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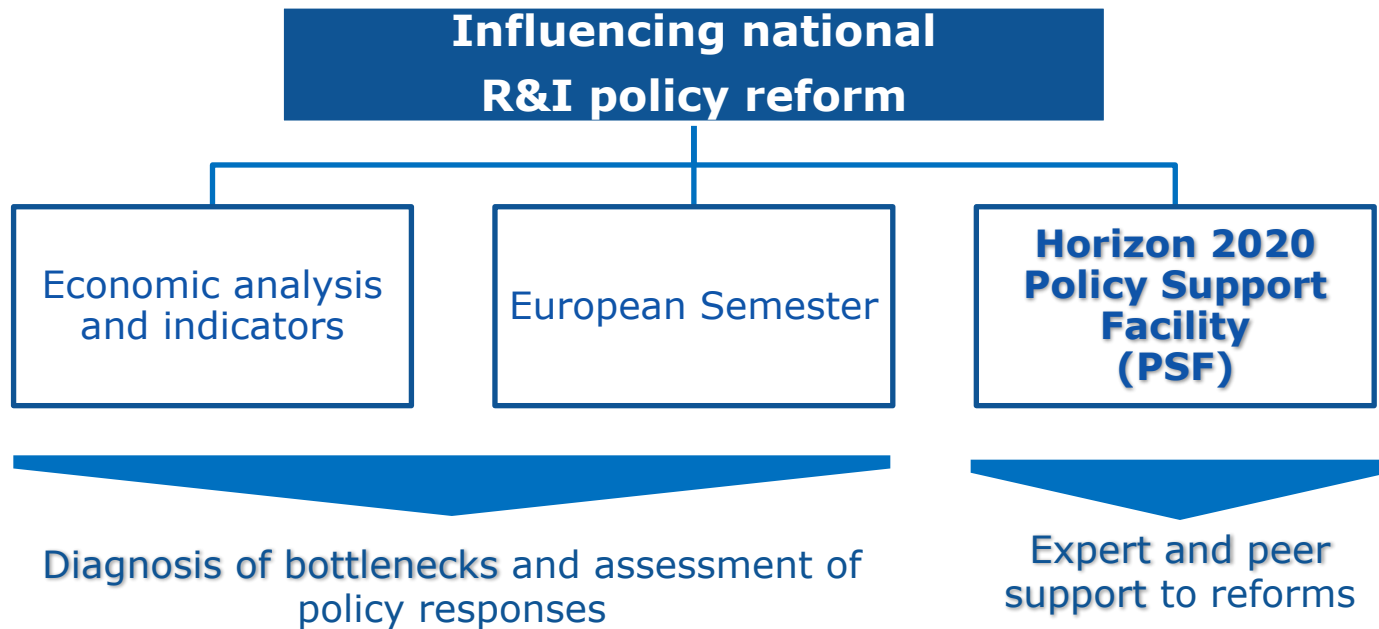
Specific support to Georgia

