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Overcoming a Key Barrier to Alignment: The Inter-Operability of National Rules and Procedures

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Basic Questions

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- How different are national rules and procedures for funding research and innovation?
- Are there good reasons for these differences or is it just because it has always been that way?
- ➤ Is there evidence for that these differences are barriers for transnational collaboration? And if yes which differences cause the biggest damage?
- And what can we do to improve the conditions for both researchers and programme owners thus facilitating transnational collaboration and alignment

Our Speakers





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What can we achieve?

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- A single language for research funding in Europe?
- > A common terminology?
- A standardised online tool for funding procedures/communication?
- Minimum Standards for funding procedures or standardised procedure elements to choose from?
- > Standardized Rules on the basis of the FP Rop?
- An "ERA Label" for funders or programmes who/which apply an agreed set of standardised tools and minimum standards?

A window of opportunity?

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- The Lund revisited Conference (4 Dec. 2015) to make practical recommendations for an enhanced transnational collaboration in the context of societal challenges
- A Mutual Learning Exercise as a follow up of the Lund conference with interested countries to work on concrete steps for improvement
- > The oncoming design phase of the 9th FP

Thanks for Listening!

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