



## Review service for European grant applications

European grants are a highly attractive source for funding research and innovation activities. However, preparing a proposal and submitting it for funding approval can be a complex and time-consuming process. Moreover, European grant schemes grow increasingly competitive. Developing a complete and convincing grant proposal requires combining scientific, business, and societal impact expertise with excellent writing skills. In addition, knowledge on European grant regulations can significantly ease the implementation of your project.

**The Vindsubsidies review service builds on our experience in developing successful grant proposals for all major European schemes (e.g. Horizon, Eurostars, LIFE, Erasmus, ERDF, Interreg, UIA). We provide clear and concise feedback and suggest easy-to-implement improvements, aimed at increasing the chances to get your proposal funded.**

## Why Vindsubsidies

- ▶ Over 30 years of experience in grant funding
- ▶ The most complete and widely used grants database in Europe (RESEARCHconnect)
- ▶ International team of over 120 dedicated grant funding experts
- ▶ Outperforms of general success rates on all major European grant schemes

## Our numbers

**34%**

**Success rate in Horizon 2020**

Statistically, the overall success rate for Horizon 2020 is around 13%

**91%**

**Success rate in ERDF programme**

ERDF is the European Regional Development Fund

**8.1**

**Weighted average score of EU grant programmes**

Scores translated to a 1-10 scale (e.g. 12.6 points out of 15 means 8.4)

**47%**

**Overall success rate in EU grant programmes**

**> 200**

**Total number of EU grant applications supported by Vindsubsidies**

Horizon 2020; LIFE; Erasmus; ELFPPO; UIA  
ERDF; CEF; Interreg; Eurostars; Justice and others



# Our method

Vindsubsidies reviews are performed by experienced EU grant consultants and consist of interactive, practical, and concise support. The service can be tailored depending on your need for more or less support.



## Single review

The single review provides an in-depth assessment of your pre-final proposal working document, which should be at least 80% finished. The review work-flow is as follows:

- ▶ **Introductory meeting** : understanding the review need and aligning planning and expectations
- ▶ **Match to call** : cross check of eligibility & admissibility to grant application and match of the project with the call specific conditions and expected outcome
- ▶ **Review process & report**
  - **What we review** : strengths; weaknesses; missing elements; best practices; syntax & writing style (if needed, using a deep learning based syntax evaluation approach – [www.impacter.eu](http://www.impacter.eu))
  - **What we provide** : a review report containing the main feedback per proposal section; your proposal document reviewed with track changes; additional best practice examples or suggestions for change
- ▶ **Feedback meeting** : explanation and discussion of the feedback

The single review service is ideal for those with experience in developing and writing European grant proposals themselves, but who seek assistance to improve the competitiveness of their proposal.

# Double review

The double review provides an in-depth assessment of your work during the grant writing process, in both the conceptual and pre-final phase. The review work flow is the same as for a single review but takes place in two rounds with a feedback meeting after each round.

- ▶ **First review process (conceptual phase/50% version)**
  - **What we review** : concept alignment to the call; strengths; weaknesses; missing elements; best practices; the type of evidence required to support the need/interest from the market/claims on TRL level; focus of the project in terms of activities and budget
  - **What we provide** : a review report containing the main feedback on a conceptual level; your concept reviewed with track changes; additional best practice examples or suggestions for change
- ▶ **Second review process (pre-final phase/80% version)**
  - **What we review** : strengths; weaknesses; missing elements; best practices; syntax & writing style (if needed, using a deep learning based syntax evaluation approach – [www.impacter.eu](http://www.impacter.eu) )
  - **What we provide** : a review report containing the main feedback per proposal section; your proposal document reviewed with track changes; additional best practice examples or suggestions for change

The double review service is ideal for those who seek more assistance during the grant writing process, but prefer to do the grant writing themselves. Ideally, we would start this review service early so that we have enough time to support you through the grant writing process.

## Additional Technical Assistance (TA)

TA is our 'helpdesk function' during the grant application preparation process. Our experienced consultants can answer questions from you or your partners on European rules and regulations and provide guidance on budget development, financial and administrative aspects, third party involvement and submission in EC portals/systems.

In cases where specific tasks (such as budget) are to be carried out fully by Vindsubsidies, prices will be tailor-made to fit the customer request.



# Testimonials

*"Vindsubsidies has been absolutely paramount in getting BuyBay the Horizon 2020 grant"*

BUYBAY 

*"It is such a rare pleasure to work with people who take as much pride in supporting your project as you do. Can't recommend highly enough"*

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*"A thorough and insightful review by Vindsubsidies helped us turn our Eurostars application into a solid business proposal"*

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*"A reliable partner with the ability to perfectly adjust their level of support to the customer needs"*

  
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## Questions?

Can we help you in improving the strength of your grant proposal?  
Or answer questions you might have on European funding?

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