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Subject: Mutual Learning Exercise - follow-up : Estonian experience

Delegations will find attached the presentation given during the GPC meeting on 5 June 2018.



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Mutual Learning Exercise - follow-up

Estonian experience

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Main activities undertaken as a follow-up of the MLE (I)

Continued work to increase the awareness and interest of the sectoral ministries and stakeholders (trainings, individual consultations, information days, dissemination etc.)

- Example 1: **conference** organised by Ministry of the Environment and University of Tallinn *Nature-based solutions: From innovation to common use*
- Example 2: **information day** on funding opportunities for health related R&I cooperation in H2020 at the Ministry of Social affairs (*March 2018*)
- Example 3: **training course** for scientific counsellors in Brussels (*June 2018*)
- Example 4: launch of a **series of articles about JPIs** with the aim to introduce the activities undertaken in P2Ps by the Estonian RDI community.

Main obstacle: the stakeholder involvement in the prioritisation of sectoral R&D and participation in EU partnerships is not sufficiently led by the respective ministries. It is still perceived as the responsibility of the Ministry of Education & Research and the Research Council as they are the contact point for Horizon 2020 and implementing the programme for the support of sectoral R&D.

Main activities undertaken as a follow-up of the MLE (II)

Involvement of more relevant ministries in the discussions on potentially joining a partnership

- **Success story:** JPI Urban Europe where the Ministry of Finance decided to join as an observer

Main obstacle: The implementation of the „mirror group“ concept to enhance coordination and ensure more structured inter-ministerial discussion has been under consideration, but problems persist on how to create an optimal system for a small country (and how this relates to the thematic consultations in the context of Horizon programme committees)



Main activities undertaken as a follow-up of the MLE (III)

Ongoing discussions on how to make the Estonian Programme of Participation in EU Partnerships a more strategic tool

- In 2017, we collected information from ministries on the P2P-related events
- In 2018, discussions how to use the process to give early input on A185/7 and other initiatives (*ongoing*)

Main obstacles:

- *Lack of information about the strategic planning process of FP9*
- *National process for defining sectoral RDI priorities, including in the context of Horizon Europe?*



Do we need a follow-up MLE?

Yes. Possible topics of interest:

- How to measure and demonstrate impact of participation in different partnerships at national level?
- To help further develop our national coordination system, especially in view of the reformed policy approach to partnerships in *Horizon Europe*, e.g.
 - Effective participation in the new ‘process’ for partnerships (issues related to national monitoring of participation, prioritization etc.)
 - Prepare for increased involvement of MS/AC in industry-related partnerships
- How to better use Structural Funds in co-funding the participation in partnerships is also a key issue?





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Thank you