



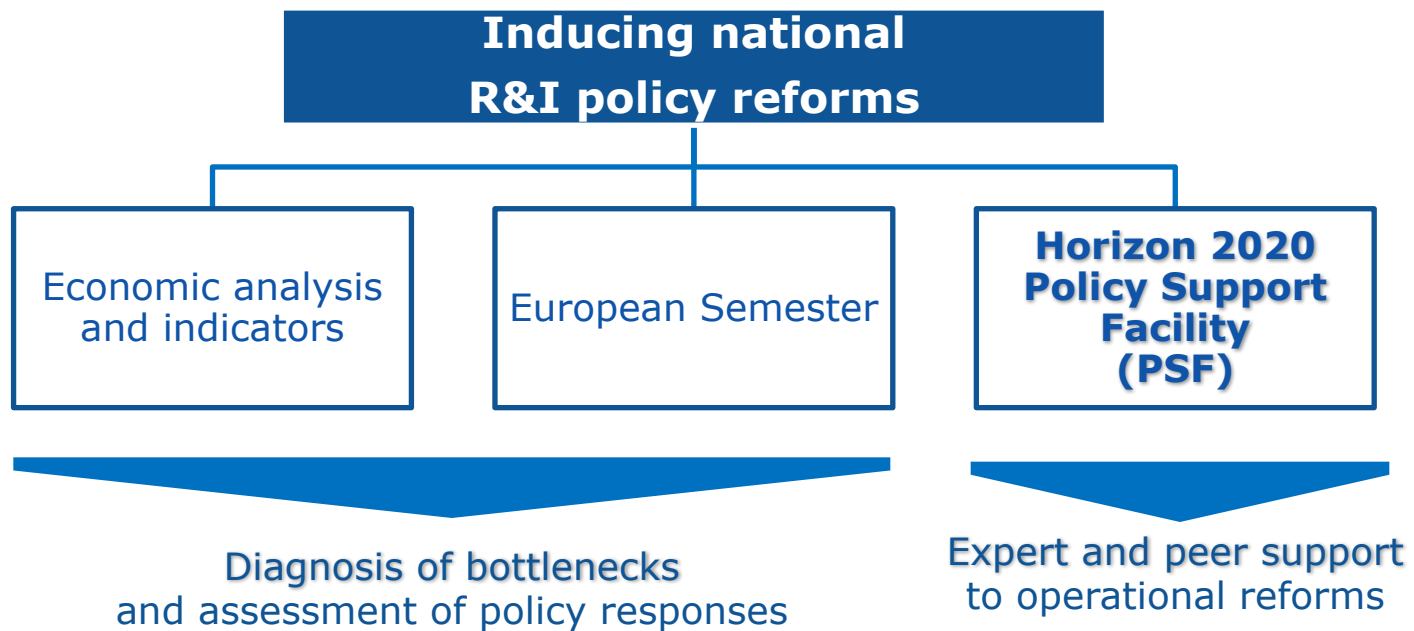
Lessons learnt from Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility 'PSF'

Impact and success factors

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Better R&I policies need better evidence



Horizon 2020 PSF services

Peer Reviews of
National R&I Systems

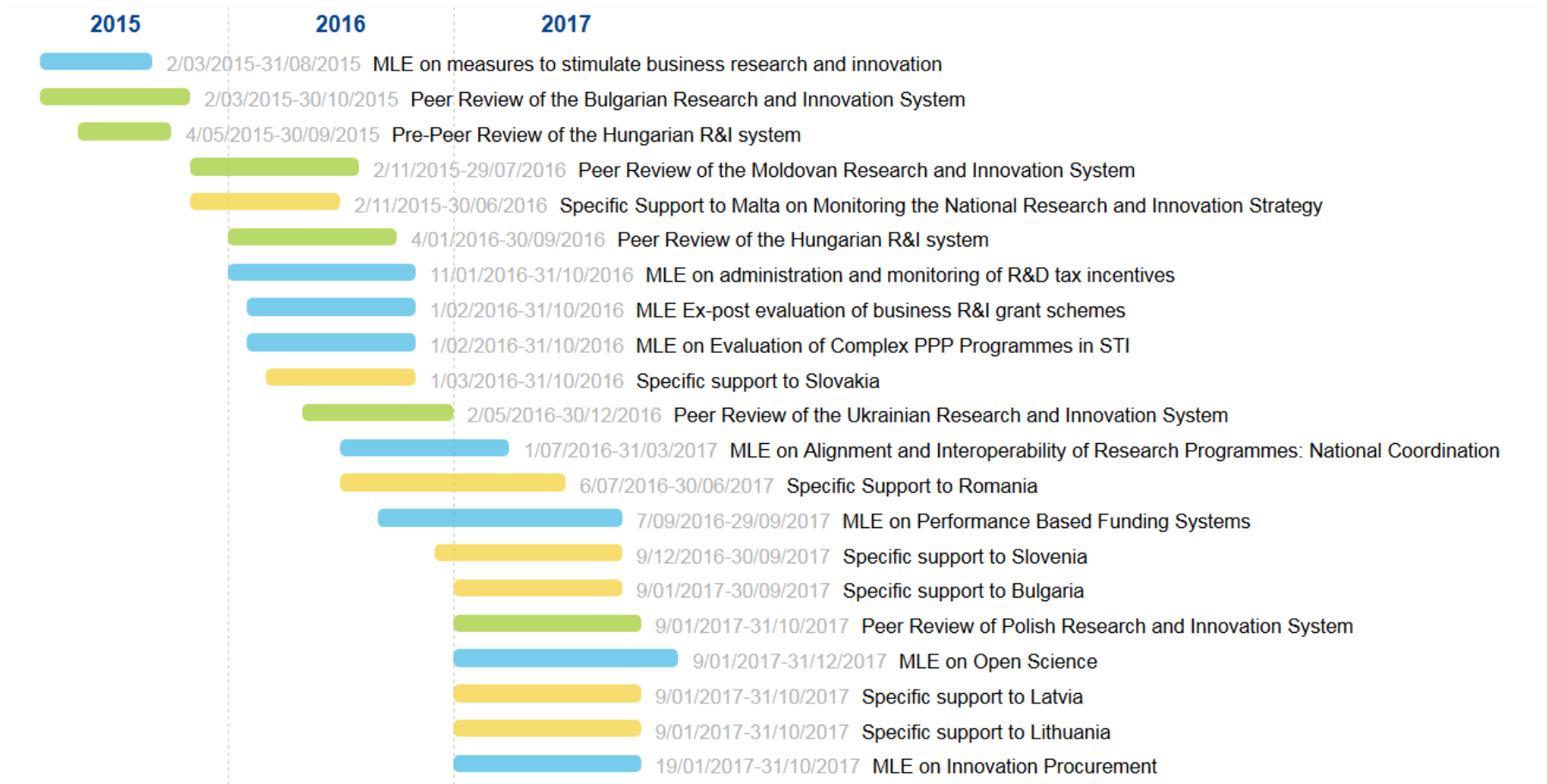
Specific Support to
Countries

Mutual Learning
Exercises

PSF Knowledge Center

<https://rio.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

PSF activities



Lessons learned – demand side

- 15 living activities, 26 since 2015
 - Peer Reviews: cohesion and associated countries
 - MLE: demanded by more developed R&I systems
 - Specific support increasingly demanded overall
- Countries needs
 - Focused advice
 - To access PSF at various stages
 - Possibility for bottom up proposals (besides EoI)
- Successes
 - Concrete reforms
 - Full stakeholder mobilisation
 - Quick response
 - High quality of experts and peers

Lessons learned–policy support

- Ramping up led to cruising speed
- The PSF filled the market niche for policy support
- Political commitment leads to success
 - At country level
 - Patronage* of Commissioner and Director-General
- PSF feeds into Semester and reads from the Semester
- Cross-cutting lessons are starting to emerge
- Trends and challenges remain "generic"
 - But solutions are customised
 - We move from "analysis" to "understanding"
 - Flexibility pays off and is most welcome

Future orientations (1)

1. Continuity of learning, follow-up and intensified policy dialogue

- support implementation of recommended actions
- provide follow up through the entire policy cycle
- more systemic monitoring
- focus on implementation and impact
- follow-up: subject-specific or country-specific

2. Clear focus and quality-driven flexible approach

- clear focus of PSF activity goals
- BUT flexibility and openness in the process

Future orientations (2)

3. Exploit rich evidence on cross-cutting issues
linking country reviews and thematic work
knowledge management
4. Capitalise on PSF strengths
high-level expertise
political-level commitment
2017 workshop on R&I policy review methodologies
OECD and World Bank, experts, peers, policy-makers
5. Put a "human face" to PSF actions
communicate sharply
feedback results to MS

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