



Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility Specific Support to Latvia

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

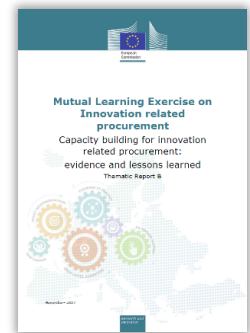
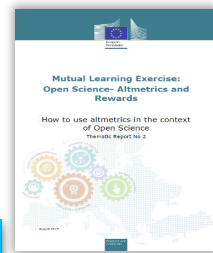
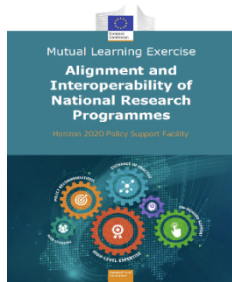
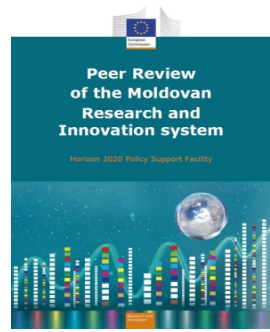
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PSF Specific Support to countries

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

Key success factors

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

A Team Work

Latvia authorities

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| Mr Dmitrijs Stepanovs | Acting Director, Dept. of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia |
| Mr Jānis Paiders | Head of RIS3 Analysis Unit, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia |
| Mr Kaspars Karolis | Senior Expert on International initiatives, Ministry of Education and Science of Latvia |
| Mrs Lauma Sīka | Counsellor and Attaché for Research and Space, Permanent Representation of Latvia to the EU |

PSF Expert Panel and Support Team

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| Mariam Camarero | Chair |
| Zsuzsa Javorka | Rapporteur |
| Anne-Mari Järvelin | Expert |
| Žilvinas Martinaitis | Expert |
| Anete Vingre | Local expert |
| Erik Arnold | Quality reviewer |
| Eugenija Pučiūtė | EC Co-ordinator Officer |
| Karina Firkavičiūtė | EC Co-ordinator Officer |
| Asel Doranova | Project Manager, Technopolis |

Methodology

Phase 1: **DESIGN** and **PREPARATION**

Selection of experts

Roadmap

Collection of background data and reports

Engagement of all relevant stakeholders



Phase 2: **ANALYSING** and **UNDERSTANDING**

Background analysis: Background Report;

First country visit: assessment -> draft recos

Documents provided by the country
authorities

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



Focus areas

1. Policies for attracting and retaining talents in scientific and technological careers in Latvia and developing their skills and productivity:

- raise the attractiveness of scientific and technological (S&T) careers
- attract young talents in doctoral studies
- attract internationally mobile talents
- improve researchers ' careers' structure and working conditions
- promote international mobility and limit brain drain

2. Policies for developing the employment of S&T human resources in the Latvian business sector

- creation of a pool of S&T human resources equipped with the adequate skills
- development of economic competences and managerial and entrepreneurial skills of the S&T human resources
- set-up of measures fostering science-business linkages through HR mobility
- measures to raise long-term employment

Timeline – key milestones

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| <i>Kickoff meeting</i> | <i>14 June</i> | <i>(w0)</i> |
| <i>Background report-final</i> | <i>30 June</i> | <i>(w2)</i> |
| <i>1st country visit (3d)</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w4)</i> |
| <i>1st draft report</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w9)</i> |
| <i>PSF panel meeting BXL</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w10)</i> |
| <i>2nd country visit (3d)</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w14)</i> |
| <i>Prefinal report consultation</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w20)</i> |
| <i>Final report</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w25)</i> |
| <i>Dissemination event</i> | <i>tbd</i> | <i>(w27)</i> |



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