The aim is mutual learning, improvement in the exchange of information and the identification of national good practice among the participating countries in order to widen participation in the EU Framework Programmes and facilitate the implementation of synergies between Horizon 2020 and the European Structural and Investment Funds.

In relation to **Synergies**, the MLE will look at national practice in relation to:

- How to enable an effective and structured dialogue between national managing authorities of the Structural Funds and R&D authorities.
- Synergies at policy and strategy level.
- Synergies at operational level.

In relation to **Widening**, the MLE will look at national practice to:

- Attract qualified R&D staff, including in the business sector.
- Encourage science-business cooperation.
- Improve networking through participation in various actions.
- Support skills development and training.

**SCHEDULE**

- 27 October 2017: Kick-off meeting in Brussels
- 14-15 December 2017: 1st country visit
- 6-7 February 2018: 2nd country visit
- 22-23 March 2018: 3rd country visit
- 14-15 May 2018: 4th country visit
- 27-28 June 2018: Final meeting in Brussels
- July: Dissemination event