



Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

MLE on Widening Participation
and Strengthening Synergies

Outcomes of the Kick-off
Meeting and the Revised Modus
Operandi

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Madrid

Topics

Widening

- **Topic 1: Attracting qualified R&D staff in the public and private sectors**
- **Topic 2: Encouraging science-business co-operation**
- **Topic 3: Improving networking through participation in various actions**
- **Topic 4: Supporting skills development, information, communication and training**

Synergies

- **Topic 5: Enabling an effective and structured dialogue between ESIF and FP authorities**
- **Topic 6: Ensuring synergies at a policy and strategy level**
- **Topic 7: Ensuring synergies at an operational level**

Meeting Schedule

MLE Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies Time Schedule

27	October 2017	Kick-off Meeting in Brussels of the MLE with MS and independent experts
10-11	January 2018	First Meeting in Madrid, Spain on Topics 4 and 5
6-7	February 2018	Second Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia on Topics 1 and 7
22-23	March 2018	Third Meeting in Dublin, Ireland on Topic 3 , plus coverage of Irish experiences in other Topic areas
14-15	May 2018	Fourth Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal on Topics 2 and 6
12	June 2018	Final Meeting in Brussels
27-28	June 2018 (tbc)	Dissemination Event

Process

- All country representatives provide material for inclusion in Challenge Papers
- Experts prepare Challenge Papers and present at Meetings
- Select country representatives present material at Meetings
- All participants discuss presentations at Meetings
- Experts prepare Topic Reports on the basis of the Challenge Papers and the discussions at Meetings
- A Final Report summarises the contents of all the Topic Reports

Format

- Challenge Papers

- Introduction
- Scope
- Landscape
- Lessons
- Challenges

- Topic Reports

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- Recommendations

- Final Report

- To be decided