



Technical Assistance for Turkey in Horizon 2020 Phase-II
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Turkey in Horizon 2020 II

Producing a 3-minute Video

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First health warning!

The EIC Accelerator – and the video requirement – are fairly recent introductions, so there is little guidance or feedback.

This presentation is therefore mainly based on good working practice... and common sense...

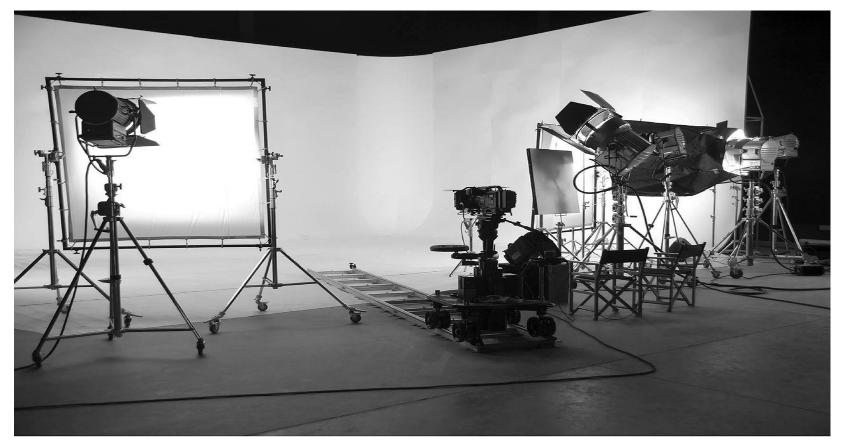












...second health warning – we all see ourselves as movie directors!







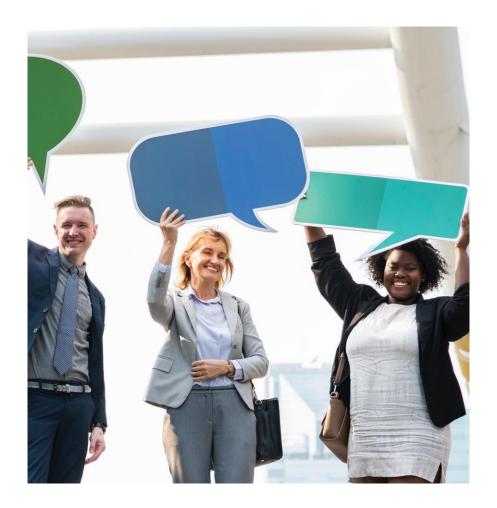




What do the EC expect?

'Core members of team (up to 3 people)should illustrate your innovation and the main motivation behind your application'.

- You should keep the video simple
- Objective is to show the team behind the idea/proposal and your motivation
- If you do not have a team, you can include future team members or say how you plan to acquire the resources needed







Home made or professional?

- EC expects simple video but it may become very competitive and it is an important way of getting your project reviewed!
- There are many online sources for video templates, as well as excellent production advice
- Personal devices also have excellent facilities – iPhone, iMovies, etc.
- BUT it is not just about the technology, there is a lot of expertise involved...







... 6 key aspects to think about!

- Format
- Audience
- Message
- Content
- Presentational issues
- Technical issues







Common formats

- Explainer 'talking head'
- Voiceover
- Interview
- Existing footage
- Presenting pitch deck as video-linked stills







Audience

- Know your audience
- Give them what they want to hear
- Talk **TO** them, not **AT** them
- Include elements that will keep their attention
- Remember the brain processes images 60,000 times faster than text!







