



Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility 'PSF'

Kick-off meeting of the Peer Review
of the Estonian R&I system 2018

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Influencing national R&I policies with better evidence

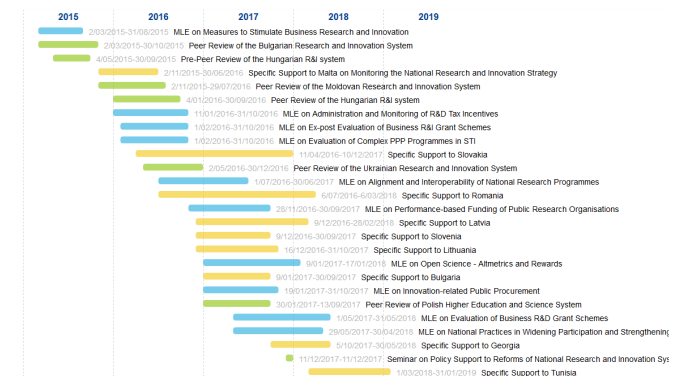
Economic analysis

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Exercises



Diagnosis of bottlenecks and assessment of policy responses

Expert and peer support to reforms



Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

- Launched in 2015
- With the objective to help MS/AC "to improve the design, implementation and evaluation of R&I policies"
- Supporting evidence-based policy-making
- Drawing on the combination of learnings between peers and high-level experts advice and assistance

PSF Services



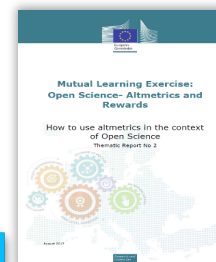
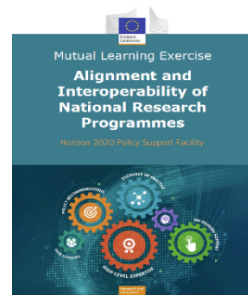
**6 Peer Reviews of
National R&I Systems**

