

Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility Specific Support to Montenegro

Kick off meeting

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Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility

- Launched in 2015
- With the objective to help MS/AC "to improve the design, implementation and evaluation of R&I policies"
- Through mobilising high-level expertise and supporting evidence-based policy-making



PSF Services





6 Peer Reviews of National R&I Systems

9 Specific Support to Countries







11 Mutual Learning Exercises



PSF Knowledge Center









PSF Specific Support to countries

Aims at providing a set of *concrete* recommendations on how to tackle a specific R&I policy challenge and how to implement the accompanying reforms

Finalised:

Malta on designing a monitoring system for the national R&I strategy Slovakia & Romania on framework conditions for start-ups

Lithuania on public-private cooperation and attracting R&I investments **Latvia** on the reform of the national public funding system and its governance

Bulgaria on performance-based funding

Georgia on prioritisation, selectivity of Funding and science-business Links

On-going:

Tunisia on the promotion of private R&D and on the research priorities **Montenegro** on support to start-up ecosystem

To be launched:

Cyprus on public-private cooperation





Key success factors

- High-level country commitment and full engagement of national administration
- Optimal timing in policy cycle
- High-quality experts, with willingness/openess to understand country's specificities ("from analysis towards understanding")
- Start from a clear understanding of country's needs
- Early mobilisation and involvement of stakeholders in the country
- Tailor-made, targeted recommendations





A Team Work

Montenegrin authorities

Ministry of Science: Branka Zizic, Sasa Ivanovic

Ministry of Economy: Ljiljana

Belada

PSF panel of independent experts

Chair: Daria Tataj

Rapporteur: Totti Könnöla

Experts: Domen Bolle, Jean-Michel Dalle

European Commission

RTD A4: Diana Ivanova-Van Beers (until July), Eugenija Puciute (from July)

RTD C1: Berhard Fabianek

PSF Contractor

Project Management

Asel Doranova

Senior experts

Analytical support: Maja Bucar

Quality review: Jari Romanainen





Methodology

Phase 1: **DESIGN and PREPARATION**

Selection of experts

Collection of background data and reports

Roadmap

Engagement of all relevant stakeholders

Phase 2: ANALYSING and UNDERSTANDING

Background analysis: Background Report; Documents provided by the country authorities First country visit: assessment -> draft recos Second country visit: feedback

Phase 3: **REPORTING**

Discussion of draft Specific Support report with national authorities of the host country

Final report with recommendations

Dissemination event: presentation to all relevant stakeholders





Final Report

- Executive summary with key overarching policy messages
- Structure aligned to focus areas
- Evidence-base limited set of operational recommendations
- Rationale for the recommendations should be made explicit, in a very clear manner: logical flow from the diagnosis
- Case studies/ country boxes (good practice examples)
- More detailed guidance in annexes



Three focus areas

Legislative changes which need to be made in order to create a startup friendly environment

Proposal of organisational model for a functional startup ecosystem

Proposal for funding scheme(s) for startups and other actors of the startup ecosystem





Thank you

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