

## **Workshop on:**

### **European Research Cooperation in an EEIG** **(European Economic Interest Grouping)**

#### **Objectives:**

Providing information and holding discussions in a non-legal diction about EU-immediate legal structures, in particular about the proven legal form of EEIG. The EEIG is applied in the meantime in many research projects; its strengths but also problems are more and more known. More and more frequently research institutions are asked by domestic and foreign colleagues – also from third countries! – for their opinion about this legal form; when asking people with know-how in their universities (which does not often exist) a lot of time can be wasted. The EU requires in its Research Framework Programmes more and more a „dedicated legal structure“, above all for the time after the project funding period, when there may be revenues only from other sources or donors.

Furthermore an EEIG is an interesting legal structure for

- Cooperation between universities and private business
- Public-Private Partnerships, PPP
- Virtual enterprises.

The participants will be able after the workshop – where also handouts will be distributed – to discuss in a qualified way in project preparation meetings about a legal structure, which will impose administration work as little as possible and as much as necessary only for the researching personnel, so that they can set their accent on research: the EEIG, which exists in the European Union at present about 2.200 times, since 1989.

#### **Target groups:**

University research departments, university and research institutions' lawyers and tax advisors/accountants, interested institutes and chairs with present or planned research projects, research management enterprises and researching companies, research administrations (e.g. ministries or outsourced institutions)

#### **Subjects (draft):**

- European company law structures for research (also under articles 169, 171 EC Treaty):
  - Consortium,
  - national structures/legal forms,
  - S.E. (European Company),
  - S.C.E. (European Cooperative),
  - EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation),
  - S.P.E. (future European Ltd./Private Company),
  - The possible future form for some large European research projects,
  - International organisations,
  - EEIG (European Economic Interest Grouping).
- EEIG as a standard structure:
  - Experience with research EEIGs;
  - Legal, taxation, institutional and psychological/inter-cultural questions in setting-up and operating an EEIG;
  - How to integrate partners from third countries (e.g. Switzerland, Turkey, Russia, Balkan etc.)
  - Liability issues – how to exclude or minimize liability
- Examples and statutory questions

**Duration (proposal):**

13.30 – 15.00 h Workshop

15.00 – 15.30 h Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 h Workshop cont'd

But also full-day workshops are possible, depending of the depth in the different issues which is required. In a full-day workshop also a template of EEIG statutes can be discussed (although every EEIG can differ fundamentally from others)

**Handouts:**

We propose to distribute handouts, like the EEIG Regulation 2137/85, possibly the national Implementation Law, and other specific material for research organisations or universities (in hardcopy and digital form). This would be e-mailed some days before the date to the contact points.

**Lecturer:**

The European EEIG Information Centre has several lecturers on stock, with a big experience in EEIGs (since the beginning of the Centre in the early 1990s). We would recommend one single lecturer for a half-day workshop. Who this might be can be decided in mutual consent when we have a date proposal, too. As a rule and if available, the head of the EEIG Information Centre, Hans-Jürgen Zahorka, would give the half-day workshops.

We have experience in likewise workshops in the whole EU, in the EEA and in third countries.

**Languages:**

We hold these workshops in German, English or French.

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