

# **H2020/ESIF**

## **2 different national organisation patterns**

Meet & Exchange workshop, 29/11/2016

Paris

**Ella Bouquet, MENESR  
NCP Academy - Partner**

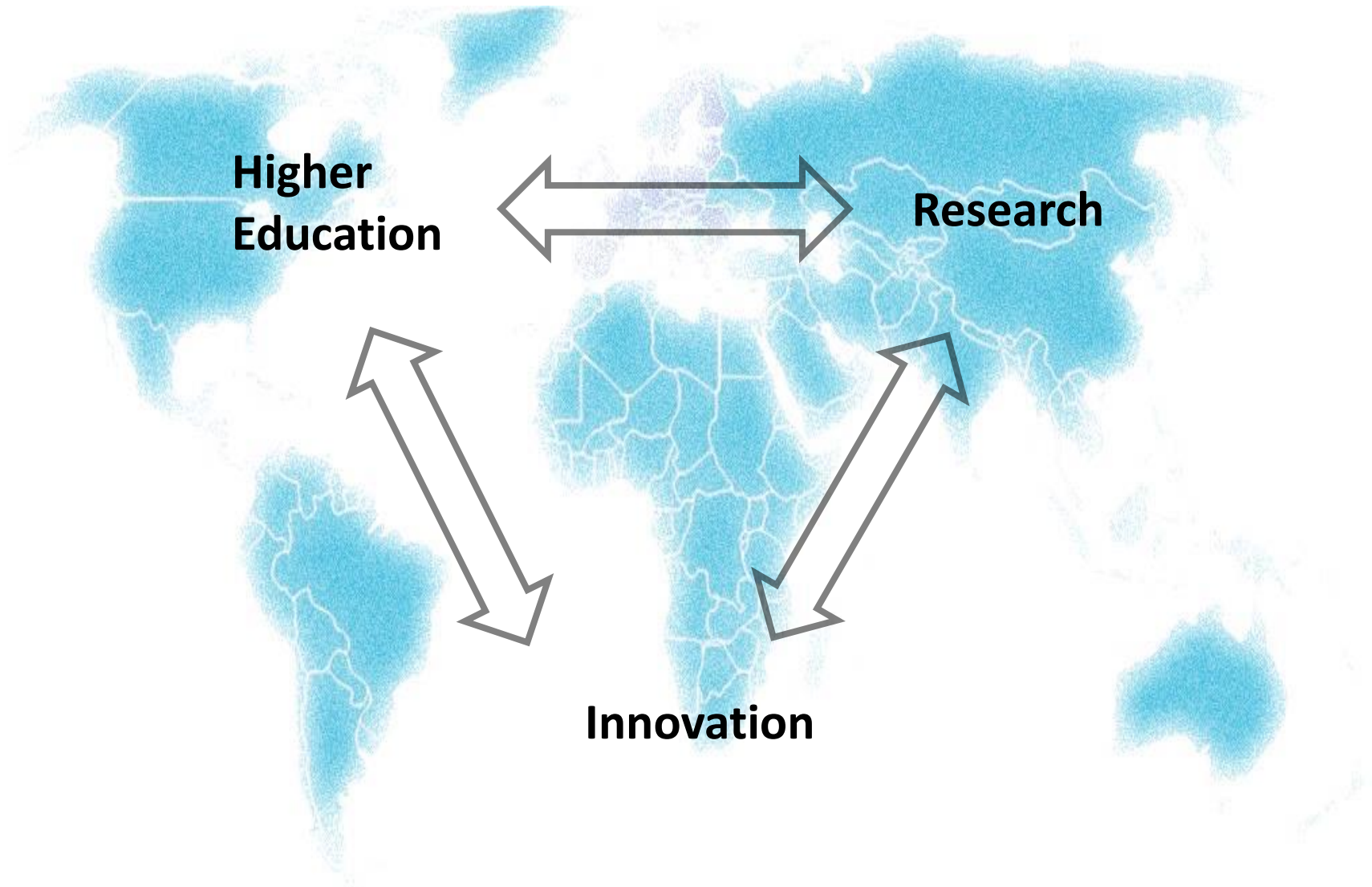
# H2020 in France

The MEIRIES , a department in the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research is the National Coordinator for H2020

