



# H2020 Policy Support Facility

Kick off meeting

**Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) on  
"National Practices in Widening Participation and  
Strengthening Synergies"**

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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

# The MLE on Widening and Synergies will :

## 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

# And remember...

It is Member State driven

Geared towards policy practice

Tailor-made, flexible



# DREAM

## TEAM

### PEERS

14 Countries:

Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,  
Denmark, France, Hungary, Latvia,  
Slovenia, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Turkey  
and Germany (as observer)

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## MLE on National practices in Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies

The MLE will focus on exchanges of national practice at the operational level both in relation to how best to support national participation in EU Framework programmes, and use ESIF and exploit synergies at the national level to build up a knowledge economy.

**Date** 29 May 2017 to 30 April 2018  
**Exercise type** Mutual learning  
**Geo coverage** Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Denmark Finland France Germany Hungary Turkey Latvia Poland Portugal Slovenia Spain Sweden

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

<https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/policy-support-facility>

## Events

### MLE Widening - Scoping Workshop

30 May 2017  
DG Research and Innovation, Unit A4  
Brussels, Belgium

At the Scoping Workshop, the main decisions were discussed and adopted for the implementation of the MLE, covering the scope, preliminary work plan and distribution of work for the exercise.

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- Agenda Scoping Workshop MLE Widening and Synergies 30 May 2017.pdf
- modus operandi.pdf
- PSF MLE.pdf
- Scope MLE and Inputs summary MS.pdf
- Scope MLE conclusions.pdf

### MLE on Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies in research & innovation programmes: kick-off meeting

27 October 2017  
DG RTD, Unit A4  
Brussels, Belgium

At the MLE kick-off meeting, national representatives from 15 countries will further discuss and agree on the final scope of the MLE. Discussions will address the seven preliminary topics on Synergies and Widening identified at the Scoping Workshop. An agreement will also be reached on the country visits and hosting countries. A draft modus operandi will inspire the discussions and this will be finalised after the meeting.

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- Modus Operandi MLE Widening and Synergies.pdf
- MLE Widening and Synergies participant countries FINAL.pdf
- Agenda.pdf

- **Direct link to the Webpage for the MLE Widening and Synergies**

<https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/policy-support-facility/mle-national-practices-widening-participation-and-strengthening-synergies>



# Thank you!

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