Kick-off meeting

DG Research & Innovation
European Commission

5 October 2017

Better R&I policies need better evidence



Horizon 2020 PSF services

Peer Reviews of
National R&I Systems

Specific Support to
Countries

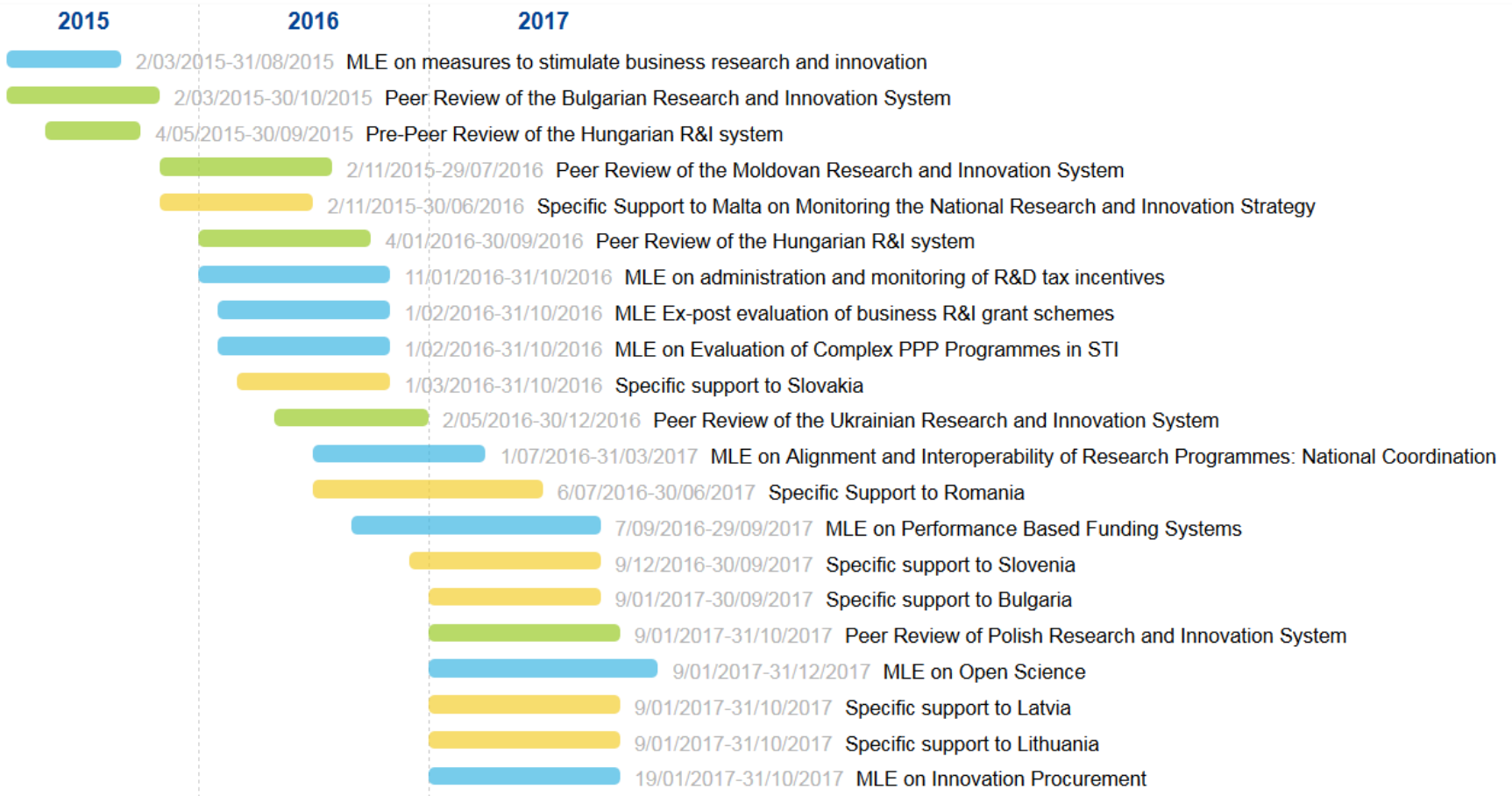
Mutual Learning
Exercises

PSF Knowledge Center

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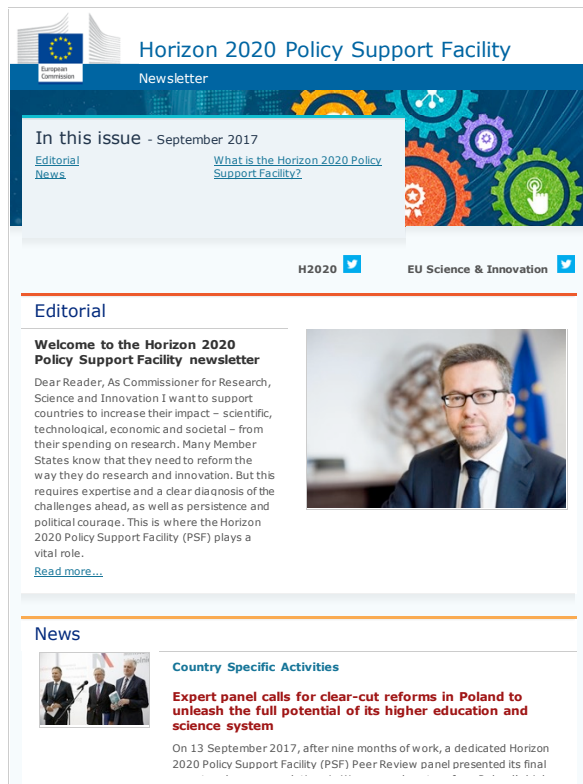


PSF activities



Communication of H2020 PSF activities



- Monthly H2020 PSF Newsletter



Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility
Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility newsletter

Dear Reader, As Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation I want to support countries to increase their impact – scientific, technological, economic and societal – from their spending on research. Many Member States know that they need to reform the way they do research and innovation. But this requires expertise and a clear diagnosis of the challenges ahead, as well as persistence and political courage. This is where the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility (PSF) plays a vital role.

