Mutual Learning Exercise on
National Practices on Widening participation and Strengthening Synergies
under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

Kick-off meeting

Agenda

27 October 2017, from 09h00 – 16h00
EASME, Covent Garden Building, Place Charles Rogier 16, Room COV2 05/183
Brussels B – 1210, Belgium

09:00 – 09:20 Welcome from the Chair and tour de table

09:20 – 09:25 Update on parallel Widening and Synergies initiatives
Magda De Carli, Head of Unit B5 "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation"

09:25 - 09:40 Outcomes of the Scoping Workshop: preliminary topics and objectives of the MLE
Román Arjona, Head of Unit A4 "Analysis and monitoring of national research programmes"
Magda De Carli, Head of Unit B5 "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation"

09:40 - 10:00 External experts: their vision on Widening and Synergies

- Ken Guy, Rapporteur
- Lena Tsipouri, Expert on Synergies
- Elke Dall, Expert on Widening
- Helena Acheson, Expert on research and innovation policies in IE

10:00 – 11:00 Widening topics: final agreement on the scope and initial identification of good practices (Chair)

- Topic 1: attract qualified R&D staff, including the business sector
- Topic 2: Encourage science-business cooperation
11:00 – 11:15  Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15  Widening topics: final agreement on the scope and initial identification of good practices (Chair)

- Topic 3: Improve networking through participation in various actions
- Topic 4: Support skills development, information, communication and training

12:20 – 12:30  Wrap up "Widening topics"

Ken Guy, Rapporteur

12:30 – 13:30  Lunch

13:30 – 14:45  Synergies topics: final agreement on the scope and initial identification of good practices (Chair)

- Topic 5: How to enable an effective and structured dialogue between national MA and FP authorities
- Topic 6: Synergies at policy and strategy level
- Topic 7: Synergies at operational level

14:45 – 15:00  Wrap up "Synergies topics"

Ken Guy, Rapporteur

15.00 – 15.10  Coffee break

15:10 – 15:50  Roadmap, calendar and host countries. Preparation of next meeting.

Marta Truco, Unit A4 "Analysis and monitoring of national research programmes"

15:50-16:00  Stocktaking by the Chair