

EU-Level Platform on Transnational Cooperation

Thematic Network on Partnership

Structured Dialogue with European Structural and Investment Funds' Partners Group of Experts

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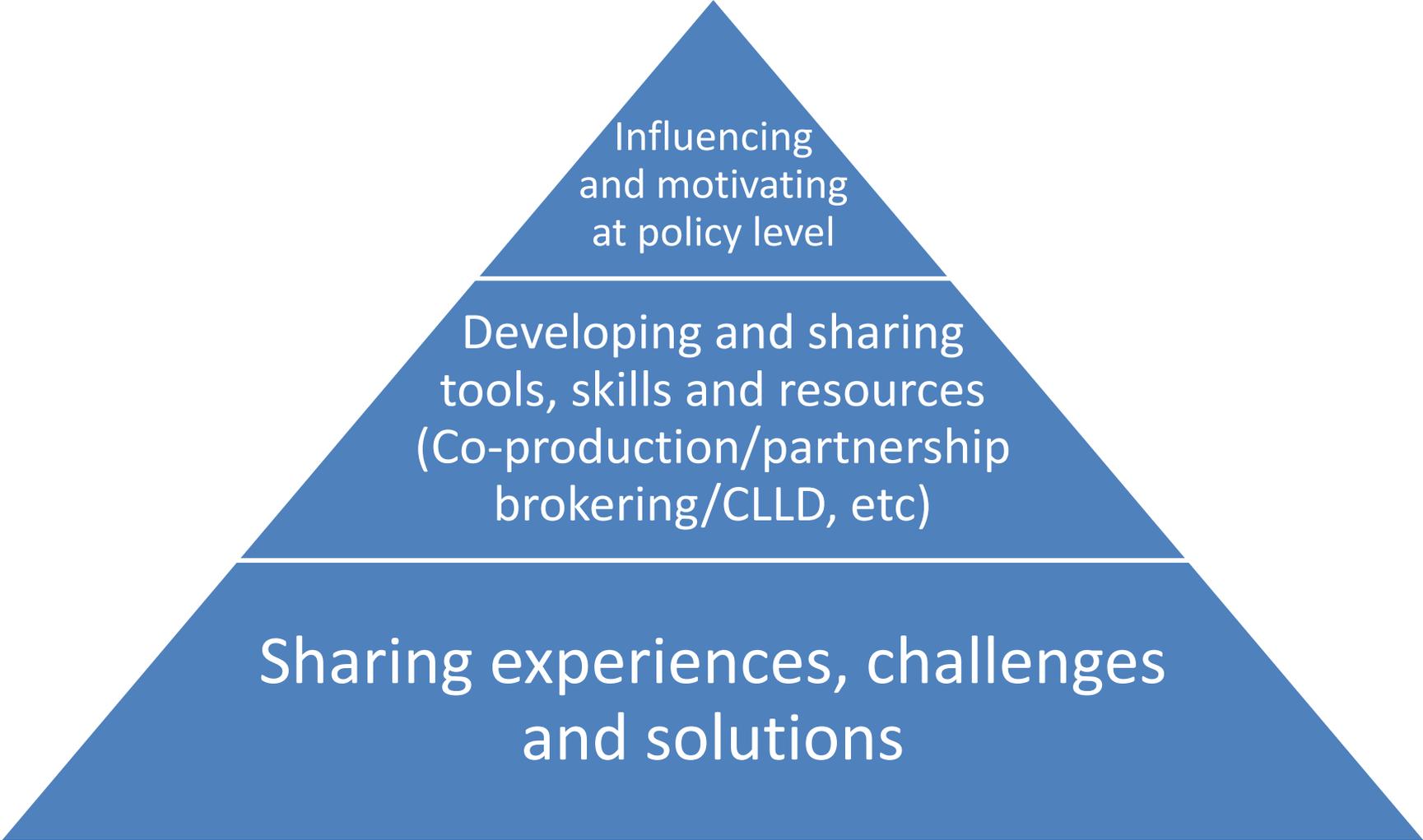
Promoted by ESF Transnational Platform & ESIF community of practice in ECCP

The goal of the network is to provide a vibrant space for learning about partnership in order to assist Managing Authorities, Intermediate Bodies and wider stakeholders in the ESF and other European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) to improve their partnership practice.

Our members

ESF MAs/IBs	NGOs	Social Partners	Other funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belgium (FI) • Croatia • Estonia • Germany • Greece • Ireland • Lithuania • Sweden <p><i>Rotating leadership system</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COFACE Families Europe • Eurochild • European Network on Independent Living (ENIL) • REVES • CENTRUM PISOP (Poland) • Network for Europe (UK) • Workers Welfare Institution (AWO) (Germany) • European Federation of Families of People with Mental Illness (EUFAMI) • Conference of Peripheral & Maritime Regions (CPMR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Europe • European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME) • European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) • SERV (Belgium/FI) • Polish Craft Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FARNET

