Report on Parallel Session 2 (Day 1)
Impacts at the Project Level

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Key discussion items

1. Progress and interim conclusions on ERA-LEARN activity to explore the feasibility of a harmonised, centralised system to gather and report data on project-level impact assessment

2. Practical experience and lessons from P2P and national impact assessment activities
   - P2P networks with systematic approach to project-level impact assessment (very few)

     M-ERA.NET (Roland)

     A185 Metrology (Paula)
   - Recent national studies

     Netherlands: Ministry of Economy (Casper)

     Finland: AKA (Hannele)

3. What would be the benefits of a common framework, how could it work with the different P2P networks and what added value could be provided by the ERA-LEARN platform

Key findings

- **What would be the benefits of the proposed common framework for the P2P networks?**
  - Offers systematic, managed process with **_less transactional costs_**
  - Comparable results (**_common definition/language_**)
  - **_Quality and availability of data_** for management/reporting/benchmarking
- **How could it work with (or for) their network?**
  - Consistent way of collecting/maintaining data
  - Help address post-contract/network fragmentation (>5 years from Call to Impact)
  - Needs to be compatible with existing/specific data collection strategies
- **Could ERA-LEARN offer additional value added by providing data management functionality and/or benchmarking information?**
  - Yes, if well coordinated and aligned with P2Ps needs/ambitions
  - Mix of YES and UNSURE

Conclusions/recommendations

1. **Need for common framework**
    –   Clear role for ERA-LEARN
        •   develop consensus on core set of harmonised questions
    –   P2P networks may wish to add more specific questions

2. **Increasing interest but quite difficult and labour-intensive process for P2P networks**
    –   ERA-LEARN support processes/functionality would help make more practical

3. **Need to pilot with some real networks/projects (early 2017)**
    –   Identify recently completed projects and approach the relevant networks to participate in trial, **AND/OR**
    –   Focus on a thematic area with broad range of project-level beneficiaries (e.g. bioeconomy)

4. **Conclude on feasibility of the proposed central process for project-level impact assessment (by end June 2017)**