

# TIPS FOR PREPARING THE STG INTERVIEW

BASED ON MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE



# Preparing your interview

- Check the instructions sent to you regarding duration, ppt animations, max nº slides... In my case (PE2):
  - 12 min (presentation) + 13 min (Q&A)
  - No ppt animation or movie clips; no restriction on the number of slides (main & backup)
- Profit from the coaching sessions and the mock interview.
- ERC videos
- FOCUS on **EVALUATION CRITERIA**



# My slides

Introduction

GOAL

Methodology

Feasibility

Impact

Motivation

Preliminary  
data

My  
approach

Novelty

Work  
packages

Why me?

Plan



# Get ready for the questions

- I feel this is the critical part of the interview, be prepared!
- Prepare a Q&A bank (mine had 94) and study them so you can deliver them naturally.
  - About you, the team and the host institutions
  - About the project, general questions: weaknesses, why is it ground-breaking, what makes it unique
  - About the feasibility of the project: competitors, why do you need X technique, risks, can you react if X happens?
- Demonstrate that you are truly an expert:
  - Limitations of your proposal, risks, mitigation plans. Why this is different? Is it feasible?



# Practice, practice, practice



- This is **your time to shine**, make sure you give the perfect presentation.
- Record yourself delivering the presentation and improve as much as you can.
- **Send the recording to your peers** and get questions and feedback.
- Deliver the presentation in front of your colleagues .

# General tips

- White background and good lighting
- Look at the camera and NOT to the screen
- Check sound/video quality of your setting
- Get familiar with Webex
- Be patient



*You are requested to be available for the entire duration of your interview slot. Your interview may start anytime within the time slot indicated in the table above*





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# Good luck!

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