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## EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON PARTNERSHIP

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*review* *disseminate*

CPR Dialogue with EU-level partners, 21 June 2022

# 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary meeting of the ECOPP (26 April 2022)

## HIGH LEVEL PANEL OF EU INSTITUTIONS

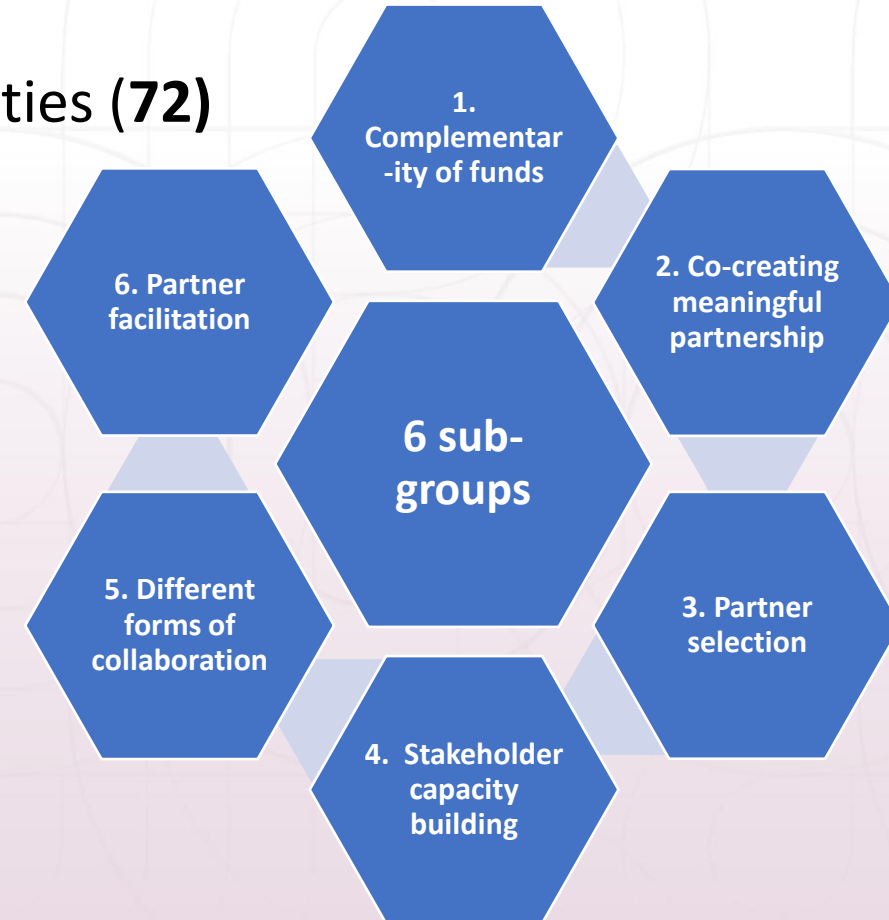


## PANEL OF 5 DGs (REGIO, EMPL, AGRI, HOME and MARE) ON PARTNERSHIP IN SHARED MANAGEMENT FUNDS



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- **158 ECoPP Members:** representatives of partners as stipulated in Art 8 of the CPR **(86)** and Managing Authorities **(72)**
- Programme authorities from almost all MS
- Stakeholders from all MS except HR, MT, LU, CY, DK, LT  
- **we will undertake additional call in 2022**
- **6 working sub-groups working between plenary sessions** (118 members participating)



# Sub-group process

- Smaller informal 'sub-theme groups' are possible.
- Self-managing - need to agree on processes for working together and member responsibilities.
- Experts support with initial facilitation, start-up and resources, and will monitor their progress.
- Must connect at regular intervals between the two ECoPP meetings in order to develop their work and prepare their presentation for the second ECoPP meeting.
- Will have a dedicated working and meeting space.