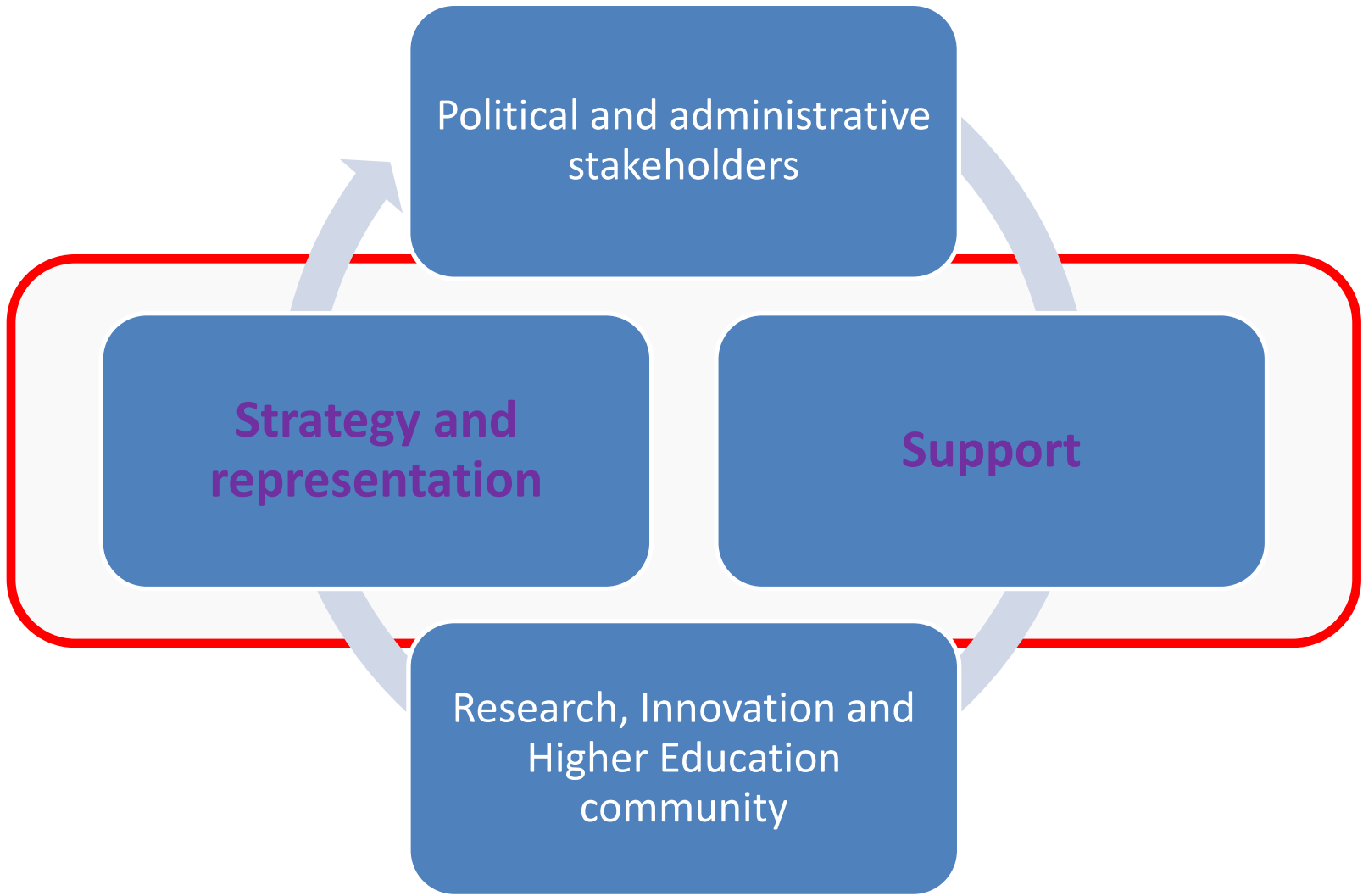
## What does MEIRIES stand for?

**M**ission **E**urope et **I**nternational **R**echerche **I**nnovation  
et **E**nseignement **S**upérieur

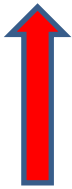
# H2020 in France : MEIRIES operating area



# H2020 in France : MEIRIES goals



Political and  
administrative  
and  
stakeholders



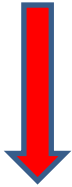
Reserarch,  
Innovation and  
Higher education  
community

## Coordination and management of European and international strategies

- Elaborate and et codevelop the **European Research Area (ERA) strategy**
- Elaborate and manage the **European Higher Education Area (EHEA) strategy** and the **Bologna Process**
- Elaborate and manage the **European and international dimensions of the National strategies** for Higher Edcation, Research and Innovation
- Define and uphold the **French positions** in European, multilateral and bilateral bodies
- Contribute to the definition of the **French Higher Education Research and Innovation lobbying strategy**
- Increase the **visibility and attractivity** of the French Higher Education, Research and Innovation system
- Expertise, manage and **evaluate international and bilateral cooperation programmes**

