



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

under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

Country Visit to Belgium, 14th-15th May 2018

Final Agenda

Universitaire Stichting - Fondation Universitaire
Egmontstraat / Rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussel / Bruxelles

14th May 2018

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome from the Chair and tour de table

- Gonzalo Leon, Chair

14:05 – 14:10 Welcome from the MLE representative of the host country

- Peter Spyns, Coordinator of International Policy, Flemish Government
Department of Economy, Science and Innovation (EWI), Flanders, Belgium

14:10 – 14:15 Welcome and updates from the European Commission

- Magda De Carli, Head of Unit B5, ‘Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation’
- Marta Truco, Unit A4, ‘Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Programmes’

WIDENING PARTICIPATION

14:15 – 15:00 Lessons from the experiences of the host country on ‘Encouraging Science-Business Co-operation’

The Flemish ‘instrument toolbox’ for academia-industry cooperation (including spearhead clusters, Tetra, industry PhDs et.)

- Bernard De Potter, Administrator General of the Flemish Enterprise and Innovation Agency (VLAIO)

Discussion

GENERAL OVERVIEW

15:00 – 15:40 An overview of the importance of ESIF and H2020 in a Belgian context

- David Grzegorzewski, Director, Team Programme/Project Management Interreg, Flemish Enterprise and Innovation Agency, Flanders, Belgium

- Véronique Lesne, Attachée, Service public de Wallonie, secrétariat general, Département de Coordination des Fonds Structurels, Direction de l'Animation et de l'Evaluation des Programmes
- Ariane Wautelet, Team Leader Policy and Monitoring Team, InnovIris, Brussels, Belgium

Discussion

15:40 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:40 Challenge Paper presentation

Challenge Paper on Widening Topic 2: 'Encouraging science-business co-operation'

- Claire Nauwelaers, Expert on Widening

Discussion

16:40 – 17:40 Lessons from other experiences on 'Encouraging science-business co-operation'

Encouraging science-business co-operation from an EIT perspective

- Jana Kolar, Executive Director of CERIC-ERIC and EIT Board Member

The Vanguard technology transfer approach and the role of TTOs

- Valentina Pinna, Head of Sector Research, Innovation & Health, Lombardy Region Presidency - Delegation to the EU, Italy

The Irish policy mix for technology transfer and IPR for public-private research

- Gearoid Mooney, Division Manager - Research & Innovation, Enterprise Ireland, Ireland

Discussion

STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES

17:40 – 18:00 Lessons from national experiences on 'Synergies at a policy and strategy level between national MA and FP authorities'

Synergies from a Slovenian Perspective

- Jana Kolar, Executive Director of CERIC-ERIC and Former Director General of Science in Technology at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Slovenia

Discussion

18:00 Close of Day 1

15th May 2018

STRENGTHENING SYNERGIES

09:00 – 10:40 Topic Report presentation

Draft Final Topic Report on Strengthening Synergies

- Lena Tsipouri, Expert on Synergies

Initial discussion on ‘Synergies at a policy and strategy level between National MA and FP authorities’ followed by a discussion on the Draft Synergies Report as a whole

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30 Lessons from the experiences of the host country on ‘Synergies at a policy and strategy level between National MA and FP authorities’

How BBEPF finds synergies between ESIF/H2020 to bring research from lab to an industrial context

- Brecht Vanlerberghe, Head of R&D, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant, Flanders, Belgium

Synergies from the perspective of Wallonie

- Didier Flagothier, Directeur a.i., Service public de Wallonie, économie emploi formation recherche, Direction des Programmes fédéraux et internationaux, Département des Programmes de Recherche

Discussion

10:30 – 11:30 Topic Report presentation (continued)

Discussion on the Draft Synergies Report as a whole

11:30 – 13:00 Lessons from the other national and international experiences on ‘Synergies at a policy and strategy level between National MA and FP authorities’

Start Up Slovenia from a synergies perspective

- Simona Knežević Vernon, Technological Park Ljubljana, Slovenia

ESIF-FP synergies through cross-border cooperation

- Cecilia Johansson, Programme Director, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth

Creating and using synergies between structural funds and the framework programme at a regional level

- Ingrid Jansson, Project Manager, Region Värmland European Office, Sweden

RISE (Research Centre on Interactive Media, Smart Systems and Emerging Technologies): The mobilisation of H2020 and ESIF resources and local and international actors to create a local growth pole in Nicosia

- Konstantinos Yorkadjis, Mayor of Nicosia, Cyprus

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Preparation of the Final Report

Main Emerging Messages

- Ken Guy, Rapporteur

Discussion

15:30 – 15:50 Preparation of next meeting in Brussels: scope and contributions from MS

- Gonzalo Leon, Chair

15:50 – 16:00 AOB

- Gonzalo Leon, Chair

16:00 Close of Day 2