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Further Coordinators' Day in Brussels

13 October 2014

Following their **coordinators' day** on 26 September[†], The Commission is organising a second event of the same kind on 13 October 2014.

The purpose of the event is to explain the details on the preparation and signature of grant agreements. It will take place in the Charlemagne building in Brussels from 9.30 to 17.00. It is mainly meant for coordinators of proposals who were invited to prepare a grant agreement but other participants are also welcome subject to the availability of seats.

Registration (first-come first-served, priority for persons representing coordinators of successful proposals) is via the following website: <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/events/cf/h2020-coordinators-day-2/register.cfm> . It will also be possible to follow the event online. The hyperlink to the live stream will be made available on the website a few days before the event. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/about.html>

[†] Web video of 26 Sept: <https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/index.php?es=2&sessionno=487129304eca93e3646dd0c7dd441bf5>

LEAR Signatures

We hear from delegates to the 26 September Coordinators day:

'Appointment of new LEARs or extension of existing LEAR's mandate require 'blue ink' signature (physical process)'

– cumbersome and expected to introduce variable delays (imagine getting approval/signature from a HEI's VC)

Schroedinger's cat and the bag...

Further to previous items on meaning of communication encouraging validation prior to declaration of results. [News 22-8]

We heard from The Commission Legal Services: Our assumption that the validation request points to thresholds being passed is actually wrong. [News 8-9]

Recently however we checked with an unnamed Head of Unit to hear that "validation prior to the "3 months" may indeed imply that approached organisations have been successful."

So Schroedinger wins – when you open the Commission result notification you determine the state of the proposal and can infer the location of the cat on the earlier occasion.

URLs: for TSB H2020 ICT Homepage: <https://www.h2020uk.org/-/information-and-communications-technologies-ict>

for TSB H2020 FET Homepage: <https://www.h2020uk.org/-/future-and-emerging-technologies-fet>