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**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 Tspouri, 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**