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EVALUATION OF BUSINESS R&D GRANT SCHEMES

MUTUAL LEARNING EXERCISE



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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&I 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

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