



H2020 Policy Support Facility

Kick-off meeting

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

Scope and priority topics

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The MLE will look into national practices in relation to two building blocks: **Synergies** (4 topics) and **Widening** (3 topics)

The seven topics were identified at the Scoping Workshop on 30/05/2017.

Today at the kick off meeting, Member States are expected to indicate the specific priorities they wish the MLE to address under these broad topics



WIDENING

The MLE will look at national practice and measures to:

Topic 1: Attract qualified R&D staff, including in the business sector

Topic 2: Encourage Science – Business cooperation – Examples of specific measures and incentives which can contribute to a better participation in FP

Topic 3: Improve networking through participation in various actions (including through macro-regional initiatives) at EU level, taking into account different priorities, levels of participation and experience in COST, PPP initiatives, infrastructure networks, etc

Topic 4: Support skills development, information, communication and training - better management of ESIF funding; Public Sector Innovation, NCP's operation, resources, etc



SYNERGIES

With reference to the EC Communication "Strengthening Innovation in Europe's Regions: Strategies for resilient; inclusive and sustainable growth" (COM(2017)376), the MLE will look at national practice in relation to:

Topic 5: Enable structured/effective dialogue between ESIF Managing Authorities and the Framework Programme R&D authorities – "breaking silos"

Topic 6: Synergies at policy and strategy level – S3; JPIs; JTI/JU's; macro-regional strategies; etc.

Topic 7: Synergies at operational level – Formulation and implementation of synergies on the ground; ESIF & FP financial resources at programming level; Interreg; Cofund; state aid rules and rules of participation; EIB; EFSI



Thank you for your attention