H2020
Policy Support Facility

Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) on "Research Integrity"

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What is the H2020 Policy Support Facility about?

Help MS "improve the design, implementation and evaluation of R&I policies" by:

- Supporting evidence-based R&I policies
- Drawing on the combination of the high potential of learning between peers (i.e., policy-makers) and high-level experts advice and assistance
PSF Services

9 Peer Reviews of National R&I Systems
BG, MD, HU, UA, PL, MT, LT
DK, EE

12 Specific Support to Countries
MT, SK, RO, SI, BU, LT, LV, GE,
TN, MN, CY, AM

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## MLEs': Main features

1. **Address a specific and common R&I challenge**
   - Focus on policy challenge that is of interest to several volunteering countries

2. **Identify good practices, lessons learned and success factors**
   - Using robust evidence about impacts of the measures and the contextual factors

3. **Promote Policy learning**
   - MS learn from each other exploring specific questions and from experiences in other countries

4. **Provide High level advice and assistance from external experts**
   - Policy options and tools for fine-tuning or implementing change in the design of the current policy system

5. **Follow a Modular approach**
   - Workshops, Country visits, etc
Context of the MLE RI:

- In December 2015 the Council of the European Union put research integrity for the first time on its agenda and adopted Conclusions recognising “research integrity as the foundation of high quality research and as a prerequisite for achieving excellence in research and innovation in Europe and beyond”

- The Council of the EU has invited all actors involved “to define and implement policies to promote research integrity and to prevent and address research misconduct, including questionable research practices.”

- Research integrity is a top priority for the EU's research policy:
  - The Commission fostered the revision of the "European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity” developed by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and All European Academies (ALLEA)
  - The Commission funds research projects aiming to explore the different dimensions of research integrity and promotes cooperation and exchange of practices
  - Many European countries have adopted laws, codes or guidelines, aiming to promote research integrity and prevent research misconduct
Scope of the MLE RI (I):

• However the policies, **structures are quite varied** among European Countries

• France made a request for an MLE

• Focus on the **exchange of practices on how to best design and implement national strategies for promoting research integrity**, procedures to tackle cases of research misconduct and positive incentives for the upgrade of the quality of research

• Participants from 14 countries (France, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Spain, Bulgaria, Ireland, Luxembourg, Estonia, Lithuania, Austria, Greece, Norway and Moldova)
Horizon 2020 PSF MLE on Research Integrity 2018-2019

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(12 Member States and 2 Associated Countries)

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Check the RIO-PSF knowledge center

- **General RIO-PSF Webpage for all PSF activities:**

- **Direct link to the Webpage for the MLE Research Integrity:**
Thank you!

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