



Technical Assistance for Turkey in Horizon 2020 Phase-II

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Turkey in Horizon 2020 II

EIC Accelerator Pitch Deck

Pitching Workshop

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Today's Workshop

- The day is yours to ask as many questions and make as many comments as you wish
- It is an informal meeting for you to get the most benefit
- We will have One-to-one Pitch Deck discussions later this afternoon
- All our events and information, recordings and presentations may be seen on our project website; <u>Turkey In Horizon 2020 | Ufuk Avrupa</u>











The Ideal SME for EIC Accelerator...

Market-creating, high-risk, high-growth, high-impact, breakthrough innovations to...

- Help Europe gain technological advantage and a greater share of global markets
- Develop projects destined for full market deployment
- Develop the best innovations and most committed teams it's not about the best drafted proposals
- Develop strategic, novel innovations which will impact on markets, technology, quality of life, etc.
- Fund projects seen as too risky by other investors















Short Application

- + Pitch Deck + Video
- 4 Evaluator Reports

Business Plan (created online)

Updated Pitch Deck

Freedom-to-Operate analysis

Data Management Plan

Financial information













The Pitch Deck in Accelerator

- Short applications aim mainly to filter innovative ideas
- Full applications are actual reflections of innovation projects and how they will be managed through to commercial success
- As Pitch Deck is sent with Initial application it must therefore feature innovative impact whilst building the business case
- It may be changed between application and pitching to Jury
- A lot of information within 10-12 slide limit given in 10 minutes
- EC 'semi-official' profile achieves this
- Many examples on internet











Three Key Evaluation Criteria...

EXCELLENCE

Ideation

IMPACT

Go2Market

IMPLEMENTATION

Development











EC Recommended Pitch Deck Structure

- 1. Company Purpose
- 2. Problem and Solution
- 3. Value Proposition
- 4. Market Opportunity & Risks
- 5. Competition
- 6. Business Model
- 7. Commercialisation & market Strategy
- 8. Financial Projections
- 9. Team
- 10. Conclusion











1 Company Purpose

- What is your mission?
 - "To accelerate the world's transition to sustainable transport."
 - "To accelerate the world's transition to sustainable energy."
- Describe your company and what it does, in one sentence
 - "Tesla designs, develops, manufactures, sells, and leases electric vehicles and energy generation and storage systems."











2 Problem and Solution

- What is the customer pain that your product will ease?
- Is there currently a problem or unmet market need?
- Tell a short story about how your innovation is unique in alleviating your customers' pain or addressing a customer need











3 Value Proposition

- What do your customers/potential customers think of your offering?
- Define and assess the concrete benefits your customers will get from using your products or services











IDEATION - Excellence

- Breakthrough and marketcreating nature, ideally disruptive innovation
- Technological feasibility high risk, high potential idea
- Novel beyond 'State of the Art'
- Convincing outcome and criteria for success













4 Market Opportunity and risk[s]

- What potential does your product have for creating market share?
- Predict the size of the target market and the share you intend to capture
- Explain how your product will transform the market
- List the main risk(s) related to your innovation and how you will deal with them











GO2MARKET - Impact

- Scale-up potential
- Broader impact
- European/Global dimension
- Convincing market fit and competition analysis
- Viable commercialisation strategy
- Key partners
- 'Challenge Call' criteria, if any
- Evidence of 'freedom to operate'













5 Competition

- Who are your competitors?
- Show how you will overtake them or take a share of their market











6 Business Model

 Outline the revenue model, pricing, cost structure and schedule of when revenue should be coming in



Typical Business Plan – Strategy driven













7 Commercialisation & Market Strategy

- What is your plan for market entry and to reach your customers?
- Give approximate timing to market deployment and provide proof of early market traction, if possible











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8 Financial Projections

 What are your sales, clients and any investment projections from VCs, Business Angels, etc?









9 Team

- Who are the key team members and other relevant players (for example, partners or sub-contractors)?
- Convincing evidence that the team has the determination, forcefulness, and expertise to achieve the commercial success for the innovative product or service
- Highlight previous commercial successes achieved by the team/team members











DEVELOPMENT - Level of Risk, Implementation and Need for EC Support

- Technical and business experience of team – good balance and plans to recruit any missing competences
- Availability of resources; human, physical and subcontract
- Good understanding of risks in getting to market and plans to mitigate risks
- Realistic and achievable timeframe
- Convincing milestones, outcome and criteria for success













10 Conclusion

 A closing summary to convince evaluators and Jury panel and leave a lasting impression...











Where to start?

5 pointers for content:

- 1. Be clear on objectives for Pitch Deck
- Script the story you will tell
- 3. Be coherent, consistent, concise
- 4. Pictures speak louder than words
- 5. Stick with the narrative flow











Objectives

- In any presentation, set the objectives
- In the case of Accelerator, think of what really matters to the Jury in awarding funding...









Be clear on objectives for Pitch Deck

- What the funding will contribute towards creating a winning product or service
- What the funding will be used for
- Why the funding is vital for the company
- Who will be using the funding with the skill set to make the company/product successful
- When will the funding be needed is the timing right?
- Where the technology/product/service will be marketed and sold











2 Script the story you will tell

- The script of your pitch deck is the executive summary of your case for funding
 - It's the story you will narrate through the slides
 - Without a well-thought out script, you will not have a compelling story to tell.
- Think about the pitch deck as a book, each slide as a chapter and the key messages in each slide as paragraphs of that chapter











3 Coherent, Consistent and Concise

COHERENT

- Pitch deck is part of a set of documents available to the jury members
- Make sure that the What/Why/Who/Where/How are perfectly aligned with the proposal you submit

CONSISTENT

- Data, figures, references and the content on the pitch deck have to be consistent with the rest of the documentation
- Every single detail on the Pitch Deck is important











3 Concise

- 10 minutes to present 10/12 slides time the presentation and make sure you stick to it
- Focus the Jury Panel on key messages in your slides
- Avoid overcrowding the slide with useless text
- Avoid technical terms
- Avoid complicated diagrams as a way of packing in more information
- Don't transfer your speech to the slides
- Keep everything in line with the narrative flow
- KISS: Keep It Short and Simple.











