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Session 1

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Host and coordination

- Hosting department/faculty
 - Research links (conferences, joint sessions, seminars)
 - Research team vs your research idea
- Many universities have research admin dept and support systems
 - Prepare for additional time and internal procedures, incl. during proposal stage (e.g. financials)
 - Prepare to coordinate all on your behalf and take lead



Proposal

- Takes time and don't spare revisions
- Let the host review, even just for records
- Key parts (besides research idea)
 - Career development (you in the field)
 - Prospects: realistic, short-term and long-term
 - EU IF: links with the context, policies, broader societal developments
 - Work plan (realistic, consistent, non-complex)
 - Ethics, (takes time, not a routine task but should be!)
- Sources of information (opinions, project applications, senior colleagues, grant officers)

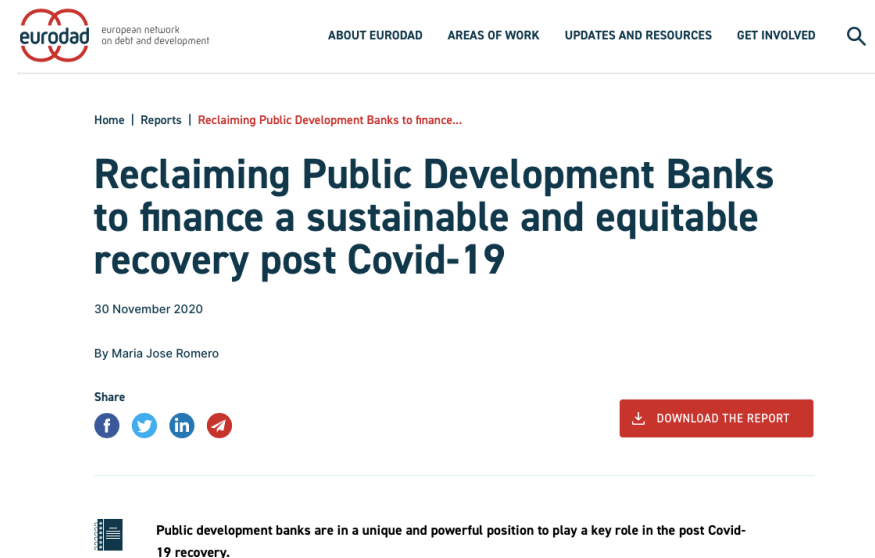


Re-applying

- Absolutely a good idea!
- Read previous feedback many times
- Different panels = different experts = different opinions and evaluation points
- Consider changing evaluation panel
 - But this might involve re-designing the study (e.g. methodology)
- Keywords are key, may re-consider too
- Try not to over-promise

My project

- DeFInE: Development Finance Institutions in Europe
- Initial focus on promotional banks
- Pandemic and post-COVID economic recovery plans
 - Change of scope (green)
 - No secondments
 - More policy publications
 - Wider networks, incl IOs
 - Greater independence
- Worked well vs could have been better





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Thank you!

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