



NCP-Academy Meet & Exchange Workshop

Promoting synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020

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CONCEPT & AIM

“NCPs should at least be aware of opportunities provided by related programmes (eg. COSME, ESIF), and be familiar with the relevant sources of advice in the country concerned (e.g., Managing Authorities).” This statement from the “Minimum standards and guiding principles for setting up systems of National Contact Points” implies that the NCPs must be familiar with the ESIF funds and possibly be capable of sharing advice with regards to the principle of Synergy between Funds. Furthermore, the European Commission and the Member States are mandated by the regulations that lay down the rules for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), Horizon 2020, and other EU programmes directly managed by the Commission in the areas of research, innovation and competitiveness, to ensure coordination, synergies and complementarities between funds.

Beyond spreading this message, what can the NCP community do to promote synergies in their national context? What initiatives have been successful? How can the NCPs best communicate with Managing Authorities and Ministries? What are the necessary steps to engage in a strategic dialogue with the relevant authorities? How can the NCP community contribute to the acculturation process between programmes?

A training organized by NCP academy in February 2016 was dedicated to the issue of synergies and was divided three parts:

- Introduction to issues of Synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF in a view of smart specialization strategies
- Models and rules
- Synergies in practice with an emphasize on the Seal of Excellence Pilot

Building on the results of this training, and in the context of the mid-term review of Horizon 2020, the Meet & Exchange workshop would be an opportunity to share best practices in setting-up a dialogue with the Managing Authorities and key regional stakeholders (Regional governments and representatives, national coordination administration of ESIF funds).

TARGET GROUP: Meet & Exchange workshop is targeted towards NCPs and Managing authorities with interest in the field of synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020.

DURATION: 1 day

VENUE: Ministry of Education, Higher education and Research
25, rue de la Montagne Sainte-Geneviève, 75005 Paris

SPEAKERS:

- Ella Bouquet, Ministry of Education, Higher education and Research
- Javier García Serrano, CDTI
- Hortense Lutz-Hermellin, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
- Pascal Newton, Ministry of Education, Higher education and Research
- Richard Tuffs, ERRIN network
- Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi, DLR
- Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, IPPT PAN
- Regional representatives from Germany, Poland, Spain (TBC)

AGENDA:

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcome and aim of the workshop

09:45 Keynote speech – Richard Tuffs, Director of the ERRIN network

- 10:15
- Different organization patterns in different countries: France, Germany, Poland and Spain
 - Why care about synergies? Some concrete examples from 2 countries
 - Experiences in establishing a dialogue between communities – testimony from 2 countries

13:00 *Lunch break*

- 14:30
- World café on dialogue between Horizon2020 NCPs and EFSI
 - Top down vs. bottom up, thematic vs. global approaches?
 - Role of EC in promoting dialog (added value of SoE?)
 - How can dialog improve synergies at programming level? best practices
 - How can dialog improve synergies at implementation level? best practices
 - Which communication strategies/tools?
 - What would be real improvements to boost synergies, what are concrete barriers regarding synergies?
 - Experience sharing session: NCPs, their role, challenges and opportunities
 - Next steps: mid-term, recommendations for the next funding period, synergies and the innovation divide

16:30 End of the workshop