*In order to promote engagement across the network, all ECoPP members will be expected to contribute to discussions/make suggestions for the revision of the ECCEP.*

# Sub-group tasks

Gather and exchange relevant practices from different funds, Member States, regions and local areas relating to their chosen theme

Extract and explore information gathered in order to share key lessons with others

Create an output/s that draws on emerging findings and lessons to share with all ECoPP members

Present output/s at the second ECoPP meeting in a format of their choice



# First meetings of sub-groups took place last week

## Monday, June 13

- **10:00 - 12:00** Group 6: Partner facilitation

## Tuesday, June 14

- **09:00 - 11:00** Group 5: Different forms of collaboration
- **11:00 - 13:00** Group 3: Partner selection

## Wednesday, June 15

- **09:00 - 11:00** Group 4: Stakeholder capacity building
- **11:00 - 13:00** Group 2: Co-creating meaningful partnership
- **14:00 - 16:00** Group 1: Complementarity of funds

# Sub-group 1: Complementarity of funds

**Focus:** How to promote synergies in partnership approaches among different EU funds, programmes and projects, European regions and governance levels

## Guiding questions:

- What are the benefits of ensuring synergy between partnership approaches across funds?
- What is your experience of working in partnership with other funds at programme/project level (during preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation)?
- What challenges are faced at programme/project level with regard to synergies between funds? How can they be addressed?
- How can synergies between funds be improved? Which actors need to be involved to improve synergy?

# Sub-group 2: Co-creating meaningful partnership

**Focus:** How to involve relevant partners in the preparation of strategic documents such as partnership agreements and programmes through organisation of exchanges among stakeholders, consultation of documents and feedback mechanisms, etc.

## Guiding questions:

- What do we mean by co-creation?
- What are the benefits of involving relevant partners in the design of partnership strategies?
- What is your experience of involving partners in the design of key strategies (including partnership agreements, programme and project strategies)? How is/was stakeholder exchange organised/conducted? How is/was documentation made accessible? What kind of feedback mechanisms are/were used?
- What challenges are faced at programme/project level with regard to involving partners as co-designers? How can they be addressed?
- How can co-creating partnership with stakeholders be improved?



# Sub-group 3: Partner selection

**Focus:** How to ensure that selection of partners process is transparent, balanced and representative with greater diversity in partner selection and fuller consideration of the timing and 'fit' of different inputs.

## Guiding questions:

- Why is it important to ensure transparent, balanced and representative partners selection?
- Which stakeholders tend to be 'excluded' in partner selection processes and why?
- What is your experience of selecting partners? How is/was the selection process organised/conducted? What efforts are/were made to ensure greater diversity in partner selection? How are/were different inputs considered?
- What challenges are faced at programme/project level with regard to selecting partners? How can they be addressed?
- How can partner selection be improved?

# Sub-group 4: Stakeholder capacity building

**Focus:** How to build the capacity of stakeholders to actively participate in partnership programmes and projects (including support from technical assistance)

**Guiding questions:**

- What are the benefits of building stakeholder capacity for partnership programmes and projects?
- What is your experience of building the capacity of stakeholders to actively participate in programmes and projects? How is/was stakeholder capacity building organised/ conducted? What kind of support does/did it receive? Does/did it involve the use of technical assistance? If so, how?
- What challenges are faced at programme/project level with regard to the capacity building of stakeholders? How can they be addressed?
- How can stakeholder capacity building be improved?

# Sub-group 5: Different forms of collaboration

**Focus:** How other forms of collaboration, including social and civic dialogues, public-private partnerships, networks, consortia, etc. can provide further insights into improving partnership in Cohesion Policy and CPR funds.

## Guiding questions:

- What do we mean by collaboration? Does it differ from partnership? If so, how?
- Why is it useful to look at other forms of collaboration?
- What is your experience of working with other forms of collaboration (including social and civic dialogues, public-private partnerships, networks, consortia, as well as others)?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of these forms of collaboration?
- What do they share with the EU's partnership principle? And how are they different?
- What elements of these different forms of collaboration might enhance implementation of the partnership principle and the ECCP?

# Sub-group 6: Partner facilitation

**Focus:** How partners can work as facilitators to ensure better stakeholder engagement in programme and project preparation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects in line with ECCP principles

## Guiding questions:

- What do we mean by partnership facilitation? Why is it important to ensure the facilitation of stakeholder engagement in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of partnership programmes and projects?
- What is your experience of facilitating stakeholder involvement, e.g. in monitoring committees, calls for proposals, etc.?
- Who can/should assume a partnership facilitation role? What specific knowledge, skills and qualities are needed for undertaking partnership facilitation?
- What challenges are faced by partnership facilitators? How can they be addressed?
- How can partnership facilitation be improved?

*Thank you for your attention!*

