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

Country Visit to Ireland, 22nd-23rd March 2018

Final Agenda

EU Representation, Europe House
12-14 Mount Street Lower, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 2, Ireland

22nd March 2018

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome from Gonzalo León (Chair), objectives of the meeting and tour de table

14:05 – 14:10 Updates from the European Commission
- Marta Truco (Unit A4, ‘Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Programmes’)
- Dionysia Lagiou, (Unit B5, ‘Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation’)

14:10 – 15:20 Historical development of the Irish STI system: building on ERDF and strategically targeting FPs
- Joseph Moore, Assistant Principal, Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation, with inputs from Julie Byrne, Lucent-Bell Labs

Discussion

15:20 – 15:45 Future-proofing Irish skills for enterprise
- Kathleen Gavin, Head of Secretariat, National Skills Council

Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Challenge Paper on Widening Topic 3: ‘Improving Networking’
- Claire Nauwelaers (Expert on Widening)

Discussion

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1 This is the main venue for the MLE meeting. Please note, however, that the first discussions on Friday, 23rd March, will take place in Trinity College, Dublin
17.00 – 17.20  A strategic approach to ERA-Nets, infrastructures and other large-scale initiatives
- Imelda Lambkin, Horizon 2020 Director, Enterprise Ireland

Discussion

17:20 – 17:40  Integrating Danube Region countries into the ERA using different EU programmes and tools
- Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria

Discussion

17:40– 18:00  National Positioning in European Public Private Partnerships: Spain in cPPPs and JTIs
- Guillermo Álvarez, Head of Department of Societal Challenges, CDTI

Discussion

18:00 – 20:00  Dialogue and accompanying reception and networking opportunity hosted by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation

Joined-up thinking and joined-up doing: the Irish experience
- Dr Jim Ryan, Dr Martin Lyes, Dermot O’Doherty, Feargal O’Morain and Mattie McCabe, ex-Ministry, Enterprise Ireland and Forfás officials

20:00  Life on the Liffey
- An opportunity to explore the restaurants and nightlife of Dublin

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Site visit to Trinity College, Dublin

09:00 – 10:00  Science Foundation Ireland – ERDF funded (industry-oriented) research centres
- AMBER (http://ambercentre.ie/)
- CONNECT (https://connectcentre.ie/)
- ADAPT (https://www.adaptcentre.ie/)
- Professor Linda Doyle, VP for Research, Trinity College Dublin and former Director, CONNNECT

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00  Public-Public and Public-Private Partnerships and Synergies
SMART Docklands (http://smartdocklands.ie/) – an initiative in collaboration with CONNECT and primed by URBACT from DG Regio (http://urbact.eu/)
- Jamie Cudden, Dublin City Council

Discussion

11:00 – 11:20  Coffee
11:20 – 11:50 Return to EU Representation, Europe House

11:50 – 12:15 Vanguard and S3P networks: moving from interaction and road-mapping to the funding of joint projects and the role of FP
- Tina Usaj, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
Discussion

12:15 – 12:40 Turkish Involvement in Joint Undertakings
- Cagri Yildirim, TÜBITAK, Turkey
Discussion

12:40 – 13:05 AgriChem Whey: A Joint Undertaking conceived in an Innovation Partnership
- Gearoid Mooney, Enterprise Ireland, Ireland
Discussion

- Katrin Kello, Estonian Research Council, Estonia
Discussion

13:30 – 14:45 Buffet Lunch

14:45 – 15:30 Review of MLE Progress to date
Structure of the final report, knowledge gaps, emerging messages, recommendations and dissemination strategies
- Ken Guy, Rapporteur
Discussion

15:30 – 15:55 Preparation of next meeting in Belgium: scope and contributions from MS
- Gonzalo León, Chair MLE
Discussion

15:55 – 16:00 AOB and closure of the workshop
- Gonzalo León, Chair MLE