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Feed-a-Gene is a so-called multi-actor project, which means that the project ‘...needs to take into account that the objectives and planning are targeted to the needs, problems, and opportunities of end-users, and complementarity with existing research’. Partners from different sectors participate in the project, but we also need feedback from stakeholders about their expectations and on how project outcomes can be put into practice. What can and should we deliver to the livestock production sector and to society at large? The afternoon discussion deals with the following workpackages of the Feed-a-Gene project: (1) WP1: Alternative feed ingredients and real-time characterisation; (2) WP3: Modelling biological functions with emphasis on feed use mechanisms; (3) WP4: Management systems for precision feeding to increase resilience to fluctuating environments and improve feed efficiency.

Rules and guidelines for successful funding and research: opportunities for young scientists*C. Lambertz^{1,2}, A. Smetko^{2,3} and P.Y. Aad^{2,4}*

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Competitiveness in research depends on writing successful grant research proposals. In Europe, the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 research programme is one of the biggest EU Research and Innovation programmes with a fund of nearly €80 billion available since 2014. This programme is competitive, however, with a success rate for funding of just one in nine. Additionally, application procedures are becoming more complicated. Therefore, it is difficult for a young scientist with little experience to be competitive in European research programs. We have prepared a hands-on session with experts and successful grantees to prepare young scientists for writing European research grants. During this session we will answer questions including where and how to apply for grants and how to cater to stakeholders and funding agencies. youngEAAP asked Hans Spoolder, Gus Rose and Claire Wathes to share their experiences. Hans Spoolder, a senior scientist and EU account manager at Wageningen Livestock Research in Wageningen, The Netherlands and coordinator of international EU projects. He will present the Horizon 2020 program, the preparation of proposals and structures of consortia, and the latest developments of Horizon2020 and current calls. Gus Rose, scientist, project manager and WP4 leader of the iSAGE project, will share his views and experiences on EU projects write-up and management. Claire Wathes, Farm Animal Health and Production Group of the Royal Veterinary College, London UK and project co-coordinator of the WP5 of the GplusE project, will present her FP7 experiences and provide an overview on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Funding for individual fellowships. The audience will have the opportunity to interact with the panel on the intricacies of the application for research grants process as well as the dos and don’ts for acquiring and executing research projects successfully.