

Overview of EMDESK

Project & Financial Management Tool for EU Research
Projects

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What is EMDESK?

- A project & financial management platform designed for collaborative research projects
- End-to-end platform
- Project planning, budgeting, resource allocation, execution, monitoring

What is EMDESK?

- • Especially used in EU-funded programs (Horizon Europe)
- • Cloud-based, GDPR compliant, hosted in Germany

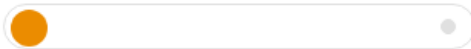
Team

For organisations or PMOs managing multiple projects

15,00€
/month per user

plus 3 free guests per user

5 GB team storage



Monthly
billing

Annual
billing
20% off

Number of users

5 Users



Monthly fee: 75,00 €

Request a quote

Start free trial

Project

For consortia working in an EU or national collaborative project

Upon Request
/month per partner

unlimited users

Request a quote

Key Features

- Project planning & scheduling (tasks, milestones and dependencies)
- Multiple views (Gantt, Table views, Kanban boards)
- Budgeting & financial control (costs, resources)
- Resource management (allocation of effort)

Key Features

- Multi-project management
- Finance + project planning + collaboration in one tool
- Strong customer service (tutorials, trainings)

Strengths

- Tailored for EU-funded research projects
- Centralized platform: budgets, documents, schedules in one place
- Real-time transparency on progress & finances
- High security and GDPR compliance
- Saves time in proposal writing and reporting

Limitations

- Steeper learning curve for complex projects
- Can be costly for small/simple projects
- Less flexible for non-EU project types or agile workflows

Who is EMDESK For?

- Coordinators & partners of EU-funded projects
- Research institutions & consortia needing structured planning, budgeting and reporting
- Organizations requiring secure, centralized collaboration

Use Case

- Example: An 8-partner project lasting 36 months, with 6 work packages (WPs), 12 milestones, and a budget of €4.2 million.
- The coordinator sets up WPs, tasks, and responsibilities in EMDESK
- Partners log contributions, documents, and costs.

Use Case

- Dashboards show real-time budget consumption by partner and WP, deviations from plan, and risk indicators.
- Data for reports is consolidated from the same records

Projects	Completion	Priority	Status	Budget	Expense	Consumption
BIM-360 Integration	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	In Progress	€150,000	€140,000	<div><div></div></div> %
eLearning Enhancement	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	Completed	€80,000	€75,000	<div><div></div></div> %
Cloud Migration 2.0	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	Scheduled	€250,000	€230,000	<div><div></div></div> %
Digital Citizen Portal	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	On Hold	€120,000	€110,000	<div><div></div></div> %
Patient eRecords Rollout	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	Initiated	€200,000	€190,000	<div><div></div></div> %
EcoDrive EV Innovation	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	Under Review	€300,000	€280,000	<div><div></div></div> %
Smart Infrastructure	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	In Planning	€180,000	€170,000	<div><div></div></div> %
Water Purification Drive	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	In Testing	€100,000	€90,000	<div><div></div></div> %

Project participants	Budget	Expense	Consumption	Plan Effort	Actual Effort	Rate
Vertex Innovations	€220,000	€240,000	110%	400 PD	450 PD	€500/day
Aiden Wu	€40,000	€45,000	112.5%	100 PD	110 PD	€450/day
Liam Fletcher	€35,000	€34,000	97%	80 PD	78 PD	€440/day
Olivia Martinez	€45,000	€48,000	107%	110 PD	120 PD	€410/day
WoTech Solutions	€150,000	€140,000	93%	350 PD	340 PD	€480/day
EduSynth Labs	€80,000	€78,000	97.5%	250 PD	245 PD	€320/day
CivicConnect Corp.	€250,000	€245,000	98%	500 PD	490 PD	€510/day
FinTech Dynamics	€120,000	€118,000	98.3%	300 PD	295 PD	€400/day

Comparison with Alternatives

- Vs Trello, Asana -> stronger financial tracking and reporting
- Vs MS Project -> collaboration, portfolio views, document management

Conclusion

- EMDESK integrates project, financial, and collaboration tools in one platform.
- Designed for EU-funded, multi-partner projects
- Reduces administrative workload, and accelerates reporting