**9 Specific Support to
Countries**

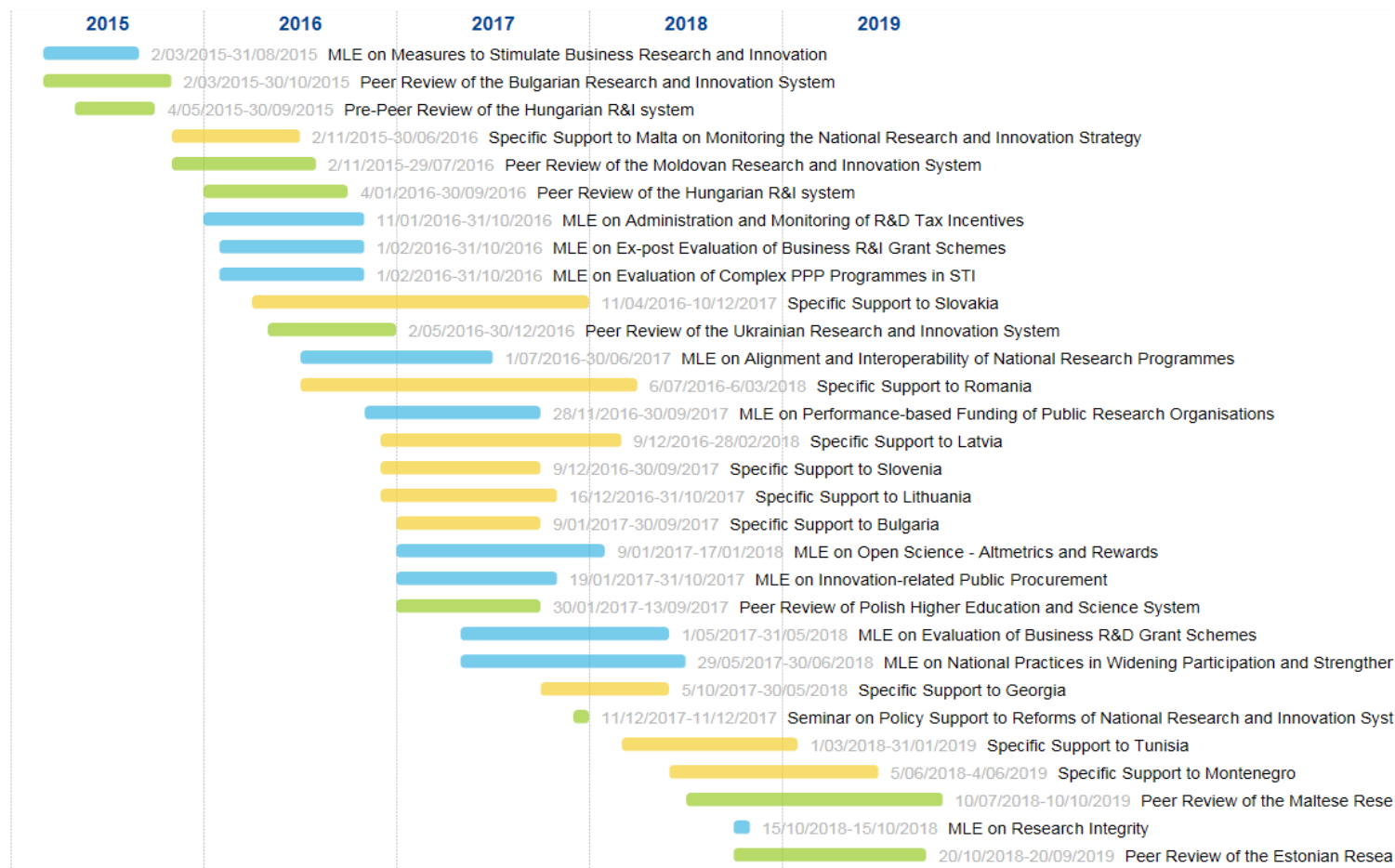


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Exercises**

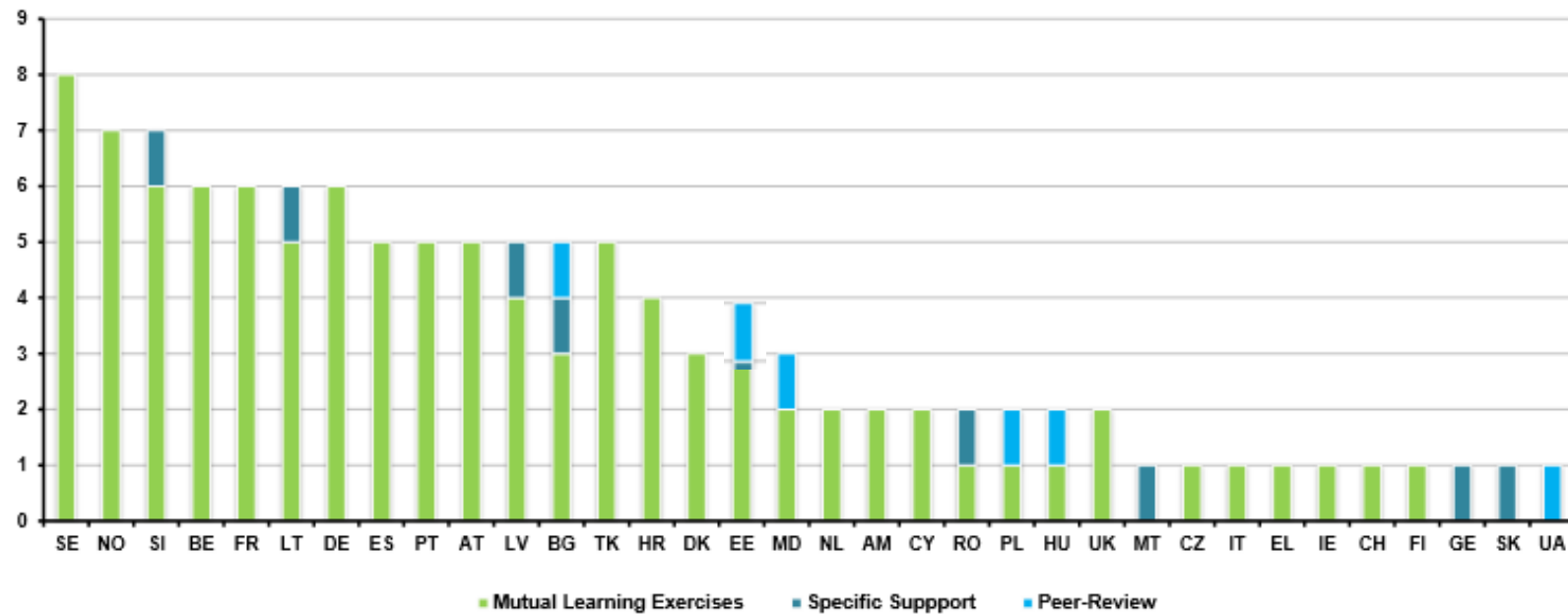
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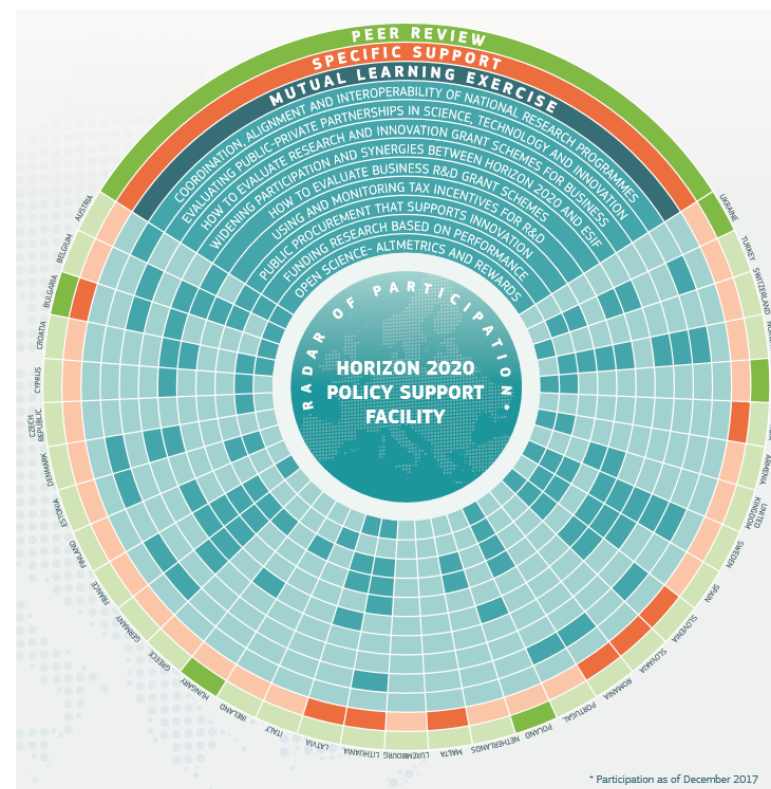


