

EAIC Public Event

‘How does Artificial Intelligence impact the design, evaluation and management of R&I projects?’

Rationale

The European Association of Innovation Consultants (EAIC) organises an event entitled "How does AI impact R&I project design, proposal evaluation and project management?". The event will raise awareness and inform a discussion about the short and medium-term use of artificial intelligence-based tools in support of EU funded research and innovation projects.

Today, some AI-based tools, such as translation tools, are already being used in the context of EU funded projects. However, the growing use of such tools for content creation and data analysis prompts a reflection on their incorporation throughout the project value chain - from identifying funding opportunities, writing and evaluating proposals to managing and implementing projects. There is a need to assess the opportunities and challenges that these tools are bringing and will continue bringing to the R&I ecosystem.

The event will address the impacts that AI based tools have on innovation consulting services, on their business models, on required new skills and competences for the workforce. It will also aim to explore the boundary conditions – and especially ethical concerns.

The EAIC objective is to initiate, inform, and feed the ongoing discussions on these matters with the R&I stakeholders. The proposed focus is on the following three main segments:

- project design,
- proposal evaluation, and
- project management.

Agenda

14.30: Beginning of the event

14.30 – 14.40: Welcome, **Maud Evrard** (Secretary General, EAIC)

14.40 – 15.10: Keynote address:

- Exploring the societal, ethical, and regulatory implications of AI in the context of European R&I projects
Prof. Paul Lukowicz (Scientific Director, German Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Coordinator of the Horizon 2020 HumaneAI)

15.10 – 16.55: Uses, opportunities and limitations

- **Project design** – Use of AI based tools in the pre-award phase:
Tools developed by:
 - University of Southern Denmark - **Dr. Maéva Vignes** (Data Scientist Consultant, Research Support & Policy Team, SDU)
 - ERDYN (France), Innovation Consulting Company member of EAIC - Speaker TBC
- **Proposal evaluation** – Use of AI based tools to support applicants and enhance the efficiency of the evaluation and funding process:
 - Speakers TBD
- **Project management** – Use of AI based tools to support administrative tasks in projects, exploitation and dissemination of results:
 - Experience of the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators / RM Roadmap project - **Nik Claesen** (Managing Director, EARMA)
- Discussion, moderated by **Corentin Lefèvre** (Neovia, France)

16.55 – 17.00: Conclusion

17.00 – 18.50: Networking reception

18.50: End of the event