



**Mutual Learning Exercise on  
National Practices in Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies**

**under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility**

**Country Visit to Ireland, 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

**Final Agenda**

EU Representation, Europe House  
12-14 Mount Street Lower, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 2, Ireland<sup>1</sup>

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

- 14:00 – 14:05**      **Welcome from Gonzalo León (Chair), objectives of the meeting and *tour de table***
- 14:05 – 14:10**      **Updates from the European Commission**
- Marta Truco (Unit A4, ‘Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Programmes’)
  - Dionysia Lagiou, (Unit B5, ‘Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation’)
- 14:10 – 15:20**      **Historical development of the Irish STI system: building on ERDF and strategically targeting FPs**
- Joseph Moore, Assistant Principal, Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation, with inputs from Julie Byrne, Lucent-Bell Labs
- Discussion*
- 15:20 – 15:45**      **Future-proofing Irish skills for enterprise**
- Kathleen Gavin, Head of Secretariat, National Skills Council
- Discussion*
- 15:45 – 16:00**      **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 17:00**      **Challenge Paper on Widening Topic 3: ‘Improving Networking’**
- Claire Nauwelaers (Expert on Widening)
- Discussion*

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<sup>1</sup> This is the main venue for the MLE meeting. Please note, however, that the first discussions on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, will take place in Trinity College, Dublin

- 17.00 – 17.20**      **A strategic approach to ERA-Nets, infrastructures and other large-scale initiatives**
- Imelda Lambkin, Horizon 2020 Director, Enterprise Ireland
- Discussion*
- 17:20 – 17:40**      **Integrating Danube Region countries into the ERA using different EU programmes and tools**
- Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria
- Discussion*
- 17:40– 18:00**      **National Positioning in European Public Private Partnerships: Spain in cPPPs and JTIs**
- Guillermo Álvarez, Head of Department of Societal Challenges, CDTI
- Discussion*
- 18:00 – 20:00**      **Dialogue and accompanying reception and networking opportunity hosted by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation**
- Joined-up thinking and joined-up doing: the Irish experience**
- Dr Jim Ryan, Dr Martin Lyes, Dermot O’Doherty, Feargal O’Morain and Mattie McCabe, ex-Ministry, Enterprise Ireland and Forfás officials
- 20:00**              **Life on the Liffey**
- An opportunity to explore the restaurants and nightlife of Dublin

## **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

### **Site visit to Trinity College, Dublin**

- 09:00 – 10:00**      **Science Foundation Ireland – ERDF funded (industry-oriented) research centres**
- AMBER (<http://ambercentre.ie/>)
  - CONNECT (<https://connectcentre.ie/>)
  - ADAPT (<https://www.adaptcentre.ie/>)
- Professor Linda Doyle, VP for Research, Trinity College Dublin and former Director, CONNNECT
- Discussion*
- 10:00 – 11:00**      **Public-Public and Public-Private Partnerships and Synergies**
- SMART Docklands** (<http://smartdocklands.ie/>) – an initiative in collaboration with CONNECT and primed by URBACT from DG Regio (<http://urbact.eu/>)
- Jamie Cudden, Dublin City Council
- Discussion*
- 11:00 – 11:20**      **Coffee**

- 11:20 – 11:50 Return to EU Representation, Europe House**
- 11:50 – 12:15 Vanguard and S3P networks: moving from interaction and road-mapping to the funding of joint projects and the role of FP**
- Tina Usaj, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
- Discussion*
- 12:15 – 12:40 Turkish Involvement in Joint Undertakings**
- Cagri Yildirim, TÜBITAK, Turkey
- Discussion*
- 12:40 – 13:05 AgriChem Whey: A Joint Undertaking conceived in an Innovation Partnership**
- Gearoid Mooney, Enterprise Ireland, Ireland
- Discussion*
- 13:05 – 13:30 The Strategic Framework for Estonia's participation in the R&I Partnerships of the European Union**
- Katrin Kello, Estonian Research Council, Estonia
- Discussion*
- 13:30 – 14:45 Buffet Lunch**
- 14:45 – 15:30 Review of MLE Progress to date**
- Structure of the final report, knowledge gaps, emerging messages, recommendations and dissemination strategies*
- Ken Guy, Rapporteur
- Discussion*
- 15:30 – 15:55 Preparation of next meeting in Belgium: scope and contributions from MS**
- Gonzalo León, Chair MLE
- Discussion*
- 15:55 – 16:00 AOB and closure of the workshop**
- Gonzalo León, Chair MLE