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Where are the newcomers (including
Widening countries)



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Experience of national stakeholders in EPs

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Purpose – to explore:

- Criteria for selection of partnerships
- Roles of participating organisations
- Measures supporting participation of Widening and less performing countries
- Learning needs of participating organisations

Special focus: to investigate the participation of Widening Countries

Advantages of active participation in the EPs

- Participation in the decision making process and influencing the partnership strategy and priorities
- Mutual learning & better understanding of the EP instrument
- Networking opportunity (opportunities for future actions) & strengthening international collaboration
- Developing national strategies and driving new developments in national priorities through participation in the EP
- Strengthening an organisation's international profile and increasing its international visibility
- Strengthening excellence of researchers and opportunity for conducting –multi- and interdisciplinary research

Challenges facing Widening countries


- Lack of personnel incl. the need for experienced staff
- Budgetary issues (incl. limited funding for calls for proposals)
- Defining national priorities and alignment of partnership goals with national agendas
- Involvement of national and regional stakeholders
- Lack of success in calls for proposals
- Administrative complexity of the EPs

Widening measures in the EPs (bottom-up)

- Involving Widening countries among the goals of the partnership
- Including priorities of Widening countries in the partnership strategy
- Incentives for Widening countries in calls for proposals
- Selection criteria promoting Widening countries (in the case of ex aequo proposals)
- Partners from Widening countries in core network positions

Learning needs

- Structures needed to support national coordination
- Policy support
- Additional sources of information, especially on: synergies with the Cohesion Policy (or IPA) funds; financial issues (including in-kind contribution); governance structures and policies
- Financial resources
- Personnel
- Dedicated EC officers



**Support needed
also from the EC**



**Support needed
mostly by Widening
Countries**

For more information please consult:

https://www.era-learn.eu/documents/era-learn-report_challenges-of-widening-countries_eps_survey.pdf

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