

NCP_WIDE.NET and NCP_Academy Workshop

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

Date: 10-11 October 2017

Venue: Ülemiste Hotel
Lennujaama tee 2
11101 Tallinn
Estonia
<http://www.ylemistehotel.ee/en/>

Expected attendees: approx. 25, max. 35

Scope and aim of the workshop

In the context of tighter budgets and more public attention to the effectiveness of public funding and EU-funded research, there is a need to demonstrate the performance, impact and added value of EU programmes.

While the focus of evaluation under past EU Framework Programmes for research has primarily been on analysing participant characteristics, R&D inputs and EU-funded project outputs, the emphasis under Horizon 2020 is to assess its impact on Europe's scientific and technological performance and research capacity and more widely on the European economy and society.

At the same time, impact has become one of the key evaluation criteria in European research proposals and there has been a shift towards the use of indicators that aim to capture results and impacts. Researchers have difficulty in understanding the concept of 'Impact' and in explaining the potential impact of their proposals. Assessing the impact of Horizon 2020 on growth and jobs through indicators at project and programme level, including in terms of its efficiency and quality, is a challenge. Reliable indicators of results and impacts are limited, the importance of individual indicators varies by discipline and sector, and there can be a considerable time lag between inputs and outputs.

But widening projects should report achievements beyond those defined by KPIs, for example, delivering world leading results and moving towards innovation outcomes in the long term. They are expected to demonstrate their future effectiveness in delivering excellent science and in supporting innovation; they are also expected to contribute to the European 2020 goals of delivering smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The workshop has several goals. The workshop will provide an overview of first impacts on strategic research and innovation funding focusing on H2020, ERA Instruments as well as ESIF and IPA based

on case studies. In one way we will discuss the importance of impact and innovation in SEWP proposals and projects, and we will provide participants with insights into best practices to maximize the impact of widening actions. On the other hand, the workshop aims at laying the foundation for the impact assessing, to show the most common planning mistakes and give some practical tips in order to have the best possible results from a Widening project. Finally, successful widening projects will report their achievements. Moreover, the current and future role of NCPs in shaping the strategic research and innovation funding will be analyzed and shall result in a set of recommendations presented during the process of the formulating the future FP.

Target group

The workshop is targeted at NCP Coordinators and NCP's for the specific objective "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" (SEWP) and other NCP's across Horizon 2020 programme lines dealing with the challenge of closing the innovation divide or widening participation in Horizon 2020, respectively.

The invitation is targeted at SEWP NCP's and NCP coordinators through the NCP Academy.

Due to limited capacity, priority access will be granted to: 1) SEWP NCP's and NCP Coordinators, 2) other NCP's with a balanced spread across different programme parts relevant to SEWP on a first-come-first-served basis.

AGENDA

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Day 1: Tuesday, 10 October 2017	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration/ welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the training and welcome – <i>Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, Ana Hidalgo-Lopez, Kristin Kraav</i> Warm-up
10:30 – 12:00 Session I: The impact of strategic research and innovation funding; lessons learnt, KPIs and first results	
10:30 – 11:00	Impact of synergies between H2020 and ESIF, lessons learnt, best practices. Is it possible to measure synergies? - <i>Prof. Rafael Rodríguez-Clemente, IDAEA (Spanish National Research Council)</i>
11:00 – 11:15	First impacts of strategic and innovative funding, lessons and future recommendations - <i>case study Slovenia, Meta Dobnikar, Science Directorate, Ministry of Science, Education and Sport</i>
11:15 – 11:30	First impacts of strategic and innovative funding, lessons and future recommendations - <i>case study Estonia, Oskar Ostus, Head of the Department of Research Programmes, Estonian Research Council</i>
11:30 – 11:45	First impacts of strategic and innovative funding, lessons and future recommendations

	- case study Germany – Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi, Team Leader DLR
11:45 – 12:00	First impacts of strategic and innovative funding, lessons and future recommendations - case study Poland, Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, Deputy Director, NCP Poland
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:30 Session II: Role of NCPs in strategic research and innovation funding	
13:00 – 14:15	NCPs in the process of shaping strategic framework, current state of the art and recommendations for the future Interactive teamwork: <i>What could and should be a role of NCPs in shaping strategic research and innovation funding in current and future financial perspective?</i>
14:15 – 14:30	Conclusions and recommendations
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:00–18:00 Session III: The impact of Widening success stories	
<i>Moderator: Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi, German Aerospace Center (DLR) Project Management Agency</i>	
15:00-15:30	What do we mean by impact in widening actions and projects? <i>Prof. Rafael Rodríguez-Clemente, IDAEA (Spanish National Research Council)</i>
15:30-16:00	FUNGLASS project <i>Prof. Dušan Galusek, head of the Centre of excellence for ceramics, glass, and silicate materials, Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín, Slovakia</i>
16:00-16:30	FOODstars project <i>Prof. dr Olivera Đuragić, Director of the Institute Food Technology, Novi Sad</i>
16:30-17:00	SynBioTec project <i>Prof. Petri-Jaan Lahtvee, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Technology, University of Tartu. ERA Chair holder</i>
17:00-17:30	PROTEOSTASIS project <i>Prof. Rosa Barrio, CIC bioGUNE, Functional Genomics Unit. Chair of the action</i>
17:30-18:00	Q&A session
19:30	Networking Dinner

Day 2: Wednesday, 11 October 2017

09:30–12:45 Session IV: Maximizing and assessing the impact of widening actions

Moderator: Ana Hidalgo, Spanish National Research Council, NCP “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”

9:00-9:30	<p>“An innovative valorisation concept to contribute to innovation for a variety of lead-users and end-users”</p> <p><i>Prof. Margit Sutrop, Head of the Centre for Ethics, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Tartu</i></p>
9:30-10:30	<p>“Measures for maximising the impact of widening actions”</p> <p><i>Prof. Ülo Mander, Faculty of Science and Technology, Institute of Ecology and Earth Sciences, University of Tartu</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:30	<p>“Assessing scientific, political and social impact of research and widening actions. Explanation and practical cases”</p> <p><i>Prof. Marta Soler Gallart, Community of Research on Excellence for All (CREA) Director, University of Barcelona</i></p>
12:30-12:45	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, IPPT PAN, coordinator of NCP_WIDE.NET</i></p>



Logistics

Registration: Please register until 5 October 2017

Registration form:

https://www.ncpwidenet.eu/2017/07/24/ncp_wide-net-and-ncp_academy-workshop/.

Networking dinner:

Networking dinner will be held in Restaurant Pull, at 19:30 on 10 October.

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Rotermanni 2, Tallinn

Meeting point: Lobby of Ülemiste Hotel at 18:40