Mutual Learning Exercise
Widening participation and strengthening synergies

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Coordination of efforts at the national level

- Group for Effective Use of EU Resources - in the framework of the preparation and implementation of the Responsible Development Strategy
- Simplification Forum
- EFSI and Horizontal Programmes Coordination Committee
Outcomes
Seal of Excellence Pilot Phase I

- Implementated by the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development
- In the framework of InnoLab project
- Flat rate
- 20 out of 38 companies awarded SoE applied, 18 received a grant
- Lack of rules concerning projects finance on the basis of a flat rate
- Introduction of flexible rules for applicants

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Outcomes
Seal of Excellence Pilot
Phase II

- Implemented by the National Centre for Research and Development
- In the framework of OP Smart Growth, Fast Track
- Flat rate
- 6 out of 38 companies awarded SoE applied, 4 received a grant
- Project proposal undergoes a full evaluation, new proposals are being prepared
- Lack of rules concerning projects finance on the basis of a flat rate
- In the coming calls- increase of the flat rate, introduction of pre-commercial costs and evaluation panel
Implemented by the Foundation for Polish Science

Dedicated to beneficiaries of Teaming Phase I projects

Teaming projects are eligible under IRA and IRAP and receive either a grant or a guarantee

Project proposals must indicate future project coordinator and manager of the new research centre

Barriers in view of ESIF rules: limited expenditure for infrastructures possible, no financing of salaries of international partners

Other barriers: complicated 3-stage procedure, difficult to find the Chairman of the Scientific Committee from abroad
Bonus on the Horizon

- Implemented by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Supplementation to salaries for H2020 and Euratom projects (Teaming projects are excluded) regardless of the phase of project implementation
- Levels of financing:
  - 20% if grant awarded to PL beneficiary up to 1M EUR
  - 25% if grant higher than 1M EUR
  - Additional 10% in case of project coordination
Grants for grants

- Implemented by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Support to PL coordinators in EU R&I projects
- Cost refund for the preparation of project proposals
- Excluded: VAT and indirect costs
- 2-stage application: 18 months before the submission of project proposal and up to 60 days after publication of results
Outcomes
Regional Operational Programme for Mazowieckie Voivodeship

- Priority Axis I - Use of R&D in the economy
- Investment Priority 1b - Increased R&I activity of companies
- Projects with SoE certificate can be financed, simplified procedure can be used in case of those projects
- Support can be given to R&I projects being a continuation of H2020 projects
Outcomes
Regional Operational Programme for Mazowieckie Voivodeship

- Priority Axis III - Development of innovative potential and entrepreneurship

- Investment Priority:
  - 3b - Preparation and implementation of new business models for SMEs, especially in view of internationalization
  - 3c - Increased use of innovation in SMEs

- Support to SMEs identified and selected within H2020

- Financing of projects awarded SoE

- Eligible projects should implement research results and be a continuation of H2020 projects
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Challenges

- Implementation of financing for MSCA, ERC, Teaming and ERA Chairs with SoE

- Eradication of barriers like:
  - state aid rules,
  - lack of regulations for flat rate payments (in view of audits),
  - adaptation of procedures on the national level,
  - acceptance of the EC evaluation, etc.

- Alignment of national and EU thematic priorities
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!