



**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 Krajcar, 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**