

Different Types of TAFTIE Academy events



1. Staff trainings (ST)

The core – the permanent part – of the TAFTIE Academy programme is formed by two staff trainings each year. Unless otherwise is requested by any other TAFTIE agency, FFG will host both trainings in Vienna. Trainings, unlike the past years where the target group was explicitly defined as junior staff, will also serve the aim for networking among experienced/senior experts as previous experience showed that training participants in reality represented a broader group rather than the newcomers, which often contributed to the success.

ST are trainings on core issues of the TAFTIE Agencies funding business implemented by experienced trainers and speakers. They last 1 or 2 days and are offered at a small non-cost-covering fee. The following 2 staff trainings are planned per year:

- Insight into the Innovation Process (1.5 days long: costs 450 euro/participant)
- Evaluation Advanced (2 days long, costs 600 euro/participant)
- The minimum number of participants per course is 10-12.

2. Networking workshops

Networking workshops offer the opportunity to exchange information and experiences around actual topics of common interest. The main focus is mutual learning and networking. The workshops are free of charge - except travel and hotel expenses.

- The topics for the workshops can be defined more flexibly than for staff training courses and thus be more easily related to actual current issues.
- The workshops will be an exchange between 3 agencies concerning a burning topic, 4 persons minimum. 20 persons would be the maximum.

The planning of networking workshops and webinars will be more flexible than last period. Instead of planning the workshops and webinars beforehand and making an annual programme (through a demand survey and a pre-registration process), the EWG members are encouraged to take the leading role for the identification of the topics throughout the year. The ideas and recommendations from EWG members for Academy workshops and webinars will be discussed during the EWG meetings.

3. Webinars

aim to increase knowledge on a specific topic online via a focused and time-efficient approach. Webinars shall serve to impart basic knowledge or get an update on a specific topic. Experts will speak about a pre-defined issue for about 1 hour and afterwards a question & answer session takes place. The conference tool is available at FFG.

Participation fees

External parties (non-TAFTIE members) are only eligible to participate in TAFTIE Academy events upon invitation by the host of an event. TAFTIE members can make a request to the host in case they have candidates in their network interested to participate in an event. The participation fee for staff trainings is EUR 300 per day for TAFTIE members and TAFTIE international partners and EUR 750 per day for non-TAFTIE members. For TAFTIE members and TAFTIE International Partners, participation in networking workshops is free of charge (for non-TAFTIE members, the participation fee for networking workshops amounts to EUR 900 per workshop). Participation in webinars is free of charge for all, TAFTIE members, TAFTIE international partners and external parties.