



Workshop on P2Ps as drivers of linking European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds and European, transnational and national Research and Innovation (R&I) Funds

20th June 2017, 10:30 – 16:00

Venue: Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU
Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels

Workshop Organizer: ERA-LEARN 2020 in cooperation with ERA-NET Smart Cities and Communities

Objectives

The workshop aims at a better understanding of the current roles and experiences of Public to Public Partnerships (P2Ps) in creating and/or exploiting synergies between European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds on the one hand, and national, transnational and European Funds for research and innovation (R&I) on the other. Particular emphasis will be given to current hindrances with a view of using the lessons learned within the context of the forthcoming programs of ESI and R&I Funds and effectively pursuing smart specialization strategies.

Target Group

The workshop will gather delegates from the European Commission, national management authorities exhibiting experiences in using ESI and R&I Funds and representatives of P2Ps (such as JPIs, article 185 initiatives and ERA-nets). A maximum number of 30 participants is envisaged.

Agenda

The workshop will start with a learning part, in which the relevance of R&I policy for the European cohesion policy and good practices on programme and project level for a better combined use of ESI and R&I Funds are presented. This will be followed by an acting part in which limitations and opportunities for a combined use of ESI and R&I Funds are discussed. The workshop will thus identify learnings allowing for a more effective creation and/or exploitation of these funding options - which will be further developed in the course of 2017 P2P conference in November 2017.

Session I: Learning Part

- 10:30 – 10:45 Welcome and Objectives
Joerg Niehoff ERA-LEARN 2020 | European Commission
Eva Buchinger ERA-LEARN 2020 | Austrian Institute of Technology
- 10:45 – 11:15 Keynote: The rationale and need for a joint use of R&I and ESI Funds
Alasdair Reid | European Future Innovation System Centre
- 11:15 – 12:40 Cases & Experiences
- Using European Structural and Investments Funds in ERA-NET Cofund project M-ERA.Net
Menotti Lucchetta (Italy, Calabria Region)
- Using ERDF and member states contributions for innovation – ELI-DC project
Bereczkei Dávid (Hungary)
- Panel Discussion: Experiences with ESI Funds and innovation*
Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, Deputy Director in the National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU (Poland)
Agni Spilioti, Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Head of Research & Innovation Policy Planning Directorate (Greece)
Tanasko Tasic, Capacity Building Officer EURAMET – EMPIR
- 12:40 – 13:00 RIS3 Implementation in different countries: stakeholders and synergies
Karel-Herman Haegeman | Joint Research Centre
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Session II: Acting Part

- 14:00 -15:30** *Group discussion*
Working group discussions along a selected number of guiding questions to analyze the current combined use of R&I and ESI Funds. Identify learnings which allow for a more effective creation and/or exploitation of these funding options which will be further developed in the course of 2017 P2P conference in November 2017.
- 15:30 – 16:00 *Summary of group discussion*
Presentations from rapporteurs
- 16:00 – 16:15 *Conclusions and Outlook*
ERA-LEARN 2020 and European Commission

Results

Learnings condensed in a working paper serving as an input for the annual P2P conference in November 2017.

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