A scenic view of a Parisian river, likely the Seine, with a white boat docked on the left. In the background, there are several large, modern buildings and the spire of a cathedral, possibly Notre-Dame de Paris, on the right. The sky is blue with light clouds.

11th EU Research Liaison Officers meeting

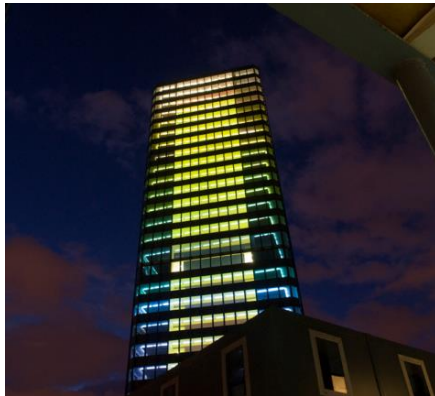
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UPMC: facts and figures



- University Pierre et Marie Curie has come to embody French excellence in science and medicine.
- The University is made up of seven Research and Training Units in Engineering, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Life, Biodiversity and Medicine.
- 32,000 students, of which 6,400 are international
- 10,500 in staff, of which 8,200 are in research structures
- 18 sites across 4 regions in France

UPMC: facts and figures



Spring 2016

We entered a new step of our University history: UPMC and Paris Sorbonne began a merging process that will lead to the creation of a new University in January 1st 2018: **Paris Sorbonne Université**



UPMC in the European community

3 approaches:



1. European Networks: UPMC is a committed member of UNICA, LERU, EUA

2. Education Programs: UPMC is continuously developing a more dynamic European component to its degree programs, encouraging student exchanges within the European Union



3. Research Programs: UPMC's research strategy directly supports European priorities and UPMC is one of France's most active participants in EU-sponsored research projects.



1. Politics and Strategy:

- Vice-Rector for Europe and International Partnerships,
- Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation

2. Support departments:

- Education Programs: DRI (international students mobility, hosting foreign faculty researchers, implementation of training projects, and supporting the establishment of international research cooperation projects.
- Research Programs: DGRTT

DGRTT: Directorate-General for Research and Technology Transfert



About 80 people working on:

- EC research programs
- Other national or international funds (public agencies, foundations, ...)
- Private contracts
- Technology transfer
- Intellectual property
- Human resources
- Financial affairs
- UPMC research affairs

European affairs : missions



- Increasing UPMC's involvement in European projects
- Ensuring a strategic watch of European research programmes
- Participating to the French Programmes committees and NCP
- Informing and helping researchers to find funding (including training)
- Providing assistance to researchers in the drafting of proposals, the negotiation and the financial, administrative and legal management of projects

European affairs: numbers



People:

- 15 project officers and managers,
- 5 financial officers
- 3 PhD students

FP6:

- 63 collab. projects (coord. or partner)
- 29 Marie Curie Actions

FP7:

- 160 collaborative projects (15 as coord.)
- 21 ERC & 37 Marie Curie Actions

H2020 (to date):

- 41 collaborative projects and MSCA
- 15 ERC



Submitted and evaluated projects

JRU: about 1/4 of UPMC labs projects are obtained by CNRS + INSERM

ERC	MSC (IF-GF)	MSC RISE	MSC ITN	INFRA	RIA-IA	TOT
70	62	4	26	6	75	243

Accepted projects

ERC	MSC (IF-GF)	MSC RISE	MSC ITN	INFRA	RIA-IA	TOT
15	10	2	4	5	20	56

Success rate: 23% (on evaluated projects)

Equipments in H2020 @ UPMC - 1

New rule or not new rule?

