



SYNERGIES BETWEEN ESI FUNDS AND HORIZON 2020 UNDERSTANDING HOW THE SYNERGIES WORK IN PRACTICE

Date: 11-12th October 2016, 1,5 days

Places:

11 October 9:15-17:30, CSIC (Spanish National Research Council) Brussels Office; Rue du Trone 62; 7th floor

12 October 9:00-10:30, CZELO: Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation Rue du Trone 98; 6th floor

Expected attendants: 50

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RATIONALE

“In order to optimise the added value from investments funded wholly or in part through the budget of the Union in the field of research and innovation, synergies should be sought in particular between the operation of ESIF and H2020, as set up in Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, whilst respecting their distinct objectives.”

Source: Common Provisions Regulation (CPR), 17 December 2013

Synergies are targeted to maximise the impact of public policies and support in bridging regions, sectors and value chain stakeholders towards new business, competitiveness, new and better jobs and benefits for our society and environment.

In the process of developing synergies, three levels of action have to be considered in a combined way: strategic, programming and project. The strategic and programming levels are of crucial importance to secure continuity in policy, a long-term vision and effective implementation of the strategy. In developing synergies, the stimulation of strategic cooperation between public authorities responsible for the design of programmes is indispensable as is coordinated investment in research and innovation in the identified priority fields supporting competitiveness and growth.

But, how to carry it out?; in order to fully exploit the opportunities for synergies, it is essential that the research and innovation strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3) are elaborated by national and/or regional managing authorities for Cohesion Policy, in close collaboration with the authorities and bodies responsible for research and innovation most directly concerned by Horizon 2020, as well as universities, higher education institutions, local industry, research and technology centres, development and innovation agencies, social partners, etc. These strategies should consider both upstream and downstream actions to and from Horizon 2020 as key actions for the Cohesion Policy funding.



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Additionally, Horizon 2020 pays special attention to closing the research and innovation divide in Europe, so in implementing H2020 measures with particular Cohesion Policy synergy potentials, e.g. ERA chairs, regional partner facilities of ESFRI, labels of excellence, and the SME instrument, the managing authorities must consider the various opportunities in their respective OPs

At national level structures should be set up to facilitate the strategic identification of priorities for the different instruments and to seek to avoid duplication of effort and identify areas where additional financial support is needed.

Communication between Horizon 2020 National Contact Points and ministries involved in its governance and Cohesion Policy managing authorities in each country should also be strengthened regarding Horizon 2020 project participants in a region and potential links of the projects to RIS3 fields.

Concerning the project level, when combining funding from Horizon 2020 and ESIF for synergetic actions, the legal frameworks and the specific rules for the management, project selection and implementation of the respective programmes still apply.

This workshop intends to be a highly practical workshop, and it is aimed at providing examples in which EF/ESIF and FP7/H2020 funds have been combined in order to amplify the R&I investments and their impact, as well as analyzing key success factors and barriers on building synergies.

AGENDA

Tuesday 11th October	
Venue: CSIC Brussels Office; Rue du Trone, 62	
9:15-9:30	Registration
9:30-11:30 Session I: Success factors on building synergies between ESIF and H2020	



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<i>Moderator: Ana Hidalgo, CSIC, Spanish NCP for “ Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”</i>	
9:30-9:45	Synergies between H2020 and ESIF – first findings and best practices; Magda de Carli, DG RTD
9:45-10:00	The RIS3 and the European Research Institutions: a complex challenge; Rafael Rodríguez Clemente, CSIC
10:00-10:15	Q&A session
10:15-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-11:00	Role of NCPs in the implementation of synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF in a view of Spreading Excellence and Widening activities; Matthias Woiwode von Gilardi, DLR
11:00-11:15	Push-pull factors for H2020 participation and factors affecting the capacity to absorb cohesion policy funds for the EU-13; Andrea Conte, JRC-IPTS
11:15-11:30	Q&A session
11:30–13:30 Session II: National and regional ecosystems for boosting synergies and innovation <i>Moderator: Greg Ambroziewicz, team leader, Unit B5 “ Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation” (tbc)</i>	
11:30-11:45	Building Regional Collaboration in Europe, Pieter de Jong, ERRIN Vice Chair
11:45-12:00	Campus Iberus: A model of strategic aggregation for smart interregional cooperation; Oscar López, Executive Director
12:00-12:15	Polish National/ Regional managing Authority – (tbd)
12:15-12:30	Combining funding for coordinated parallel actions that complement each other, KIC model for boosting innovation in the region – inter-regional collaboration for research and innovation Sebastian Puculek, Poland Climate-KIC
12:30-12:45	Role of companies in supporting the regional innovation ecosystem – The case of WaterCampus, Pieter de Jong, coordinator of the Water Working Group
12:45-13:00	Calabria Operational Programme 2014-2020: Using ESI funds to support SMEs’ participation in H2020, Paolo Praticò, ERDF/ESF Managing Authority -Calabria Region, Italy
13:00-13:30	Q&A session
13:30-14:30	Networking lunch
14:30–16:00 Session III : Synergies at programme level <i>Moderator: Adeline Kroll, policy officer, Unit B5-“ Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”, DG RTD</i>	
14:30-14:45	R&I infrastructures; José Antao RICH NCP for Portugal

14:45-15:00	Case study I from the Research Infrastructures domain: ELI–Extreme Light Infrastructure, Carlo Rizzuto, General Director
15:00-15:15	Implementation of the SoE: the Spanish pilot programme; Luis Guerra Casanova, CDTI
15:15-15:30	Implementation of the SoE: the Italian pilot programme; Laura Savini Finlombarda SpA
15:30-16:00	Q&A session
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:30 Session IV : Synergies at project implementation level	
<i>Moderator: Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk, IPPT PAN, coordinator of NCP_WIDE.NET project</i>	
16:30-16:45	Importance of open access pilot and demonstration infrastructures for deployment of Industrial Biotechnology and the Bio Economy and how to finance these, Brecht Vanlerberghe , Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant
16:45-17:00	Combining funding for coordinated parallel actions that complement each other, Zlataše Novotná, CEITEC, Czech Republic
17:00-17:15	Q&A session
17:15-17:30	Conclusions and end of the workshop

Wednesday 12th October	
Venue: Rue du Trone 98, 6th floor	
CZELO: Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation	
09:00-10:30	Roundtable on synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020 in a view of Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Package (Widening NCPs, EC, regional/national authorities, Widening beneficiaries and applicants)

