

## CANVAS Training, full-day (7h) workshop

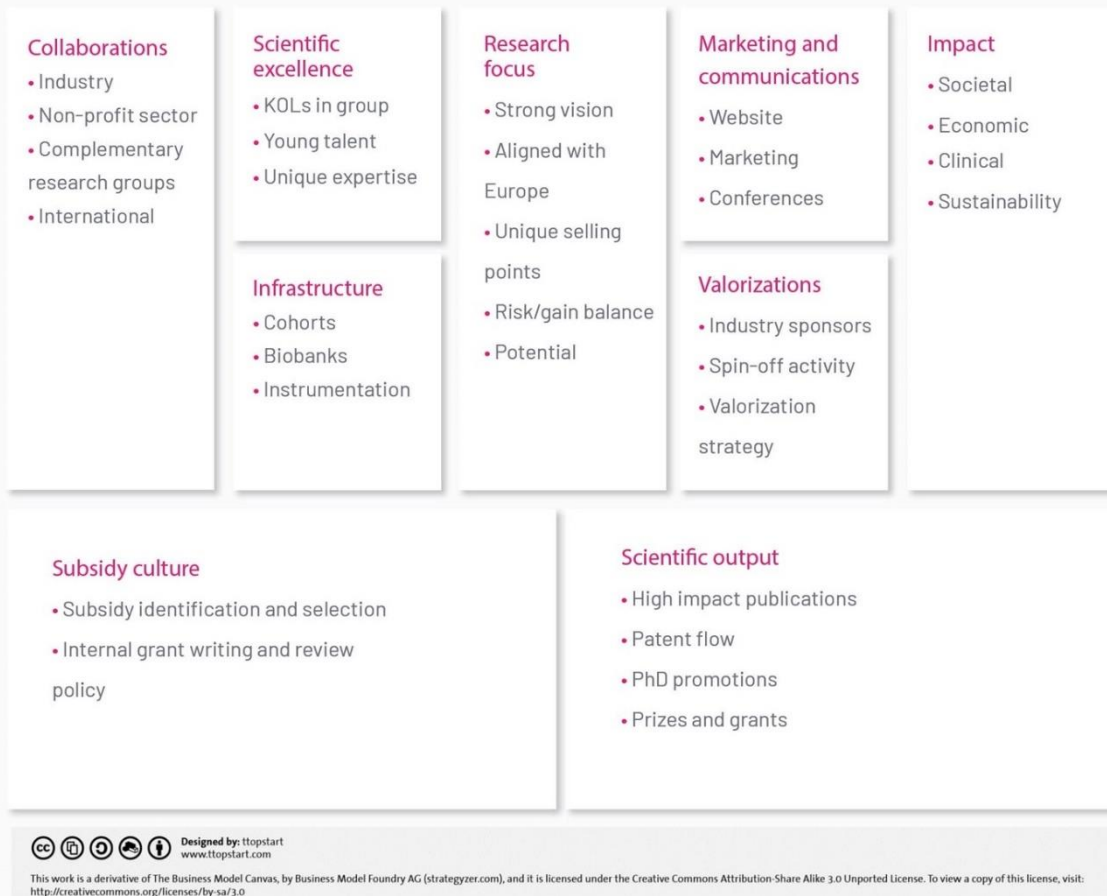
The training aims to support participants to develop their own individual research strategy that guides them through their future research career. The Interactive nature of the training allows for in-depth discussions on the current specific challenges for scientists and how to tackle them. Moreover, during the Q&A session we give a good overview of the different types of funding schemes available, and how to identify the most suitable grant for each researcher's particular goal.

### Background & your specific training need

Developing oneself as a researcher and attaining a unique position in an (inter)national context is highly challenging and demanding. To support researchers in reaching their full potential, we show them how to set clear goals and ambitions and how to develop a strategy for the future. In this highly interactive workshop, we aim to assist participants in (co-) developing their own research strategy. Together with the researchers, we will identify the key drivers of an effective research positioning using our Research Model and Funding Strategy Canvas tool\*. Each participant will map his/her key competencies and capabilities, provide insight in current gaps and challenges, and start strategising for the future. At the end of the workshop, we will have generated the unique 'fingerprint' of each researcher to guide the development of competitive and tailored research and funding strategies.

We show the basic set-up of the training below. If need be, we can adapt the planning or set-up to your needs. The workshop consists of a short introduction of each one of the three pillars of the Canvas tool (research focus, impact, and collaborations) and the meaning and importance of each aspect of the tool. This part of the workshop is preceded by a general discussion of what research focus is, why it is important to have a research strategy in place, and the current challenges of academic research. Each theoretical part is followed by interactive break-out sessions (in face-to-face trainings, participants are separated in small groups). During these sessions, participants will have time to get feedback on their canvas (by peers and trainers) or cases and examples, while at the same time they will also provide their feedback on other participants' canvases. In this way, the training is very effective as feedback skills are also practiced. Training goals encompass learning the significance of having a vision and understanding the importance of analysing strengths and weaknesses to design a successful research strategy. Moreover, we will talk about the different funding schemes that exist and fit best with a researcher's profile, vision, and strategy.

Time	Topic	Content
10:00 – 10:20	Introduction	Introduction trainers and participants
10:20 – 10:50	<b>Baseline and context</b>	Theory/Brainstorm
10:50 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Introduction of the Research Strategy and Funding Canvas tool</b>	Theory/Brainstorm
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
13:00 – 13:30	<b>Break out group topic: "Research focus"</b>	Practice
13:30 – 13:45	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
13:45 – 14:30	<b>Break out group topic: "Impact"</b>	Practice
14:30 – 14:45	BREAK	
14:45 – 15:00	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
15:00 – 15:45	<b>Break out group topic: "Collaborations"</b>	Practice
15:45 – 16:00	Plenary discussion	Discuss learnings
16:00 – 16:15	BREAK	
16:15 – 16:45	<b>The Canvas as tool to create a funding roadmap</b>	Theory/Brainstorm
16:45-17:00	Plenary discussion and Closing Q&A	Discuss learnings



*\* The Research and funding model Canvas is a model which helps individual researchers to map their key competencies and capabilities, provide insight in current gaps and challenges, and help strategising for the future. It generates the unique 'fingerprint' of the researcher to guide the development of competitive and tailored research and funding strategies. This tool is meant to be updated by the researchers several times as their research career progresses. Our training provides a solid understanding on how to use the tool and when to re-evaluate the research and funding strategy.*

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