Message

- Make a good impression immediately – 'Wow' factor
- Follow it up with problem you will be solving and the bigger benefits to industry, society, environment...
- ...and don't forget your clever solution...
- ...and the market need you have identified...
- Only include elements that will keep attention

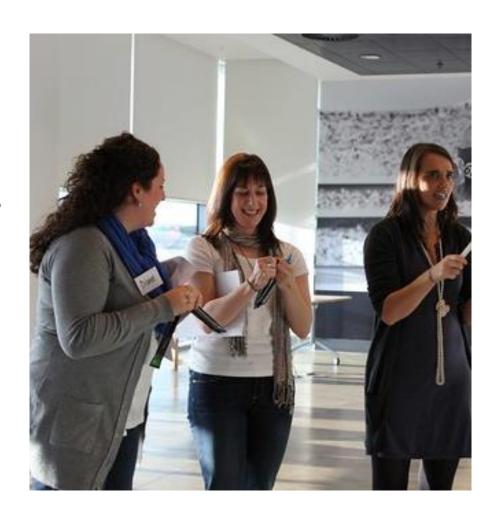






Content

- Keep it simple and to the point – 'short and snappy'
- Plan ahead so that footage can be edited to best effect – industry uses story boards
- Include all team members to strict scripts – to give balance
- Use English language that audience can relate to – remember; technologists may be in the minority







Presentational Issues

- Quality, clarity and fluency of speaker(s)
- Many evaluators will not be native English speakers
- Appearances people, locations,
- Backdrops
- Moving camera rather than fixed
- Continuity especially when editing







Technical Issues

- Camera angles too high/too low?
- Lighting
- Camera position close/distant?
- Music?
- Working noises
- Sound quality
- Beware background noises







...and finally

- Rehearse, refine, review
- Show video to outsiders
- Accept criticism, don't be defensive
- Get reactions and act on them

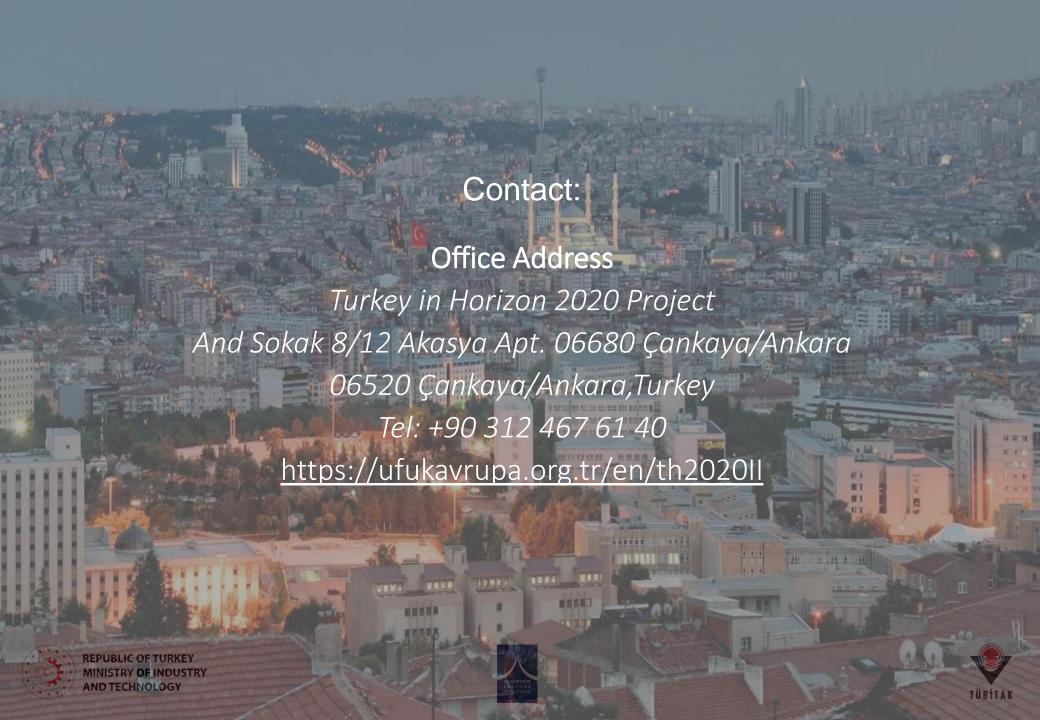






Any questions?









Another reminder!

We are here to help –

Please send us your questions!





