



Learning Lab on "Supporting mechanisms for capacity building in framework programme participation (H2020/Horizon Europe)"

Date: 11th December 2018

Venue: Hotel Miguel Angel / Room: MEDICI I

Calle de Miguel Ángel, 29-31, 28010 Madrid (Spain)

The Learning Lab is organised as part of the Stairway to Excellence project, managed by JRC in close cooperation with DG REGIO, and seeks to maximise the impact of Smart Specialisation Strategies in EU regions and member states, and to realise the full potential of using EU funding programmes managed at regional, national and EU levels. This event is the first of a set of pilots that will run over the next two years as part of *Working Group on optimising the use of H2020 in implementing RIS3* and following the discussions on needs from national and regional administrations.

The Learning Lab will focus on learning from experiences from different EU territories on how to build capacity for business and research to increase participation in the Framework Programme (H2020/Horizon Europe). The specific topics considered for the Lab include:

- Increase human capacity and skills
 - In Managing Authorities - Promoting training/capacity building to learn to design and define programmes/calls with ESIF funding to increase competitive proposal writing skills and FP compatibility
 - In organisations – Developing research and innovation managers with knowledge of both ESIF and H2020 who can scan for opportunities and support researchers and other actors to participate
- Multi-level governance of different support mechanisms to break down silos
 - National/Regional level - Facilitate coordination platforms/bodies to ensure support mechanisms are coordinated rather than duplicated
 - Regional level - Develop regional RIS3 contact points with a more complete vision of the set of instruments and the capacity to connect regional stakeholders
 - Organisational level – Develop the necessary facilities and support for research and innovation managers to allow them to act as facilitators of synergies with knowledge of ESIF and H2020

Target group

The workshop will be open to all national and regional administrations across the EU.

Approach

The activities are designed as a Mutual Learning Event where cases showing good practices will be shared and discussed, and where participants may table specific requests and alternative solutions will be debated.



The participants will work in small discussion groups and will stay in the same groups all day. The room is to be arranged with four tables for each group with a computer and screen so they can easily present their work in the plenary sessions and there is no need to change location. The day will be split into the following four themes:

- Setting the context;
- Creating the policy framework;
- National/regional activities;
- Organisational activities.

There will be very brief pitches of good practice from invited experts followed by the group discussions. The groups will need to address three questions per session. Each group will nominate a rapporteur and moderator. The experts will circulate between the groups to provide expert advice as required. After each group discussion the rapporteur will briefly present results of the discussion to the other groups.



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DRAFT AGENDA

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09:30 -10.00	REGISTRATION – Welcome coffee
10:00 - 10:15	OPENING SESSION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by JRC/DG REGIO/DG RTD • Introduction to the stairway to excellence project, the lagging regions project, and the objectives of the Lab – <i>Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i>
10:15 - 10:30	PLENARY SESSION 1 - Setting the context: pitches on the identification of problems in R&I system (multi-level/actor governance, lack of required organisational support structures, and lack of human capacity and skills required for support mechanism) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier García Serrano - CDTI • Heidi Paju - Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
10:30 - 11:15	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Group Discussion Each group will address the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 What are the main weaknesses in your country/region regarding H2020 participation? 1.2 What actions can be taken to overcome those issues? By whom? 1.3 Which activities that were implemented did not work and for what reasons?
11:15 - 11:30	REPORTING BACK SESSION: Presentations of outcomes from group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rapporteur for each group reports back on the group discussion
11:30 - 11:45	COFFEE BREAK
11:45 - 12:00	PLENARY SESSION 2 - Creating the policy framework: pitches from experiences in setting the framework for policy measures to be successful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javier García Serrano/ Esther Rodríguez Blanco - CDTI/Oficina Europea • Geraint Green - Welsh European Funding Office
12:00 - 12:45	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Group Discussion Each group will address the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Which structure(s) in the R&I system would be needed to coordinate support for H2020 participation? 2.2 How is the system connected (horizontally and vertically)?



	2.3 What funding sources have been used to support such activities and why?
12:45 - 13:00	REPORTING BACK SESSION: Presentations of outcomes from group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rapporteur for each group reports back on the group discussion
13:00 - 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:00 - 14:15	PLENARY SESSION 3 - National/regional activities: pitches from experiences in increasing human capacity and skills at the national/regional level for successful support mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Javier García Serrano - CDTI Heidi Paju - Estonian Ministry of Education and Research Geraint Green - Welsh European Funding Office
14:15 - 15:00	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Group Discussion Each group will address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 What adaptations would be needed to make such activities successful in your country/region? 3.2 What similar or other activities exist in your territory? What works and what does not? 3.3 Which issues in human capacity and skills remain undeveloped and would require further action?
15:00 - 15:15	REPORTING BACK SESSION: Presentations of outcomes from group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rapporteur for each group reports back on the group discussion
15:15 - 15:30	COFFEE BREAK
15:30 - 15:45	PLENARY SESSION 4 - Organisational activities: pitches from experiences in increasing human capacity and skills for support mechanisms within organisations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eleni Sophocleous - Cyprus Institute Edwin Kanters - VUmc Medical Faculty representing BESTPRAC - COST Esther Rodríguez Blanco - Oficina Europea
15:45 - 16:30	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Group Discussion Each group will address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 What adaptations would be needed to make such activities successful in organisations in your territory? 4.2 What similar or other activities exist in organisations in your territory? What works and what does not? 4.3 Which issues in human capacity and skills remain undeveloped and would require further action?
16:30 - 16:45	REPORTING BACK SESSION: Presentations of outcomes from group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rapporteur for each group reports back on the group discussion
16:45 - 17:00	PLENARY CLOSING SESSION - Final round table: reflections on the day and highlighting implications from their specific perspectives in the long and short term. Closure by JRC