State of play PSF per country



State of play Peer Reviews

- Bulgaria (2015)
- Moldova (2016)
- Hungary (pre-Peer Review 2015 and Peer Review in 2016)
- Ukraine (2016)
- Poland (2017)
- Malta (launched 2018)



Peer Reviews – Success factors

Building on successful experiences for R&I reforms

Key to success *before* the review

- Political commitment and trust
- Optimal timing in political/ policy cycle
- Tailor-made to specific country needs

Key to success *during* the review

- Focus on key R&I policy areas (preparation important!)
- Mix of experts' and peers' skills
- Fully involve stakeholders
- Limited set of 'key' actionable recommendations

The Team

**Horizon 2020
PSF Peer Review
of Estonia
2018-2019**

Independent experts
Marja Makarow (Chair)
Erik Arnold (Rapporteur)
Ian Tracey, Lena Tsipoury,
Luigi Mercuri (Experts)

Peer experts
Martin Schmid (AT)
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Patrick Vock (CH)

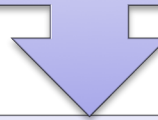
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Bea Mahieu (Technopolis)

Methodology

Phase 1: **DESIGN and KICK-OFF**

Commitment, design and scope of exercise,
selection of experts & peers

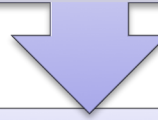
Kick- off meeting: agreement on scope, meetings,
roadmap. First draft background report and self-
assessment. Engagement of all relevant stakeholders



Phase 2: **In-depth ANALYSIS and PEER REVIEW sessions**

Background analysis
Self-assessment by host country

First Peer Review session- assessment
Second Peer Review session- feedback



Phase 3: **REPORTING**

Discussion of draft Peer Review report with
national authorities of the host country

Final report and recommendations
Presentation to all relevant stakeholders

Roadmap

| | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP |
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| Preparatory phase | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kickoff meeting | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Background Report | | 30 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preparation 1st visit | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1st Country Visit | | | 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| Phase 1: draft reports | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| First draft report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meeting / Brx | | | | | wk1? | | | | | | | |
| Second draft report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Preparation 2nd visit | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2nd Country Visit | | | | | | Wk 3? | | | | | | |
| Phase 2: final report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final draft report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final meeting / Brx | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Feedback Estonian authorities & EC | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final report | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| QR TG & EC / finalisation | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final Report approved | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dissemination | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Roadmap

- **Kick-off** meeting with Estonian authorities (22 October 2018)
- Preparation (background and national documents)
- Division of work : Experts (drafting of chapters), Peers (input and case studies)
- **1st country visit:** interviews with all relevant stakeholders i.e. Institutions, academia, business, NGOs... (December 2018)
- **Preparation of 1st draft report** (December 2018-February 2019)
 - Key findings
 - Options for the future
 - Peer validation of key points
- **2nd country visit** for feedback on 1st draft findings and refine analysis with topic-based meetings (February 2019)
- Report finalisation and consultations with host country (May-June 2019)
- Dissemination event (September 2019)

Outcome

- **Evidence-based limited set of operational recommendations/policy messages**
 - Focused
 - Well-justified
 - Political/policy relevant
 - Case studies/ country boxes (good practice examples)
- **Feedback mission** with public event and diffusion of results
- **Follow-up:** country's responsibility/ Post-Peer Review or Specific Support as an option



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