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## **A COMPETE course on academic research skills for COMPETE PhD students and staff of University of Primorska**

Koper, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The course aims to provide information on skills that are essential to develop a career in scientific research, to ensure that your research provides impact. Although the course aims to be independent of any specific subject, focusing more on the philosophy needed to succeed with a career doing good quality research, it will be relevant for all researchers in the agricultural sciences.

It will be held at Koper/Capodistria, Trg Brolo 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, which is in the middle of the old part of Koper.

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### **Course programme:**

Wednesday, 27 May 2015, 09.00 – 17.00:

Introduction to the course and philosophy (09.00-10.30)

Refreshment break 10.30-11.00

Module 1: Proposal writing for H2020 (11.00-12.00)

- Philosophy for success
- Learning how to be competitive
- The four main challenges
- How to interpret and implement instructions
- Supporting statements with the evidence
- Giving enough details
- Being consistent
- Becoming a partner

Module 2: Good quality research (12.00-13.00)

- Looking for the truth
- Considering all the factors
- The research cycle
- Principles of experimental design

Lunch break 13.00-14.00

Module 2: Good quality research (14.00-14.30)

- Reducing the errors
- Data quality control

Module 3: Presentation skills for posters (14.30-15.30):

- Conferences as opportunities to have impact on scientists and develop networks
- Points to consider for posters
- Identifying the pros and cons of different poster styles
- Examples of posters

Refreshment break 15.30-16.00

Module 4: Presenting yourself through your CV (16.00-17.00):

- Preparing a CV
- Preparing a cover (motivation) letter
- How to be competitive

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Course participants will be sent electronically A4 handouts of PowerPoint presentations.

Course feedback questionnaires give average participant assessments of typically over 4.7/5.

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