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SESSION B1

Selection process of candidate partnerships: fit for purpose?



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Opinion of the Partnership Knowledge Hub on the European Partnerships under the Second Strategic Plan

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Requirements concerning the selection of partnerships

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Conclusions on the selection of partnerships for the 1st Strategic Plan 2021-2024

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14 recommendations



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Analysis of gaps and potential overlaps

Prioritizing lifecycle considerations in partnership preparation

Integrating partnerships in Missions

Guidance to executive agencies

Implementation of additional joint activities

Spirit of joint endeavour and joint ownership

3rd country participations

Clear guidance on 3rd country participation

Work with PKH when implementing measures to phase out partnerships

Consider the most appropriate type of partnerships

Support stakeholder involvement in nat'l processes

Integration of EIT KICs in partnerships portfolio

Contribution to the gap analysis and potential overlaps

Inclusive discussion process and sufficient time

- EC
- all involved
- EC & partn.
- EC & MSs
- MSs/ ACs
- EC & EIT
- EIT

A4 – developing a coherent partnership approach

Goals:

- Familiarize the partnership community (including also the EC and Member States/Associated Countries) with the methodology suggested in the [Assessing European partnerships against European policy priorities](#)
- Explore the need for specifications/adjustments (partnership features, thematic orientations) and identify gaps or deficiencies
- Examine the applicability and integration of the methodology in the overall selection process existing today.

A4 – developing a coherent partnership approach

Key take aways:

- The suggested methodology reflects the value of involvement/co-creation and supports a more evidence-based decision making process although it's always difficult to break from path dependences
- Operationalisation difficult – both set of criteria relevant for Ps (63%) and external criteria need to be further developed (30%) - Important to simplify it but also allow flexibility (different partnership foci and features, thematic orientations, etc.)
- Quantification although tricky might also offer some improvements but difficult to estimate total overall value of a partnership and value of structures and skills already in place not considered in the criteria (maybe the sunk costs?)

Strengths of the methodology? (max 3 words)

Links with foresight

Comprehensive Scientific Independent

Intervention logic applied International Robust

Bottomup **Evidence based** Indicators Data driven

Structures Evidence based tool **Evidencebased** Visualisation structured Quantification Systematic Flexible Transparency Widely applicable Professional Horizontal Methodological

Weaknesses of the methodology? (max 3 words)



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