Mutual Learning Exercise on National Practices in Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

Country Visit to Ireland, 22nd-23rd March 2018

Draft Agenda

EU Representation, Europe House
12-14 Mount Street Lower, Grand Canal Dock, Dublin 2, Ireland

22nd March 2018

14:00 – 14:05 Welcome from Gonzalo León (Chair), objectives of the meeting and tour de table

14:05 – 14:10 Updates from the European Commission
  • Magda De Carli, Head of Unit B5, ‘Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation’
  • Marta Truco (Unit A4, ‘Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Programmes’)

14:10 – 15:20 Historical development of the Irish STI system: building on ERDF and strategically targeting FPs
  • Dermot Mulligan, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation, with inputs from Julie Byrne, Lucent-Bell Labs
  Discussion

15:20 – 15:45 Future-proofing Irish skills for enterprise
  • Kathleen Gavin, Head of Secretariat, National Skills Council
  Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:00 Challenge Paper on Widening Topic 3: ‘Improving Networking’
  • Claire Nauwelaers (Expert on Widening)
  Discussion

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1 This is the main venue for the MLE meeting. Please note, however, that the first discussions on Friday, 23rd March, will take place in Trinity College, Dublin
17.00 – 17.20 A strategic approach to ERA-Nets, infrastructures and other large-scale initiatives
• Imelda Lambkin, Horizon 2020 Director, Enterprise Ireland

Discussion

17:20 – 17:40 Integrating Danube Region countries into the ERA using different EU programmes and tools
• Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Austria

Discussion

17:40 – 18:00 National Positioning in European Public Private Partnerships: Spain in cPPPs and JTIs
• Guillermo Álvarez, Head of Department of Societal Challenges, CDTI

Discussion

18:00 – 20:00 Dialogue and accompanying reception and networking opportunity hosted by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation

Joined-up thinking and joined-up doing: the Irish experience
• Dr Jim Ryan, Dr Martin Lyes, Dermot O’Doherty, Feargal O’Morain and Mattie McCabe, ex-Ministry, Enterprise Ireland and Forfás officials

20:00 Life on the Liffey
• An opportunity to explore the restaurants and nightlife of Dublin

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Site visit to Trinity College, Dublin

09:00 – 10:00 Science Foundation Ireland – ERDF funded (industry-oriented) research centres
• AMBER (http://ambercentre.ie/)
• CONNECT (https://connectcentre.ie/)
• ADAPT (https://www.adaptcentre.ie/)
• Professor Linda Doyle, VP for Research, Trinity College Dublin and former Director, CONNNECT

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00 Public-Public and Public-Private Partnerships and Synergies
SMART Docklands (http://smartdocklands.ie/) – an initiative in collaboration with CONNECT and primed by URBACT from DG Regio (http://urbact.eu/)
• Jamie Cudden, Dublin City Council

Discussion

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee
11:20 – 11:50  Return to EU Representation, Europe House

11:50 – 12:15  Vanguard and S3P networks: moving from interaction and road-mapping to the funding of joint projects and the role of FP
- Tina Usaj, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia
Discussion

12:15 – 12:40  Turkish Involvement in Joint Undertakings
- Cagri Yildirim, TÜBİTAK, Turkey
Discussion

12:40 – 13:05  Irish Participation in the AgriChem Whey Joint Undertaking
- Speaker tbc, Enterprise Ireland, Ireland
Discussion

- Katrin Kello, Estonian Research Council, Estonia
Discussion

13:30 – 14:45  Buffet Lunch

14:45 – 15:30  Review of MLE Progress to date
Structure of the final report, knowledge gaps, emerging messages, recommendations and dissemination strategies
- Ken Guy, Rapporteur
Discussion

15:30 – 15:55  Preparation of next meeting in Belgium: scope and contributions from MS
- Gonzalo Leôn, Chair MLE
Discussion

15:55 – 16:00  AOB and closure of the workshop
- Gonzalo Leôn, Chair MLE