Framework for our work

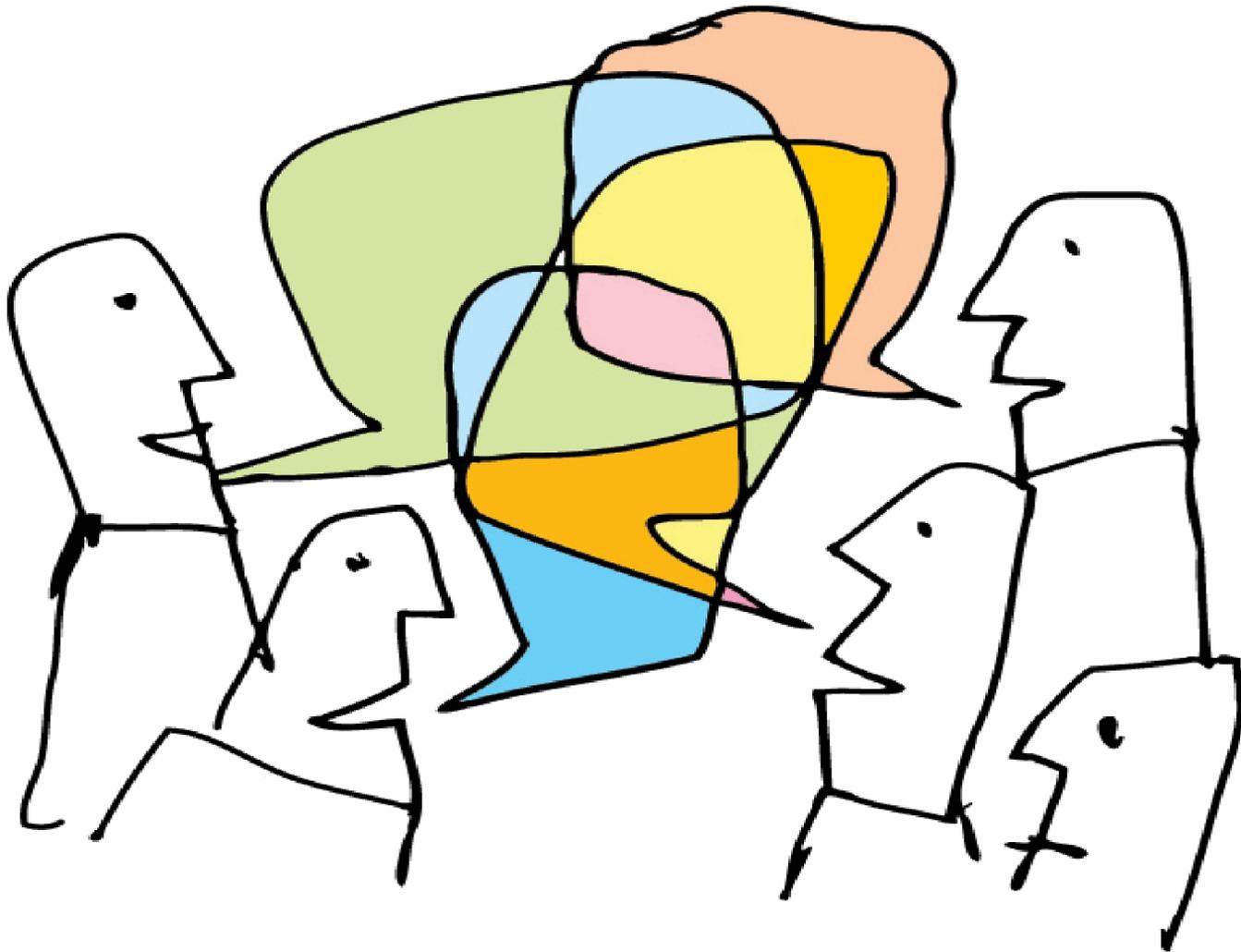


Influencing
and motivating
at policy level

Developing and sharing
tools, skills and resources
(Co-production/partnership
brokering/CLLD, etc)

Sharing experiences, challenges
and solutions

Exchange of experience and mutual learning



Key work strands and outputs

- Mapping of relevant concepts, models, challenges.
- ECCP Review.
- Cross-network activity/resources – e.g. co-production dossier.
- Database of peer-reviewed partnership practices.
- Process connections.

ECCP review rationale...

- Established by network at the Dublin meeting in late 2016 and led by IE, DE, BE, thematic expert.
- Based on a deep understanding of the essential value of the partnership principle for European solidarity, social peace & political trust.
- And, an understanding of the Partnership Principle as a key policy instrument supporting partnership at policy, programme and project level in ESIF.
- Combined with a sense among membership that the ECCP text is not well known & that the implementation stage of ESIF is less likely to highlight innovative partnership practice or policy dimensions – just when these are being realised.

Peer review - 'beyond compliance'...

- Raise awareness of the partnership principle in ESIF, as set out in ECCP – consider policy impact of partnership principle in particular.
- Support and promote approaches amongst ESIF implementing partnerships.
- Collect and make available good partnership practice(s) for widest use - challenges as well as 'what works'.
- Gather recommendations for EC on next-round ECCP.

Activity... (April to December 2017)

- Membership, other networks, stakeholder organisations, social partners – have considered the ECCP... many have provided feedback for recommendations.
- Good practices strand has led to the idea for a searchable database, now a discrete project.
- A guided discussion note for PMCs has been developed – to support their partnership practice (firstly) and to contribute recommendations to the review.

Some initial findings...

- Lack of awareness of ECCP and its principles.
- Debate about the extent to mandate implementation.
- Emphasis should be on quality of implementation of partnership principle.
- Some suggestions for changes to principles text, suggestions for guidance to 'give life' to doc.
- Need for greater efforts to promote ongoing stakeholder involvement in OPs.
- Reporting on what is being done needs to be improved.

How you can partner...

- Collectively, consider the ECCP and discuss the underpinning principles.
- Explore your own partnership practice in this light – challenges, ‘what works’, making policy impact.
- What would you like to see in / as support to the ECCP 2021-2027?
- Make your recommendations to the network **by Friday, 19th January**

The Partnership Principle – the ECCP



- **Representation** of partners
- **Transparency** of selection procedures
- Partner **involvement** in Partnership Agreement and programme cycle
- **Strengthening of institutional capacity** of relevant partners
- **Assessment** of partner roles in partnership performance and effectiveness during programming period
- **Exchange** of experience and **mutual learning** across ESIF

Thank you!

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