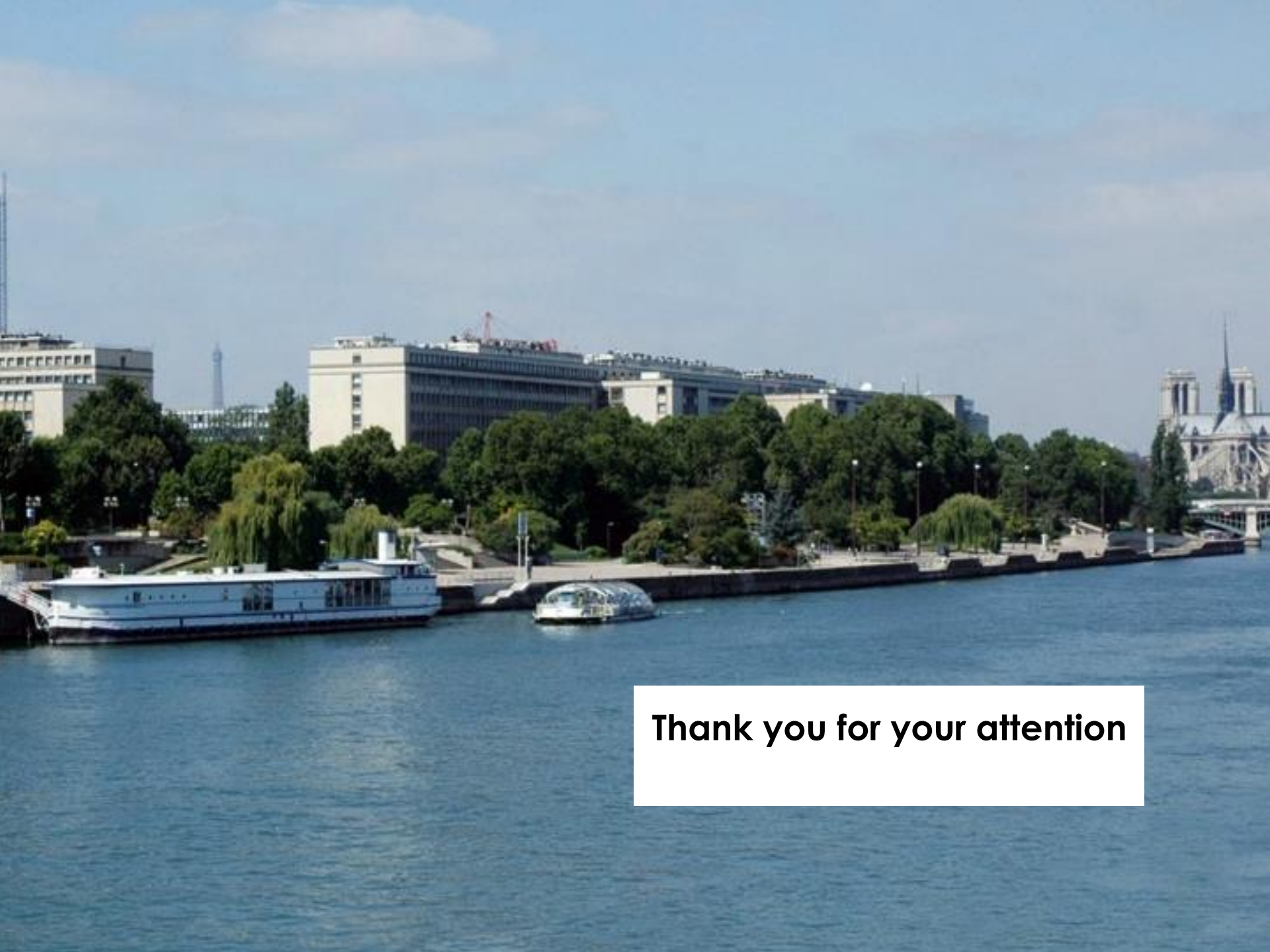
- The revision of the annotated model grant agreement dated 30/10/2015 set out the method for calculating the **eligibility of the depreciation of equipment used** in EU projects
- This footnote retroactively applied to all H2020 projects but it is no more written in the last GA version.
- Equipment is an intrinsic part of scientific research. The cost of its purchase and usage can be high.
- Equipment bought for European projects is generally subject to very specific conditions. Its use, which is qualified and specialized, may thus be reserved for a project or research area to the exclusion of all others (i.e. ERC).

Equipments in H2020 @ UPMC - 2

- FP7 and H2020 are based on the principle of refunding the actual costs incurred by establishments in carrying out their projects. This refund covers the depreciation of equipment paid pro rata for use on the European project.
- The « footnote » pushed UPMC services to analyse our infrastructures and the way to declare their use. We identified 3 main categories:
 1. *the equipments that are very specific and that must be set in very precise conditions (i.e. optical tables for laser experiments , set by and for the project, often ERC): full capacity = time of use for the project*
 - *specific text in the Description of Action*
 2. *Less specific equipments that can be shared and the time of use can be recorded (i.e. microscopes)*
 - *time recording and corresponding declaration on projects*
 3. *Other equipments the use of which cannot be recorded*
 - *overheads*

Equipments in H2020 @ UPMC - 3

- This involves at first glance:
 - A probable financial loss in comparison with FP7
 - A significant increase in administrative expenses in terms of staff due to the addition of a new task
- It is clear that this has an immediate impact on budgets and therefore on universities' strategy for participating in H2020 (in particular what about the ERCs, which often call for considerable equipment purchases?)
- Each university will therefore need to decide whether any reforms that need implementing and the work required for justification fit in with its own strategy for participating in European research and innovation programmes



Thank you for your attention