

# EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL WRITING

How to build-up a fundamental skill for  
your career as a researcher

SESSION 3

## PART 2. GO PRACTICAL



1. UNDERSTANDING HOW ARE THE APPLICATION FORMS ARTICULATED
2. CONCEPT NOTE, PROPOSAL CANVAS AND ONE PAGE PROPOSAL
3. THE FINANCIABILITY MATRIX AND HOW TO RE-PROTECT YOUR PROPOSALS
4. STORYTELLING IS A MATTER OF ART, PROPOSAL WRITING IS A MATTER OF TECHNIQUE

# CONCEPT NOTE, PROPOSAL CANVAS AND ONE PAGE PROPOSAL

The evolutionary steps from project idea  
to proposal writing



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**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE FINISHED SPEAKING  
BEFORE YOUR AUDIENCE HAS FINISHED  
LISTENING.**

**DOROTHY SARNOFF**  
MUSICIAN

# SHORT AND SWEET IS THE TRICK

## PROPOSAL CANVAS

A table to support proposal identification. Connect the key dimension to be expanded in the OPP

## CONCEPT NOTE

A communication tool to start contacting potential partners. As for the OPP, it is the output of project identification

## ONE PAGE PROPOSAL

It's a pre-proposal communication tool toward EC services (official template in H2020)

# THE FINANCEABILITY MATRIX AND HOW TO RE-PROTECT YOUR PROPOSALS

Never throw away invested time and  
brain+ relationship efforts

## THE OVERALL PATH

1. IDENTIFY YOUR  
FINANCIAL NEEDS

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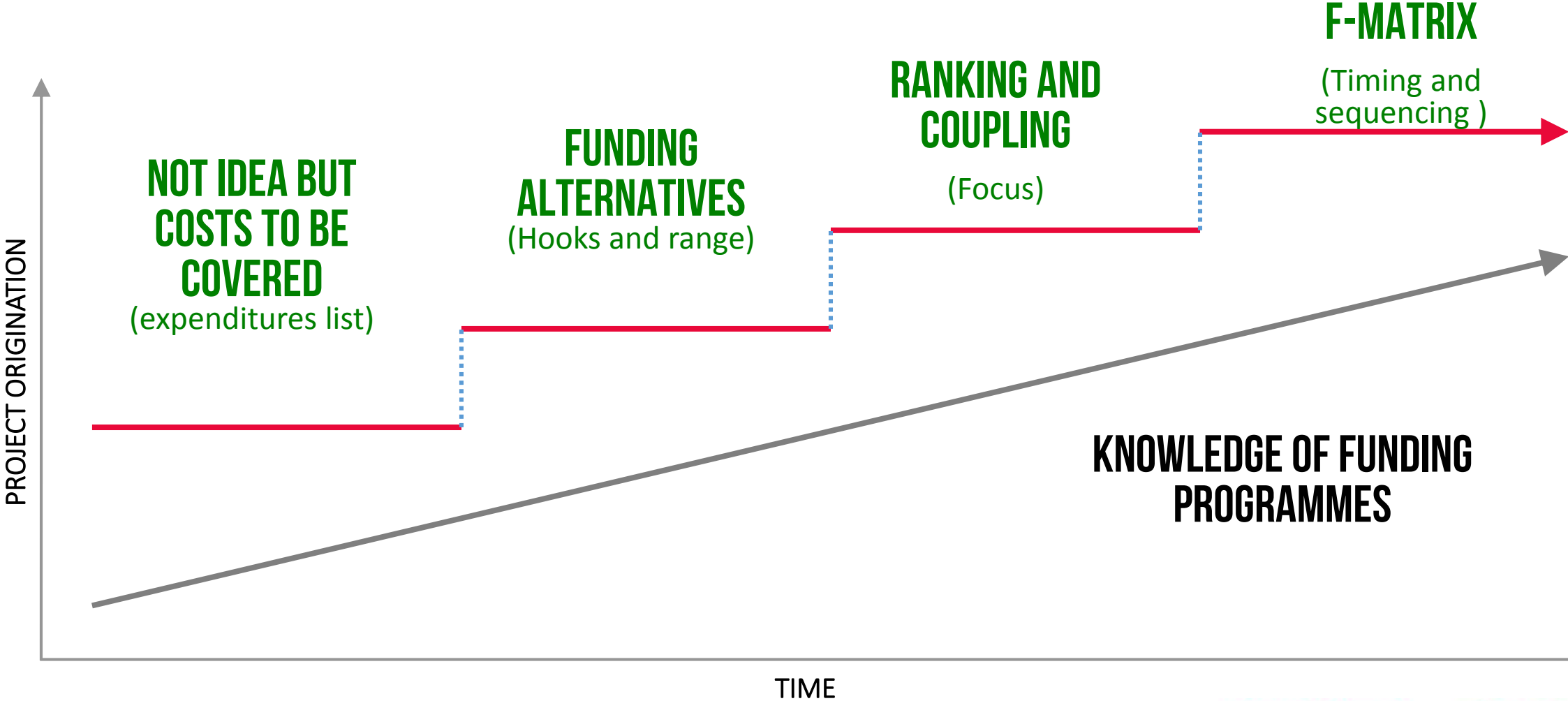
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# EVALUATE AND RANK FUNDING PROGRAMMES

