
Template: Interview with partnership members (annotated)

Interviewee

Name:

Partnership Affiliation:

Position in partnership:

Interviewer

Name:

Organisation:

Interview

Date:

Means (face-to-face / telephone / skype):

Discussion theme 1: Rationales, extent and focus of participation

1. What types of organisation do you usually partner with? (funding agencies, ministries, other? These may be different types of organisations reflecting the structure of the R&I system governance in the country)
2. What are the overall motivations for participation? (Reflect on 'internal' motivations, such as interest to internationalise their research communities or 'external' motivations, as in understanding that certain challenges cannot be dealt with by one country alone – see the [Expert Group report on the Analysis of the first Cofund Actions in H2020](#) as well as [EL2020 deliverable D.3.2](#))
3. Can different patterns or behaviours be identified across different countries or types of agencies? (Some countries are more selective than others, some may be showing a 'free riding' attitude, others may be participating in almost anything with strong funds, others spread their national funds thinly - check out the JPI Ex Group report for more examples)
4. How would you judge the level of national investments to ERA-NET actions? Are there any identifiable patterns of behaviour across countries or type of agencies? (as above)

Discussion theme 2: Expectations, and impacts

5. What were the overall expectations from the partnership? To what extent have these expectations been achieved? (Expectations can be of different types, for example, related to the scientific area addressed; of economic type; capacity related; partnership related etc. – check the [Expert Group report on the Analysis of the first Cofund Actions in H2020](#))
6. Have any unforeseen impacts been realised? (As above – [EL2020 deliverable D.3.2](#))
7. How would you define success in the specific partnership? With which criteria would you try to measure success? ([EL2020 deliverable D.3.2](#))
8. Are ERA-NETs likely to achieve their objectives in terms of coordination of national programmes, creation of critical mass and contribution to the establishment of a durable cooperation between partners? Are there any specific changes necessary? ([The ERA-NET instrument is underexploited in terms of what it can achieve – check the Expert Group report on the Analysis of the first Cofund Actions in H2020](#))

Discussion theme 3: Challenges and good practice elements

9. What have been the good practice elements in the design, operation and management of the partnership? (In relation to implementation of actions, governance, management, monitoring and evaluation, dissemination/up-take of results, including also support from the EC, etc.- check the [Expert Group report on the Analysis of the first Cofund Actions in H2020](#))
10. What obstacles have occurred in the design, operation and management of the partnership? Have they been tackled and how? (as above) What lessons can be learnt about the preparation and implementation of the specific ERA-NET? (as above)

Many thanks for your feedback and collaboration!

We'd appreciate your assistance in identifying additional interviewees for the purposes of this evaluation study. You may provide us their contact details at your earliest convenience.