

### Notes for the perfect pitch.

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## Idea, Call, Team Notes for the perfect pitch

- Idea ... a new, creative approach,
- Call ... and one that really fits,
- Team ... you need more than yourself,
- Plan ... it's a long long way to run,
- Write ... be clear to keep the thread,
- Check ... take care you've got it all,
- Submit ... early if you can, and ...

## Idea, a new, creative approach

- Original
- Innovative
- But, grounded ...
  - ... not too original and innovative.
    ... show clear relation current research.
    ... literature review is important.

## Call, and one that really fits

### • Make sure your idea fits the call.

Sounds obvious, but you'd be surprised ...

### • Check the call specifics.

How many projects to be funded? How much funding per project?

#### • Do your homework.

Where did the call come from? What is the competition?

### Team, you need more than yourself

### • Always be looking for good people.

For a team you organise. For a team to join.

#### • Find a great coordinator.

Research is herding cats, and ... ... administration is the ninth ring of hell, ... ... so imagine a herd of cats in the ninth ring of hell.

#### • Team strategically.

Balance: geographic, gender, organisational

## Plan, it's a long long way to run

### Idea → Submission

Your good idea Talk about it Build the core team → coordinator Write, write, rewrite, write Round out the team with great partners More writing Tons of editing Stress Submit

### Write, be clear to keep the thread

#### • A well-written proposal ...

... shows you understand the problem.
... shows you have a good solution.
... shows you can successfully complete the project.

### • Use simple and clear language.

Avoid Commission-speak.

- Be concise: less is more.
- Hire someone like me!

# Check, take care you've got it all

#### • Good checklists are available ...

... from submission site (requirements).... from proposal writing courses.... from your contact point!

### • Use them ...

- ... to plan proposal preparation.
- ... to help as you write.
- ... to control your submission.

# Submit, early if you can

- Don't wait until the last minute.
- Upload early, replace later.

• But, prepare for last minute stress.

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