Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility (PSF)

Follow-up of the

MLE on Alignment and Interoperability of National Research Programmes

Launched in July 2016 under the H2020 PSF, the Mutual Learning Exercise (MLE) brought together representatives from 11 EU MS/AC (Austria, Denmark, Estonia, France, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey and Germany) to discuss ways to foster better alignment and interoperability of national research programmes. The MLE focussed on those aspects related to national preconditions for better participation in the joint programming process (JPP).

The MLE concluded in the second half of 2017 with the publication of its [Final Report](). Throughout the course of the MLE, good practices were identified and transferable lessons proposed. Participating countries to the MLE also reflected on concrete follow-up activities to be implemented in their own countries to improve their alignment with the Joint Programming Initiatives. To take stock on the progress achieved and test the feasibility of some of the proposed actions, it was agreed that a follow-up meeting would be organised after one year:

"We should have a reunion in 12 months after the end for an update on progress. It is too easy to lose momentum"

On 6 March 2018, GPC agreed that the MLE follow-up will take place at the next GPC meeting on 5 June 2018. In preparation of this meeting, all delegations **are kindly asked to complete the attached short survey (section 1 to be completed by the GPC delegations who did not participate in the MLE, section 2 to be completed by the participants)**.

Please **send your replies no later than xx April 2018** to EC services: Marta Truco Calbet (DG RTD-A4, [marta.truco-calbet@ec.europa.eu]()) and Alexander Grablowitz (DG RTD-B2, [alexander.grablowitz@ec.europa.eu]()), as well as the GPC Chair Leonidas Antoniou (lanto@research.org.cy)

SURVEY:

a) Since the publication of the Final Report in July 2017, have you used the results from the MLE to analyse/assess/further develop your national policy on (trans-) national research programmes?

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ I don't know

Please specify if you have used the self-assessment framework developed for the MLE[1].

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ I don't know

If yes, please describe briefly how and whether you think that it was helpful:

b) Did your country launch any concrete activities over the last 12 months inspired by the results of the MLE?

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ I don't know

If yes, please describe briefly:

c) Are you planning to use the MLE results in the near future, e.g. in the context of up-dating your national ERA action plan?

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☐ I don't know

If yes, please describe briefly:

a) Please briefly summarize the main activities or policy initiatives that were undertaken as a follow-up of the MLE.

b) Which of the foreseen actions in the Final Report specific to your country could not be implemented?

If so, please explain why. Have alternative solutions been put in place?

c) How would you assess the follow-up activities:

☐ Better than expected   ☐ Less than expected   ☐ As expected

d) Are you planning to use the MLE results in the near future, e.g. in the context of up-dating your national ERA action plan?

☐Yes   ☐ No   ☐ I don't know

e) Do you believe a further follow-up under the H2020 Policy Support Facility is desirable?

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[1] Final Report MLE Alignment and Interoperability of National Research Programmes, Annex I

If yes, please describe briefly: