

Supporting the preparation of future European Partnerships

Introduction to parallel sessions

Moderators

Objective:

- Horizon Europe orients R&I partnerships towards the achievement of objectives and policy impacts.
- The new approach to European Partnerships calls for different governance arrangements – both for the individual partnerships as well as among them.
- Necessary to develop governance models that will support European Partnerships in delivering on these expectations.
- As an outcome of the discussion, guidance for good governance principles for European Partnerships with Member States should be developed.

Objective:

- All future partnerships will be implemented on the basis of a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda or Roadmap, which needs to be agreed with the Commission services.
- The session aims to exchange views on existing experiences and identify key requirements and necessary means to develop SRIA.
- This should allow to create a common understanding on the strategy process necessary (based on strong stakeholder involvement, scientific evidence, policy and strategic debates, ...).

Objective:

- Joint calls for transnational R&I projects are a key element of most European Partnerships.
- Discuss and define minimum requirements from a funder's perspective.
- Understand the minimum requirements from the European Commission perspective for calls of European partnerships.
- Learn from existing approaches, identify specific challenges and explore the possibilities for commonly agreed rules and procedures.

Objective:

- In order to achieve their ambitious objectives and create higher impacts the future European Partnerships will need to develop activities that go beyond the traditional calls for proposals for R&I projects.
- It will be possible to design and implement a wide range of activities in a flexible way, which will create several new opportunities, but also challenges.
- The discussion will help all future partnerships with Member States to design an adequate portfolio of activities to achieve their objectives.

Objective:

- Discuss and further develop concepts for consortia to prepare and agree on the financial management of co-funded European Partnerships.
- Understand what are provisions from the side of the European Commission, how can consortia manage contributions from partners and the Union in a flexible manner?
- Learn from experience regarding financial management in Horizon 2020 partnerships and identify do's and don'ts for future financial management.

Objective:

- All future European Partnerships should develop synergies with relevant programmes and priorities at national level as well as at European level for maximising the impact of future partnerships at national and regional level.
- There are two important pre-conditions in order to better exploit synergies and increase overall investment on agreed priorities from different funding sources:
 - providing legal certainty and guidance on how to make this possible at operational level,
 - designing operational programmes and related priorities in a way that they anticipate linkages with future European Partnerships and are sufficiently open to contribute.
- Exchange of experiences from the current programming period to identify good practices that can be transferred to future R&I Partnerships in Horizon Europe.

Objective:

- All European Partnerships will need to establish a monitoring system that can track progress towards objectives, impacts and key performance indicators.
- In order to simplify and standardise this at the level of the individual projects funded by the partnerships, the data on proposals, selected projects, their outcomes and results will need to be integrated in the central IT tools (eGRANTS Data Warehouse, dashboard).
- It will require that all European Partnerships under Horizon Europe develop/adjust own (central) IT tools to common data standard, ensure that IT tools are fit for purpose, and run a test programme prior to the launch of the first call.
- The workshop will allow to understand the overall approach and involve users in early stages of the process.

15h00 – 16h25

- Studio 311 A: Governance of and coherence among European Partnerships
- Studio 312 B: Developing Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas
- Studio 314 C: Implementation of joint calls for transnational R&I projects
- Studio 316 D: Activities and contributions beyond joint calls

16:35 – 18:00

- Studio 311 E: Financial management of co-funded European Partnerships
- Studio 312 B: Developing Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas
- Studio 314 F: Creating synergies between different funding sources at regional, national and European level
- Studio 316 D: Activities and contributions beyond joint calls

Coffee break/ Networking