## FUNDING POWER

- Budget per partner
- Eligible costs
- Cost coverage and co-financing
- Pre-financing

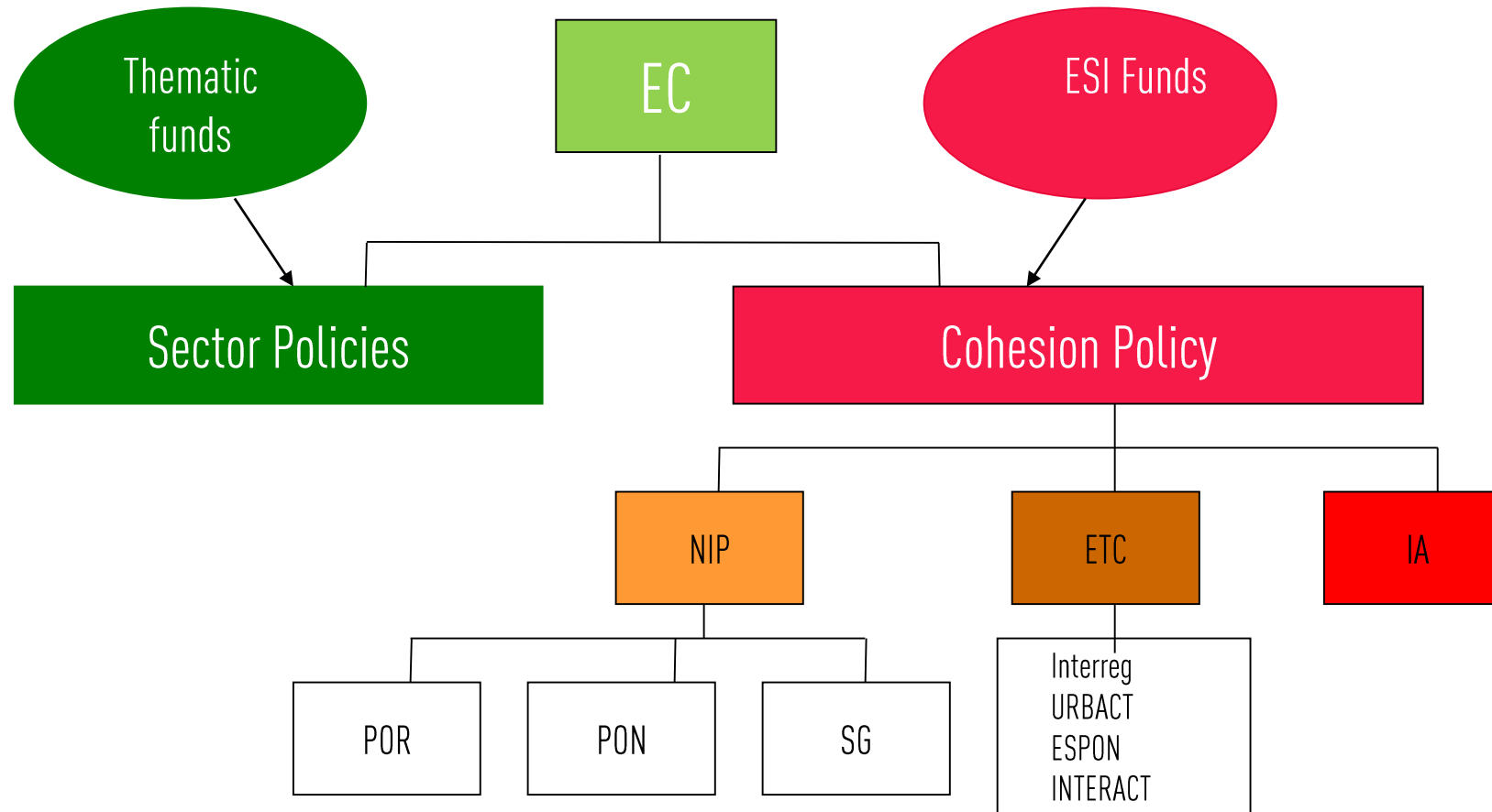
## FUNDING MANAGEABILITY

- Deadlines
- Partners
- Programme's scope/project's scope
- One-stage/two-stages
- Reporting

# RANKING GRID

#	FUNDING CONVENIENCE	FUNDING MANAGEABILITY	TOTAL SCORE
1	...	...	...
2	...	...	...
3	...	...	...
4	...	...	...
5	...	...	...
6	...	...	...
7	...	...	...
8	...	...	...
9	...	...	...
10	...	...	...

# THE EU FUNDS GALAXY



# STORYTELLING IS A MATTER OF ART, PROPOSAL WRITING IS A MATTER OF TECHNIQUE

7 rules to never forget



FOR **CHANGES** TO BE  
OF ANY TRUE VALUE  
THEY'VE GOT TO BE  
**LASTING AND CONSISTENT**

TONY ROBBINS, LIFE COACH, AUTHOR & ACTOR



**DON'T DESIGN  
FOR DESIGNERS  
DESIGN FOR  
PEOPLE**

Thierry Brunfaut, Designer

A successful proposal isn't a monologue. It is a dialogue



**CREATIVITY** IS  
INVENTING,  
EXPERIMENTING,  
GROWING,  
TAKING RISKS,  
BREAKING RULES,  
MAKING MISTAKES  
AND **HAVING FUN**

Mary Lou Cook, Peace Activist

TIP 2