3 Concise

- 10 mins. for 10/12 slides time it!
- Jury Panel focus
- Don't overcrowd!
- No techno-speak
- Simple diagrams
- No speeches!
- Align with narrative
- KISS











4 Pictures speak louder than words

- Remember the brain processes images 60,000 times faster than text!
- Some suggest 20% text and 80% visual for effective slides.
- Technical and scientific entrepreneurs tend to confound their Pitch Decks by going into miniscule details
- A compelling story really sells!
- The best way to tell the story is to guide the audience through high quality graphics, reinforced by key points conveyed in the text
- Consider using xperienced graphic designers familiar with commercial presentations











5 Never forget the Narrative Flow

- You would think narrative flow is a critical success factor only during the live session with the jury panel and going through the slides
- But Pitch Deck will be reviewed first by the remote evaluators and then by the jury members before the live session
- Therefore, the narrative flow should be embedded in the pitch deck and "independent" from the speaker going through it during the interview
- The narrative flow is the underlying architecture of the story.











Feedback from Jury members

More clarity is needed on...

- Distinct technical milestones
- Ownership of IPR
- Allocation of budget and corresponding resources
- Understanding of technical and business risks
- Actual and expected TRLs
- Interdependence of work packages and tasks
- The team for future exploitation
- The credibility of the business objectives







We can help!

- We have limited availability for one-to-one guidance on first and second stage applications provided free within the Turkey in Horizon 2020 project.
 - Apply
 - If accepted, project/application reviewed
 - Online meeting
 - Recording and short report sent
- Please contact Selin Dogrusoz on <u>s.dogrusoz@idi.ie</u> to apply









Summary



- Do your strategy, business planning and get the application right before considering Pitch Deck
- It must be **carefully developed**, not dashed off the day before submission
- It is your valuable opportunity to impress evaluators and judges
- Pitch Deck is a **business pitch**, not a pitch for a research grant.
- Ask for a second opinion.
- EIC Accelerator requirements may change without prior notice keep up-to-date!











Further References

EIC Accelerator Call

EIC AI Platform

Turkey in Horizon 2020 event recordings

EIC Work Program 2021

EIC Accelerator web site

Accelerator FAQ

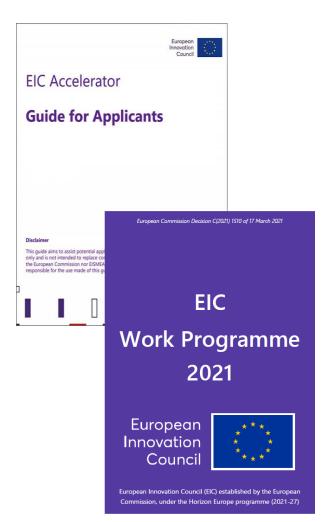
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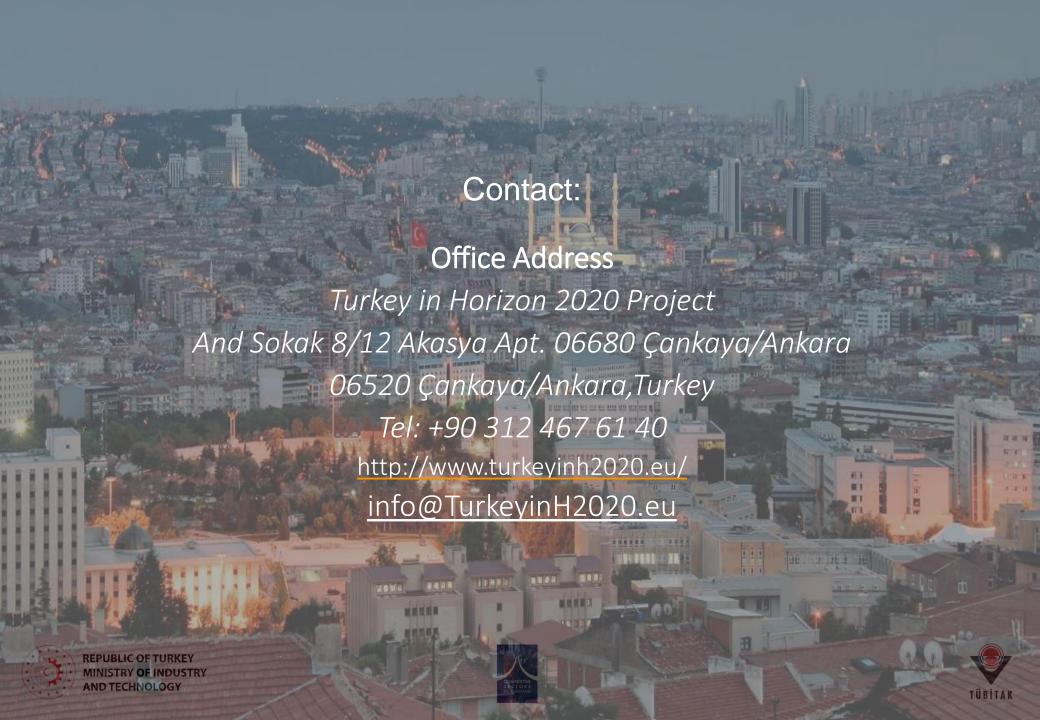
















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