



**Mutual Learning Exercise on  
National Practices in Widening Participation and Strengthening Synergies**

**under the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility**

**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
Country Visit to Spain**

**Draft Agenda**

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> January 2017,  
CDTI Board Room  
Cid 10 (6<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Madrid

**1<sup>st</sup> day 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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| <b>14:00 – 14:10</b> | <b>Welcome from the Chair and <i>tour de table</i></b>  |
| <b>14:10 – 14:20</b> | <b>Welcome from our Spanish Hosts and an Overview of the Relevance and Importance of the MLE in a Spanish Context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High-level representative of the Spanish authorities</li></ul>  |
| <b>14:20 – 14:30</b> | <b>Updates from the EC on the MLE Exercise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Magda De Carli (Head of Unit B5, ‘Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation’)</li><li>• Marta Truco (Unit A4, ‘Analysis and Monitoring of National Research Programmes’)</li></ul> |
| <b>14:30 – 14:40</b> | <b>Outcomes of the Kick-off Meeting</b> <p>Meeting highlights and revised ‘Modus Operandi’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ken Guy (Rapporteur)</li></ul>   |
| <b>14:40 - 15:40</b> | <b>Presentation of the Challenge Paper on Widening (Topic 4) ‘Support Skills Development, Information, Communication and Training’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claire Nauwelaers, Expert on Widening</li></ul> <p><b>Open discussion</b></p>                    |
| <b>15:40 – 16:00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |

- 16:00 – 16:30**                    **Experiences of the Host Country concerning Topic 4**
- **EUROINGENIO Programme (Spain)**
    - The view from the Administration:  
Javier García Serrano (CDTI, Spanish representative in MLE) – tbc
    - The view from participants:  
Javier López (UPM, Director OPE) – tbc
- Open discussion**
- 16:30 – 18:30**                    **Experiences of Other Member States concerning Topic 4**
- This session will be based on good practices presented by MS
- 2-3 short presentations from MS representatives, plus one on Ireland by Helena Acheson
- Open discussion**
- 20:30**                                **Joint MLE dinner**  
Restaurant (tbd)

## **2<sup>nd</sup> day 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

- 09:30- 10:00**                    **Summary and Main Messages concerning Topic 4**
- Ken Guy (Rapporteur)
- Open discussion**
- 10:00 - 11:00**                    **Presentation of the Challenge Paper on Synergies (Topic 5)**  
**‘How to Enable an Effective and Structured Dialogue between National MA and FP authorities’**
- Lena Tsipouri, Expert on Synergies
- Open discussion**
- 11.00 – 11:30**                    **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 12:30**                    **Experiences of the Host Country concerning Topic 5**
- **Stairway to Excellence**
    - Fernando Mérida (JRC-Seville) – tbc
  - **Synergies in the Basque Country (Pilot Plants for Innovation)**
    - Cristina Oyón (SPRI) – tbc
- Open Discussion**

- 12:30 – 13:30**                    **Experiences of Other Member States concerning Topic 5 (I)**
- This session will be based on good practices presented by MS
- 1-2 short presentations from MS representatives
- Open Discussion**
- 13.30 – 14.30**                    **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 15:30**                    **Experiences of Other Member States concerning Topic 5 (II)**
- This session will be based on good practices presented by MS
- 1-2 short presentations from MS representatives, plus one on Ireland by Helena Acheson
- 15.30 – 15:50**                    **Coffee break**
- 15:50 – 16:10**                    **Summary of Meeting Results and Cross-cutting Issues**
- Ken Guy (Rapporteur)
- 16:10-16:40**                    **Preparation of Next Meeting**
- This session will discuss the scope of the next meeting and invite MS representatives to suggest issues and offer contributions
- Gonzalo León (Chair)
  - Marta Truco, Unit A4 ‘Analysis and monitoring of national research programmes’
- 16:40-17:00**                    **AOB and Closure of the Workshop**
- Gonzalo León (Chair)