
ERA-LEARN template for project impact assessment questionnaire

EX-POST IMPACT OF TRANSNATIONAL R&I PROJECTS

Survey Questions for all beneficiaries (timing: at project completion)

Introduction

Your project is one of many transnational R&I projects that have been funded in Europe by a partnership of public funding organisations from different countries coming together to co-fund transnational research projects through a process known as ‘Joint Calls’.

It is important to the continuation of this type of R&I funding that evidence is provided by those who have received support on the absolute and relative benefits both to them, their organisations and the wider economy/society.

Please note that this survey will take around 20 minutes to complete and is possible to carry it out in intervals as the system allows you to save your answers and come back later.

We thank you in advance for providing your feedback and for your support in helping to maintain this important source of public funding to the research & innovation community in Europe.

Questions

1. Please identify yourself.

- Name
- Email address
- Name of organisation (start typing and options from the database are shown)
- Country (drop down list)
- Organisation type (radio buttons)
- Name of project (start typing and options from the database are shown)
- Role in project (radio buttons)
- Funding Partnership (start typing and options from the database are shown)

2. To what extent did the following opportunities motivate your organisation to participate in the project? (high, medium, low motivation)
- Access to public funding
 - Access to knowledge/facilities in other countries
 - Develop new knowledge in the subject area
 - Strengthen existing relationships with organisations in other countries
 - Build new relationships with organisations in other countries
 - Build or enhance engagement with organisations (e.g. third parties, end users, etc.) that can benefit from the research results
 - Become more internationally orientated
 - Build capacity to access EU funding in the future
 - Learn about good practice from peers in other countries
 - Other (provide details)

Please elaborate if appropriate.

3. To what extent was the transnational project opportunity superior to participating in a similar project with only national partners in your country? (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree)
- The transnational project provided access to higher-quality additional expertise and/or facilities than would have been possible with a national project.
 - The transnational project allowed us to participate in a type of project (e.g. TRL level) that would be very difficult or impossible, to be funded in our country.
 - The transnational project produced higher quality research results.
 - The transnational project delivered the results in less time than would have been the case in a national project.
 - The transnational project required less administrative effort to manage than would have been the case with a national project.
 - The transnational project pursued objectives that were more ambitious.

4. Does your organisation have prior experience of international research and innovation funding schemes? (yes/no tick boxes)
- Transnational research & innovation projects that were co-funded by a national or regional funding agency in your country (e.g. ERA-NET)
 - EU Framework Programmes for research and/or innovation (e.g. Horizon 2020, FP7, CIP)
 - International schemes that extend beyond Europe (e.g. Belmont Forum, Intelligent Manufacturing Systems)
 - Other

Please elaborate if appropriate.

5. If you have some experience of EU Framework Programmes (optional question depending on answer to Question 4), to what extent do you agree with the following? (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree)
- Proposals for transnational projects (co-funded by national agencies) have a higher probability of success than EU Framework Programme projects.
 - Transnational projects are more flexible (e.g. project design, number of partners, changes) than EU projects.
 - Transnational projects are less bureaucratic in administration than EU Framework Programme projects.
 - Transnational projects produce higher quality results (e.g. scientific excellence) than EU Framework Programme projects.
 - Transnational projects produce results that are more solutions-orientated than EU Framework Programme projects.
 - Transnational funding projects are limited to a more restricted choice of geographic partners than EU Framework Programme projects.

6. What have been the main exploitable outcomes of the project for your organisation?
(major outcome, moderate outcome, minor outcome, not applicable)

- Increased research capacity
- Improved scientific evidence base
- New method, data or technology
- New/improved product or service
- New technical process
- New organisational process
- Better access to international network/markets
- Better understanding of other European cultures/issues
- Enhanced research network to compete for future European project funding
- Other (provide details)

Please elaborate if appropriate.

7. Which of the following actions have you undertaken (or are planning) to enable exploitation of your research results? (yes, no, future action)

- Peer reviewed publication(s) aimed at communicating the results to the research community
- Specific publication(s) aimed at communicating the exploitable results to potential users beyond the research community
- Presentation of the results at conferences/events for potential users of the research results
- Presentation of the results at conferences/events for important policy stakeholders
- Participation in standardisation activities that will support the wider exploitation of the results
- Formal protection of intellectual property through patents, trademarks, etc.

8. What are the expected impacts **on your organisation from participating in the specific transnational project** (i.e. how will your organisation benefit from the exploitable outcomes)? (not applicable, high impact, moderate impact, minor impact)

- Additional research income
- Additional commercial income
- Better access to external investment
- Reduced operating costs
- Increased European/global market share
- Improved competences and skills
- Improved access to networks, consortia, etc.
- Higher profile in the European/international research community
- Improved environmental performance of your organisation
- Better evidence to make policy/strategy decisions
- Higher level of influence on third parties (e.g. policy makers, industry, NGOs)
- Increased interest in seeking research & innovation partnerships with organisations in other European countries
- Increased interest in seeking commercial partnerships with organisations in other European countries
- Increased interest in collaborating with organisations outside Europe
- Other

Please elaborate if appropriate.

9. How do you judge the level of achievement of the impacts on your organisation until now compared with your original expectations? (achieved more than expected, achieved more or less as expected, achieved less than expected, not applicable)

- The economic impacts
- The science related impacts
- The innovation related impacts
- The environmental impacts
- The policy-related impacts
- The behavioural impacts

10. To what extent would you agree with the following statements about key factors that may have affected the course of your project? (strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree)

- The administrative burden for the project reporting/management was not excessive.
- The resources available (time, money) were adequate.
- The consortium partners possessed the necessary knowledge/expertise.
- The consortium leadership and management was of high-quality and effective.
- The communication and support from the national funding agency was effective.
- There was good quality interaction with the other project partners.
- There was good quality interaction with end-users.
- Other

Please elaborate if appropriate.

11. To what extent do you anticipate any of the following impacts **beyond your organisation** (i.e. for third parties, society and/or the environment) from your exploitable outcomes? (minor impact, moderate impact, high impact, not applicable)

- The users will be able to reduce their operating costs.
- The users will be able to improve the quality of their products or service.
- Research jobs will be created.
- Non-research jobs will be created.
- There will be benefits for public health, safety and/or quality of life.
- The outputs will make a contribution to advances in complementary scientific or technology areas.
- The outputs will provide new information and/or tools for use in education.
- The users will be able to improve their environmental performance.
- The exploitable outcomes will enable better-informed public policies.
- The exploitable outcomes will support the development of new or improved regulations/standards.

Please elaborate if appropriate.

12. Finally, is there any other feedback you would like to provide about your experience of such transnational projects and their impacts?

Many thanks for your feedback.

You may be contacted again in the short term to provide additional feedback for case study purposes and/or in several years' time to assess any additional benefits that you (and/or others) may have realised from the project.

If you do not wish to be contacted again please tick this box (TICK BOX)