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Country Specific Activities

Expert panel calls for clear-cut reforms in Poland to unleash the full potential of its higher education and science system

On 13 September 2017, after nine months of work, a dedicated Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility (PSF) Peer Review panel presented its final

- Fact Sheets of PSF activities



MAY 2017 - MAY 2018
HORIZON 2020 POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY
EVALUATION OF BUSINESS R&D GRANT SCHEMES
MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Austria	Belgium
Croatia	France
Germany	Lithuania
Norway	Slovenia
Spain	Sweden
Turkey	UK

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R&D Grant Schemes

OBJECTIVES

The aim is to improve the exchange of information, mutual learning and the identification of good practice among the participating countries in order to put in place better systems for the ex-post evaluation of business R&D grant schemes.

SCOPE

Many countries use R&D grants to stimulate investments into research and innovation (R&I) by private companies, but assessing their effects – whether quantitatively or qualitatively – remains a challenge. Based on the results of the previous Mutual Learning Exercise on this subject, three areas have been identified for further discussions:

- The potential of big data – such as data linking and new sources of data
- Assessing the effect of funding on the behaviour of companies
- Combining qualitative and quantitative evaluation approaches

SCHEDULE

- June 2017 Kick-off meeting in Brussels
- August 2017 1st country visit to Oslo, Norway
Big data, data linking, new data sources and new analytical methods
- November 2017 2nd country visit to Stockholm, Sweden
Capturing behavioural change towards a better understanding of innovation journeys
- January 2018 3rd country visit to London, United Kingdom
Emerging mixed methods for evaluation
- March 2018 Final working meeting in Brussels
- May 2018 Final workshop

Research and Innovation

- ... And others:
- Summary articles of concluded activities
- PSF Brochure (soon)
- PSF Video (soon)
- Translation of Executive Summaries



PSF Georgia: Context and focus areas

2015: "Policy Mix **Peer Review** of the Georgian STI system"

2016: **Letter of Aleksandre Jejelava**, Minister of Education and Science of Georgia, requesting PSF support to the implementation of key PMPR recommendations

2017-2018: PSF advice and concrete recommendations on **3 focus areas**:

- 1) *Support in identification of promising research fields***
- 2) *Measures for narrowing the gap between research and industry/business***
- 3) *Proposal for the performance-based funding of research entities***



PSF Panel

Peter Honeth: Chair, Former State Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden; member of JRC Board of Governors (Sweden).

Krzysztof Gulda: Advisor to the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Science Policy Committee), Former Vice-chair of the European Research Area and Innovation Committee (ERAC). (Poland).

Michael Schlicht: former senior advisor on national and international Science Policies and Transformation of higher education systems (Germany).

Manfred Spiesberger: rapporteur, Senior researcher at Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) in Austria, political scientist specialized in R&D and innovation policies in Eastern Europe, (Austria)

Maria Nedeva: Professor of Science and Innovation Dynamics and Policy at the Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS), the University of Manchester (UK).

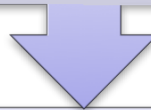
Anna Kaderabkova: executive and research director of Centre for Innovation Studies at University of Economics and Management, Prague (Czech Republic).

Methodology

DESIGN and PREPARATION

Commitment, Design and Scope of the process, Timing, Selection of experts

Collection of background data and reports
Engagement of all relevant stakeholders



In-depth ANALYSIS and REVIEW sessions

Background analysis
'Self-assessment by host country

First country visit – week of 4-8 Dec
Second country visit – week of 5-9 Feb



REPORTING

Discussion of draft report with national authorities of the host country

Final report and recommendations
Presentation to all relevant stakeholders

Outcome

Report

- Structure aligned to focus areas
- Policy messages
 - Focused
 - Well-justified
 - Political/policy relevant
- Evidence-base limited set of recommendations
- Good practice examples
- Balance between documentation and interviews
- Neutral language

"Feedback mission" with public event and diffusion of results

Follow-up...



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