Remember of NLP. Inconscious  
beats conscious 99 /1





OTHERS HAVE SEEN  
WHAT IS AND **ASKED**  
**WHY**  
I HAVE SEEN WHAT  
COULD BE  
AND I **ASKED WHY NOT**

Pablo Picasso (1881 – 1973)

You need an HOOK and an  
ORIGINAL POINT OF VIEW

LOOK AT  
SITUATIONS  
FROM ALL  
**ANGLES** AND  
YOU WILL  
BECOME **MORE**  
**OPEN**

Dalai Lama

PS= PB

Problem Solving = Power Breaking



**DREAM MORE THAN  
OTHERS TO THINK  
PRACTICAL**

Howard Schultz, Businessman & CEO of Starbucks

Tip 5.

Back up it with facts



LOGIC WILL GET YOU  
FROM A TO B  
IMAGINATION  
WILL TAKE YOU  
EVERYWHERE

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955)

Tip 6.

Short and sweet makes the trick



AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT  
OF CREATIVITY IS **NOT**  
**BEING AFRAID TO FAIL**

Edwin Land, Scientist & Inventor (1909 – 1991)

Do comparative advertising.  
Don't be afraid of (fair)  
competition

## PART 3. CLOSURE OF DAY 1

1. KEY TAKEAWAYS
2. LABS FOR TOMORROW





IF YOU HAVE  
**NO CRITICS**  
YOU'LL LIKELY HAVE  
**NO SUCCESS**

MALCOM X (1925 — 1965)