



# **Mutual Learning Exercise Widening participation and strengthening synergies**

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## MLE Widening participation and strengthening synergies

### Coordination of efforts at the national level

- ❑ **Group for Effective Use of EU Resources-** in the framework of the preparation and implementation of the Responsible Development Strategy
- ❑ **Simplification Forum**
- ❑ **EFSI and Horizontal Programmes Coordination Committee**



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### Outcomes Seal of Excellence Pilot Phase I

- Implemented by the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development
- In the framework of InnoLab project
- Flat rate
- 20 out of 38 companies awarded SoE applied, 18 received a grant
- Lack of rules concerning projects finance on the basis of a flat rate
- Introduction of flexible rules for applicants



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### Outcomes Seal of Excellence Pilot Phase II

- Implemented by the National Centre for Research and Development
- In the framework of OP Smart Growth, Fast Track
- Flat rate
- 6 out of 38 companies awarded SoE applied, 4 received a grant
- Project proposal undergoes a full evaluation, new proposals are being prepared
- Lack of rules concerning projects finance on the basis of a flat rate
- In the coming calls- increase of the flat rate, introduction of pre-commercial costs and evaluation panel



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### International Research Agendas Plus (IRAP)

- Implemented by the Foundation for Polish Science
- Dedicated to beneficiaries of Teaming Phase I projects
- Teaming projects are eligible under IRA and IRAP and receive either a grant or a guarantee
- Project proposals must indicate future project coordinator and manager of the new research centre
- Barriers in view of ESIF rules: limited expenditure for infrastructures possible, no financing of salaries of international partners
- Other barriers: complicated 3-stage procedure, difficult to find the Chairman of the Scientific Committee from abroad



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### Bonus on the Horizon

- ❑ **Implemented by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education**
- ❑ **Supplement to salaries for H2020 and Euratom projects (Teaming projects are excluded) regardless of the phase of project implementation**
- ❑ **Levels of financing:**
  - ❑ **20% if grant awarded to PL beneficiary up to 1M EUR**
  - ❑ **25% if grant higher than 1M EUR**
  - ❑ **Additional 10% in case of project coordination**



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### Grants for grants

- Implemented by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Support to PL coordinators in EU R&I projects
- Cost refund for the preparation of project proposals
- Excluded: VAT and indirect costs
- 2-stage application: 18 months before the submission of project proposal and up to 60 days after publication of results



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### Outcomes Regional Operational Programme for Mazowieckie Voivodeship

- Priority Axis I- Use of R&D in the economy**
- Investment Priority 1b- Increased R&I activity of companies**
- Projects with SoE certificate can be financed, simplified procedure can be used in case of those projects**
- Support can be given to R&I projects being a continuation of H2020 projects**





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### Outcomes Regional Operational Programme for Mazowieckie Voivodeship

- Priority Axis III- Development of innovative potential and entrepreneurship**
- Investment Priority:**
  - 3b- Preparation and implementation of new business models for SMEs, especially in view of internationalization
  - 3c- Increased use of innovation in SMEs
- Support to SMEs identified and selected within H2020**
- Financing of projects awarded SoE**
- Eligible projects should implement research results and be a continuation of H2020 projects**



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### Challenges

- Implementation of financing for MSCA, ERC, Teaming and ERA Chairs with SoE**
- Erradication of barriers like:**
  - state aid rules,
  - lack of regulations for flat rate payments (in view of audits),
  - adaptation of procedures on the national level,
  - acceptance of the EC evaluation, etc.
- Alignment of national and EU thematic priorities**



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