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Strategies for approaching consortia and participating in
Cluster 6 proposals

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PERFORMANCE IN HORIZON EUROPE (H2020, FP7, FP6...)

$$P = E * (K + N)$$

P = Performance

E = Effort

K = Knowledge

N = Network



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5 STRATEGIES FOR PERFORMANCE IN HORIZON EUROPE

Strategies for beginners:

1. The hunter
2. The fisherman
3. The one-person band

Advanced strategies:

4. The matchmaker
5. The multiplier



PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ Reality is much more complicated, actors have individual strategies
- ✓ Strategies are **not mutually exclusive**
- ✓ You can be advanced in some Calls/ WPs but beginner in others, adjust!

THE HUNTER

- Pro-active (and sometimes aggressive) search for potential coordinators
- Mass mailing to previous coordinators/ partners of projects, sometimes without previously knowing them (cold calling)
- Just like in hunting, success depends on shooting accuracy
- Requires some efforts in preparation, but all in all it is a low cost, limited results method



DO: Follow a structured, targeted approach to maximize results



DON'T: Spam the world



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THE FISHERMAN

- Participates in events, workshops etc aiming to understand the calls, network and meet potential coordinators
- Seizes opportunities to present his/her organization during events
- Success depends on persistency and personal skills
- Requires effort and travelling budget, but with time it may pay off



DO: Try to increase knowledge (K) and network (N), simultaneously



DON'T: Expect impressive results from the first few events

THE ONE-PERSON BAND

- Tries to put a proposal together, but lacks the experience and the supporting team
- Does everything: consortium building, proposal writing, budget negotiations, administrative work
- Success depends on effort, skills and (sometimes) luck
- Requires huge effort but accelerates skills, good strategy for ambitious juniors



DO: Select the Call carefully, ask for help from colleagues



DON'T: Burn out!

THE MATCHMAKER

- Understands the Calls and has a broad network
- Brings value by bringing partners together or securing important actors
- Not main proposal writer, but contributes in writing and reviewing
- Fitting role for associations, public bodies and ecosystem facilitators



DO: Build long-lasting relationships, based on reciprocity



DON'T: Try to be in all proposals, particularly in competing ones

THE MULTIPLIER

- Advanced writing skills and broad network
- Carefully selects Calls with competitive advantage
- Invites other skillful proposal writers
- Multiplies opportunities through reciprocity
- Requires a strong supporting team, long-term commitment and strategic approach
- In the long-term, this strategy always brings very good results and builds solid know-how

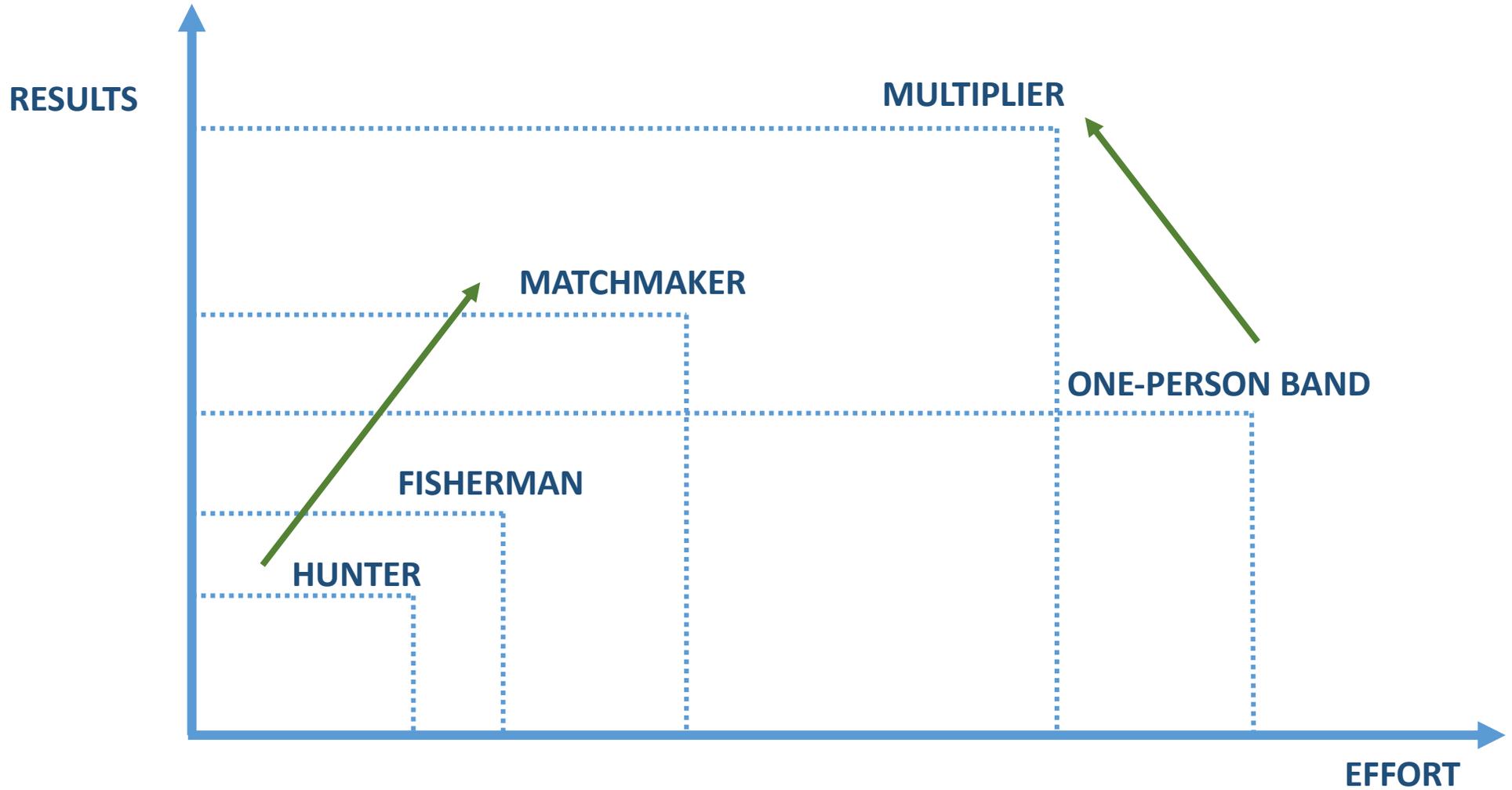


DO: Build a team and give ownership of results to many people, sustainability comes from developing people



DON'T: Loose focus in other activities, EU projects cannot/ should not be the only activity of an organization

EFFORT vs RESULTS



...AND ONE STRATEGY TO AVOID: THE FREE-RIDER

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE:

- ✓ The intellectual and emotional intelligence of people in EU projects ecosystem
- ✓ The collective memory of the network
- ✓ The need to deliver once the project is selected (EU projects are not lottery tickets)

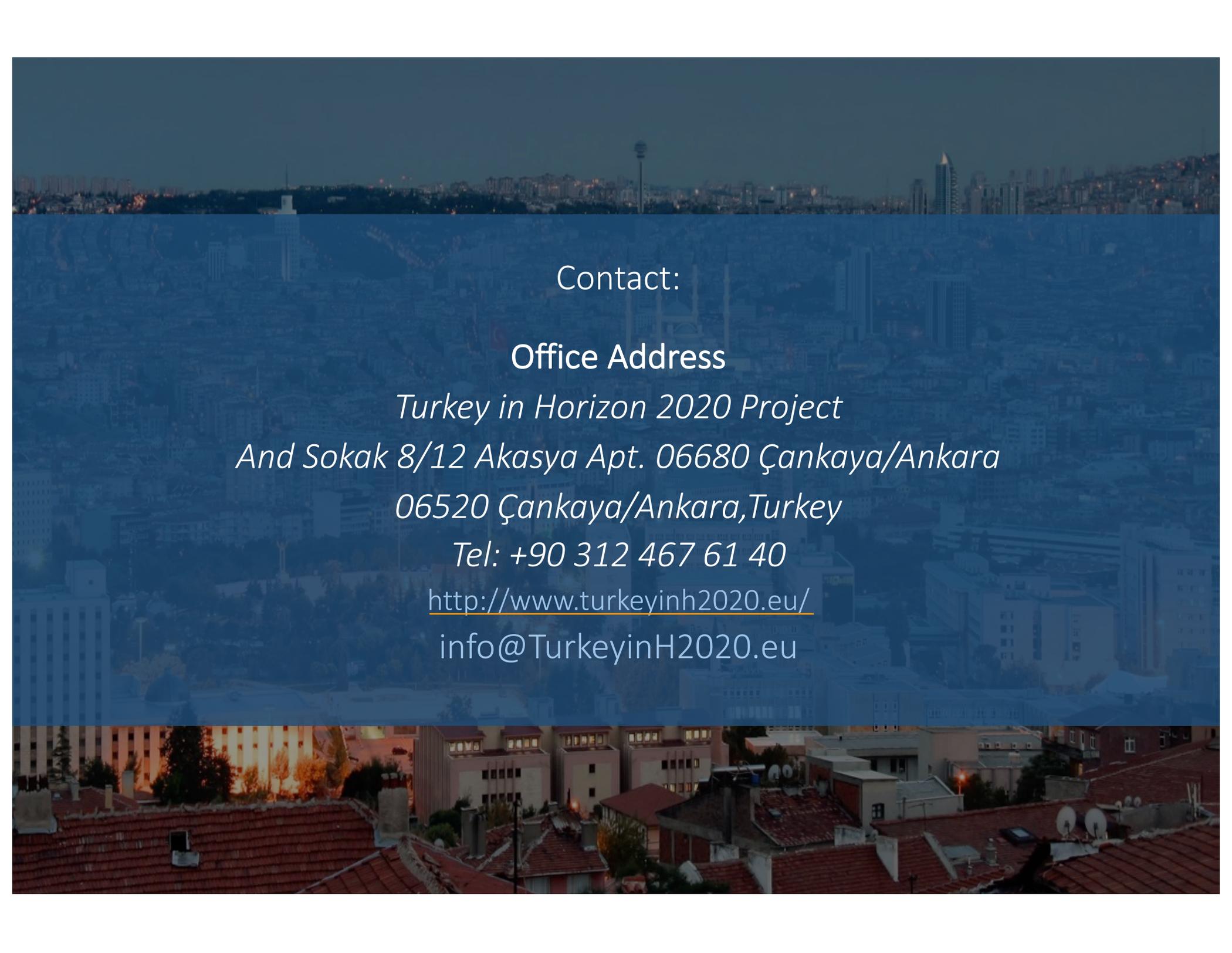
APPRECIATE:

- ✓ The opportunities that more experienced organizations will offer you
- ✓ The work that people invest in preparing a proposal
- ✓ The knowledge that you will gain if you are a committed and contributing partner



TIPS AND TRICKS

- Study the call carefully
- Search for relevant partners among successful projects (4-6)
- Do some research to identify people/ contacts (Use LinkedIn)
- Prepare an email, describing:
 - Your competences, relevance and previous experience
 - Your competitive advantages
 - Your national/ regional funding strategies relevant to the Call
 - Your potential role in the project, based on key conceptual elements
 - Offer the possibility to engage additional useful partners
- How are you planning to convince them about your commitment?

A nighttime photograph of a cityscape, likely Ankara, Turkey, with lights from buildings and streetlights visible against a dark sky. The image is used as a background for the text.

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