The key factors for impact in strategic research and innovation funding in a view of widening actions

International Network of the National Contact Points (NCPs)
For Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation

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Why are we here?

- Find out first impact of synergies between H2020 and other instruments
- Learn best practices
- Exchange experiences
- Discuss the future role of NCPs
Our plan for two days

**Day 1 (10:00 – 18:00):**
- Impact of startegic planning (synergies)
- Role of NCPs in the process
- Impact of Widening success stories

*Networking dinner – celebration 😊*

**Day 2 (9:00 – 12:45):**
- Maximising and assessing the impact of Widening actions
In 4 groups, throw a set, pick up 2 cubes
One picture relate to personal
The other relate to „Expectations with the workshop?”
Introduction (II)

- In groups draw your association to Impact (5 min.)
Session I: The impact of strategic research and innovation funding; lessons learnt, KPIs and first results
Impact of synergies between H2020 and ESIF, lessons learnt, best practices.

Is it possible to measure synergies?
Case studies
Lunch break
Session II:
Role of NCPs in strategic research and innovation funding; lessons learnt, KPIs and first results
Session II - goals

- Learn on provisions related to NCP job
- Re-defin the NCP job
Energizer... 1,2,3
Quiz

How much do you know on NCP job?
1. Missions, key principles and core functions of the NCP job are defined in (single choice):

a) *Recommendations* adopted by the European Parliament
b) *Minimum standards and guiding principles for setting up of NCP systems under Horizon 2020* by the European Commission
c) *Minimum standards for Member States and Associated Countries under Horizon 2020* by the European Parliament
d) *Recommendations* adopted by the European Council
2. According to the document stated in point 1 to NCPs core functions belong (multiple choice):

a) Informing, awareness raising  
b) Assisting, advising, training  
c) Signposting and cooperation  
d) Policy making
Quiz - results

3. Portfolio of instruments on which NCPs should raise awareness and provide information within the NCP’s mandate include (multiple choice):

a) Articles 185 and 187 initiatives  
b) EIT KICs  
c) Innovation activities in Horizon 2020  
d) R&D related parts in European Structural and Investments Funds  
e) COSME, Eureka, COST in the field of research and innovation
4. NCPs should establish cooperation with (multiple choice):

a) Enterprise Europe Network
b) Respective specialists supporting services within European Structural and Investments Funds (R&D related activities)
c) The network and selection of partners is solely on the side of NCPs and may differ according to the country’s specific
d) Structures and organisations supporting European RTD Programmes
5. In regard to the opportunities provided by related programmes (eg. COSME, ESIF), NCPs (multiple choice):

a) should at least be aware of
b) should be familiar with the relevant sources of advice in the country concerned (e.g., Managing Authorities)
c) should be knowledgeable about all aspects should be fully conversant with the objectives, principles and content
NCPs play/can play a meaningful role in supporting and facilitating synergies process at the regional and national level, as well as enhancing implementation of smart specialization strategies and in certain cases their reformulation. The process itself is to a significant extent related to trust between NCPs and MA’s communities as well as other relevant stakeholders creating the eco-system for synergies such as KICs, thematic platforms, etc.
Role of NCPs in the process

EC plays a significant role in delivering a **proper frame for synergies** (i.a. clarification of state aid rules, audits requirements etc.), analysing data, providing knowledge and supporting **tools** (e.g. Stairway to Excellence initiative and Smart Specialisation Platform).
Many best practices reflecting synergies between H2020 and ESIF, including those based on collaboration between NCPs and MA’s, in regions can be extracted and therefore should be further promoted to show possible solutions and motivations for all communities.
Role of NCPs in the process

The issue of synergies is to a significant extent sector specific, therefore to create a favorable environment for synergies thematic NCPs should recognize main elements of particular areas as well as build links with main stakeholders. Thematic platforms might be a space for collaboration between NCPs and other partners, exchange of know-how, experience and best practices.
Role of NCPs in the process

There is a pending need of exchange experiences between NCP networks on dealing with synergies process as well as constant capacity building in the topic.
**Group work**

In groups please analyse the following issue (30 min.)

**Re-design the role of NCPs – how and if NCPs can have an active role in strategic research and innovation funding (synergies?)**

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<td>3. What suggestions are there to improve the situation?</td>
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Group work

Presentations (5 min. per group)
Your NCP Team