

## Summary of the First Project Academy Session 14.02.2025

Our first Project Academy session was all about getting comfortable with the basic steps of reading and understanding a Horizon Europe call. We introduced the idea of *functional reading*, a slow, detailed approach that focuses on every important word in the text.

We chose one specific call—**“Impact of Learning Environment and Use of Digital Tools in Everyday Life on Key Skills and Competence Development”**—as our example. Before doing any writing or assembling partners, we looked carefully at just half a page of the call description to see how each sentence and term matters.

### Key highlights included:

1. **Understanding the Scope:** We discovered that the call is really about how digital tools and learning environments affect children’s well-being, plus how they learn and develop key competences.
2. **Expected Outcomes:** These are mandatory results every proposal must address. We saw that the call requires:
  - Analysis of how digital tools impact well-being and children’s learning.
  - Evidence-based recommendations on providing high-quality, digitally supported education that fosters well-being for students, teachers, and school leaders.
3. **Budget and Success Rates:** With a lump-sum approach and a maximum of three proposals likely to be funded, competition is tough—but possible! The secret is to build a strong, multi-country consortium.

We’ll continue this careful reading process in the next session, breaking down more call text and discussing steps to form or join a great consortium. If you’re new to EU projects, don’t worry: reading slowly and working through each requirement is the best way to lay the groundwork for a winning proposal. You can download call texts here:

**You can download the 2025 work programme here:**

<https://sciencebusiness.net/horizon-papers>

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See you in two weeks at the same time and Zoom link for our next Project Academy session!  
Feel free to invite colleagues or partners who might be interested in learning more about  
Horizon Europe proposals

<https://edtechtalents.eu/results/knowledge-services/project-academy/> .

We look forward to seeing everyone again in two weeks (28.02)!