



Scoping Paper | Framework conditions

The MLE has been initially structured around three topics of which the topic 3 addresses how framework conditions for R&I international cooperation are catered for within strategies for R&I international cooperation. The MLE has been set to provide evidence of experience on catering for framework conditions in national strategies for R&I cooperation (such as reciprocity, intellectual property rights, openness of national research programmes to entities from other countries, open science, ethics, etc.).

In general, addressing framework conditions relates to the designing STI agreements. Not only on the removal of possible international R&I cooperation barriers but also on how the European added value (EAV) is defined within highly competitive domains and with regard to possible dual-use.

MS feedback pinpointed the following interests with respect to framework conditions:

1. With regard to country characteristics and preconditions/rationales
 - the EU/participant rationale behind selecting certain countries or not.
 - ethics,
 - gender (note the SFIC and the GRI-group supposed to cover - SE)
 - dual use,
 - IPR,
 - open access, ...
2. With regard to operative processes
 - proposal evaluation (local context, ...).
3. With regard to strategic alignment
 - framework conditions for international cooperation at national level related to the support offered by H2020 through ERA-NETs
 - priorities for improving the framework conditions for international cooperation both in the national frameworks but also in the European framework

Possibly worth the discussion, too:

- mobility (visa requirements and institutional constrains, etc.).
- funding rules, openness, reciprocity; relating to constrains in designing STI agreements