



# Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

Participation in MLE:  
Estonian experience  
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# Starting point

- As participation in EU R&D partnerships requires substantial co-financing from member states' own sources, Estonia has to prioritize and select the initiatives to which national support will be allocated.
- **Estonian Programme of Participation in EU Partnerships** (a prerequisite e.g. for co-funding ERA-NETs)
- The Programme of Participation is developed in accordance with the time frame of the current RDI Strategy - "Knowledge Based Estonia 2014-2020"

# Best practices of Estonia

- Sectoral ministry + Estonian Research Council co-funding (for era-net)
- System of scientific counsellors

# Lessons learnt

- Very good best practice examples from other participants.
- Very valuable feedback from MLE experts and group.
- Self-evaluation tables - helped to define the situation at national level
- Communication between the P2P community very important
- There should be a lead organisation for P2Ps at national level - this would help to better organise coordination at national level
- There are ways how participation can be encouraged at national level

# Impact

- MLE initiated national discussions on several topics related to P2Ps, e.g.
  - How to better coordinate the participation in P2Ps at national level
  - Communication of P2Ps at national level
  - Mapping of P2P related events
  - Complement Programme of Participation in EU Partnerships
  - How to measure impact of P2Ps at national level?
  - Good contacts from other member states
  - Support to presidency events

# Impact

- Feedback from other participants to our system (e.g. Scientific counsellor, era-net co-fund support) was very encouraging and positive.
- -> therefore it is important to carry on with these activities at national level.

# Future challenges for EE

- Implementation of planned activities
- Integration of planned activities to national plans/strategies etc.
- Further support to scientific counsellors network
- How to demonstrate impact of participation in P2Ps-> New MLE?