# H2020 in France : MEIRIES objectives

Political and  
administrative  
and  
stakeholders



Research,  
Innovation and  
Higher education  
community

## Support our community

- Engage in a **strategic dialogue** with our stakeholders
- **Inform and consult** our stakeholders
- Contribute to the deployment of the **lobbying strategy**
- Follow and foster **stakeholders' participation in European and international programmes**
- Support and promote **stakeholders' participation in European and international programmes**
- Lead the **national plan for the participation in the Horizon 2020 programme**

# H2020 in France : MEIRIES objectives



## Bilateral and international

- Bilateral strategies and high-level events
- International cooperation incentives
- Expertise, monitoring and foresight



## HE, Research and Innovation stakeholders

- International dimensions HE&R strategies
- Information and consultation of stakeholders
- National plan for H2020 programme



## Europe

- ERA and Innovation Union
- EHEA and Bologna process
- Horizon 2020 programme

- French representatives to Program Committee (PC Delegate) (approx. 84 Prog. Com /year)
- National thematic expert groups (GTN)
- National Contact Points (NCP) (100 events/year, approx. 8,000 participants)
- National web portal [horizon2020.gouv.fr](http://horizon2020.gouv.fr) (350,000 visitors/year)



## **French Delegates to Programme Committees**

Opinion of the program committee is necessary for:

- ✓ The adoption of work programme
- ✓ The selection of projects after the contract negotiation phase

## **Thematic expert groups (Groupes Techniques Nationaux (GTN))**

Each delegate builds up an advisory group known as GTN. GTNs are made of research stakeholders (public or private). Their purpose is to help national delegates to prepare the official position they will defend at the programme committee meetings.

They suggest topics to be included in the annual work programmes

Together with NCPs, they analyse results of call for proposals

## National Contact Points (NCP)

Once calls for proposals are published, the NCP network is there to help potential proposers.

NCP provide information on H2020 funding opportunities and promote French participation

Provide advice and training to potential future applicants

✓ **22 NCPs –120 actors**

✓ **French NCP are consortia**

✓ **A pilot ( coordinator):** Ministry/Alliance/University/President's Conference/CNRS/Agency.

✓ **A co-pilot :** Ministry ( when the Ministry does not coordinate the consortium)

✓ **And 4/5 partners:** Alliance, research organization, university, Public Investment Bank (BPI)

# ESIF governance, a changing landscape

2007-2013 : State representatives in Regions are MA

2014 – 2020 : The Regions are MA

- France was traditionally a very centralised state but since 1982 powers are gradually devolved to the regions
- This process is reflected in the governance of ESIF funds.
- Regions gradually increase their remit on economic development and therefore play an increasing part in higher education, research and innovation policies.

# ESIF governance, a changing landscape

AVANT



APRÈS



Source originale : ministère de l'intérieur | Modification : Tout-Metz.com



2014 a territorial reform  
2015 Elections + mergers

## Different funds, different options:

- ESIF in France: decentralised implementation
- ERDF and EAFRD nearly entirely decentralised (only technical assistance is centralised)
- ESF 35% decentralised (in particular wrt. LL training), 65% managed centrally
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) managed centrally partially delegated to regions

Globally:

83 European programmes in France

28,7 Bl Euros total – 75% implemented by the Regional MA

# ESIF what's in it for research and innovation?

- Mainly ERDF (1,5 Billion Euros) in thematic objective n°1 RDI
- Some in EAFRD (300 Million Euros)
- A small fraction of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) (less than 60 Million Euros)

**>> Zoom on ERDF funds thematic objective n°1**

- **CGET** PM's service

National inter-funds coordinating authority

National coordinating ERDF authority

Implements the Partnership Agreement and provides technical & legal assistance to MAs

- **Régions de France**

Association representing regional governments

- **Regional governments**

ESIF Mas, usually Eco dev , research and/or European departments

## H2020 vs. ERDF in France

- Centralised programme
  - Centralised governance
  - Decentralised NCP network coordinated by the Ministry of HE&R
  - Interministerial coordinated by Min. of HE&R
  - Researchers and research administrators
  - Final beneficiaries: R&I stakeholders exclusively
- Decentralised programme
  - Decentralised governance
  - Decentralised support scheme coordinated by PM's service CGET
  - Economists and territorial development specialists
  - Final beneficiaries: R&I stakeholders are only a small part of their beneficiaries



Ella Bouquet

[Ella.bouquet@recherche.gouv.fr](mailto:Ella.bouquet@recherche.gouv.fr)