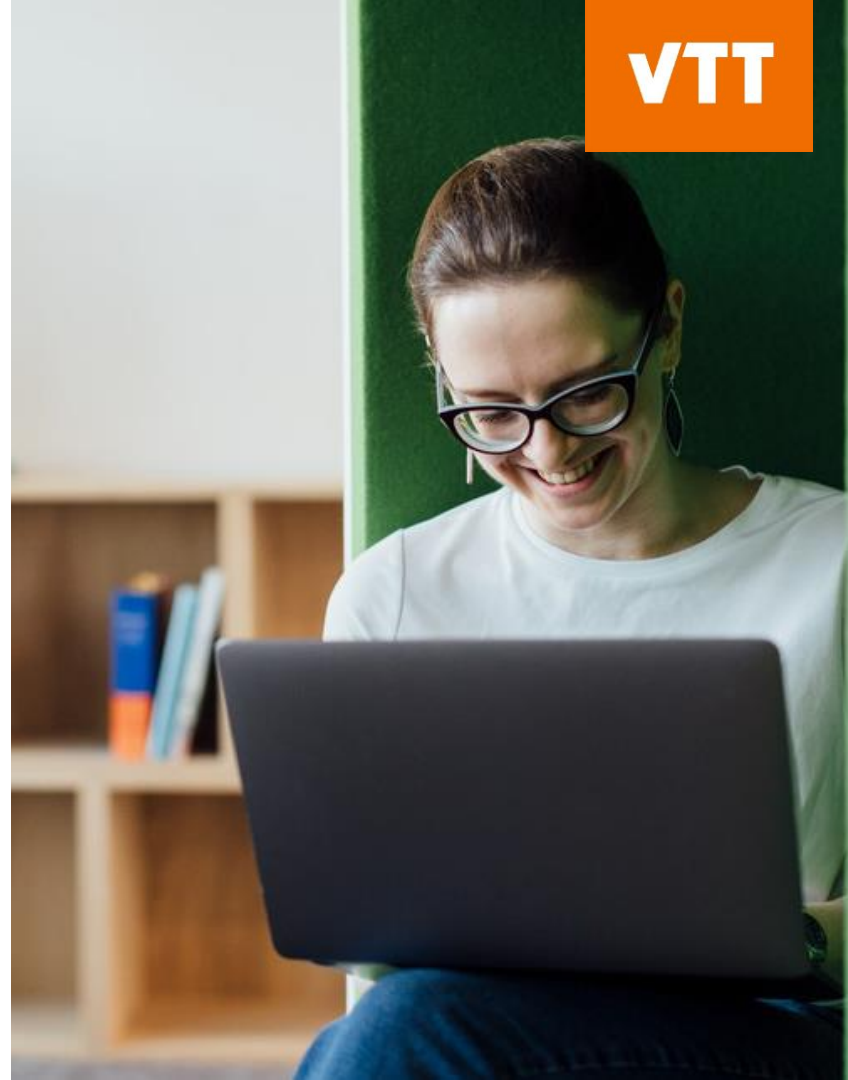Yearly training calendar designed to provide necessary skills and knowledge to manage projects effectively

- Expert presenters

- Topics covering various phases of project implementation

- Time for questions and discussion

- Sessions recorded and shared

Tools & Templates Library

Tailored set of checklists, guidelines and templates covering the whole project lifecycle

- Prepared and updated by the VTT in-house experts
- Accessible on VTT's file repository
- Covering all phases of project implementation (e.g. GAP, kick-off, deliverables, reporting, amendments, project closing)

Coordinators' Forum

A community for coordinators to share experiences, challenges, and best practices

- Monthly online / hybrid meetings

- Different topics each time

- Invited speakers & peer-presentations

- Main focus on discussions

- File repository and online chat platform

Our experience on different actions

- **EU training offer**
  - Improving skills and knowledge to manage projects effectively
  - Sharing information about EU funding requirements
  - Learning by leveraging best practices and individual experiences

- **Tools and templates library**
  - Saving time from both support staff and project coordinators
  - Promoting consistency and efficiency across different projects

- **Coordinators' forum**
  - Fostering a supportive community
  - Facilitating peer learning
  - Sharing best practices and challenges

→ Making post-award support successful

Takeaways from the INORMS congress

- 55% of the respondents offer project-specific support in their organisation
  - Other support methods are least popular, especially Coordinators' forum type of activity

- Best practices
  - Templates and tutorials, guidelines, tips and tricks
  - Constant, tailored support and assistance
  - Meetings with project managers to share experiences

Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

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