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

Country Visit to Croatia, 6th-7th February 2018

Final Agenda

Ministry of Science and Education
Donje Svetice 38, 4th Floor, Zagreb, Croatia

6th February 2018: Widening Participation

09:30 – 09:35 Welcome from Gonzalo León (Chair) and tour de table

09:35 – 09:55 Welcome from Croatia and an overview of the relevance and importance of the MLE in a Croatian context

• Tome Antičić PhD (State Secretary for Research)

09:55 – 10:00 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’)

10:00 – 10:15 Challenge Paper on Widening Topic 1

Attracting Qualified R&D Staff in the Public and Private Sectors

• Claire Nauwelaers, Expert on Widening

10:15 – 11:15 Tour de table based on reactions to the Challenge Paper and the issues and challenges discussed within it

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 12:30 Lessons from the experiences of the host country on Widening Topic 1

• Programmes supported by the Unity through Knowledge Fund: Alessia Pozzi, UKF Programme Manager
• The NEWFELPRO Reintegration Scheme: Zorana Barišić, NEWFELPRO project manager

12:30 – 13.30 Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Lessons from other national experiences on Widening Topic 1
  • **Poland**: Agata Janaszczyk, MNISW
  • **Turkey**: Cagri Yildirim, Tubitak

15:00 – 15:15 Summary and main messages on Widening Topic 1
  • Claire Nauwelaers, Expert on Widening

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:00 Challenge Paper on Synergies Topic 7: ‘Synergies at an Operational Level between National MA and FP authorities’
  • Lena Tsipouri (Expert on Synergies)

16:00 – 17:00 *Tour de table* based on reactions to the Challenge Paper and the issues and challenges discussed within it

19:00 Joint MLE dinner
  • Restaurant Sofra, Green Gold Centar, Radnička cesta 50,

**7th February 2018: Strengthening Synergies**

09:00 – 09:45 Lessons from the experiences of the host country on Synergies Topic 7

Lessons from different perspectives
  • **Ministry level**: Ana Varjačić, Sector for International Cooperation, EU programmes and projects, Ministry of Science and Education
  • **Intermediary level**: Hrvoje Bakić, Sector for Support System and EU Programmes, Ministry of Science and Education

09:45 – 11:15 Lessons from other national experiences on Synergies Topic 7
  • **Poland**: Agata Janaszczyk, MNISW
  • **Slovenia**: Urban Krajač, Directorate for Science, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
  • **Latvia**: Jānis Ancāns, Science, Research and Innovation Policy Support Department, State Education Development Agency

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee

11:45 – 12:00 Summary and main messages on Synergies, Topic 7
  • Lena Tsipouri, Expert on Synergies

12:00 – 12:30 Preparation of next meeting in Ireland: scope and contributions from MS
  • Gonzalo León, Chair MLE and Helena Acheson, MLE Expert

12:30 – 12:45 Reflections and outstanding issues
  • Ken Guy, Rapporteur

12:45 – 13:00 AOB and closure of the workshop
  • Gonzalo León, Chair MLE

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch