

Workshop

‘New challenges for national advisory services resulting from Horizon 2020’

6 - 7 October 2014

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Venue:

Villa Vigoni,
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The objective of this workshop is to compare the different approaches taken by a couple of representative national NCP systems in Europe with respect to the following key-questions:

- *What are the concrete challenges of the new innovation oriented Horizon 2020 programme for the national advisory systems?*
- *How to deal with the growing importance of SME and industry led research (innovation actions), based on the political set targets (20% budget for SMEs in Pillar II and III; impact in terms of jobs and growth)? What about the interaction with the EEN system?*
- *How to approach “new” target groups for the innovation instruments? How to keep “traditional” clients, that are more interested in research, on board? (Motivation for basic researchers outside Pillar I)*
- *How to deal with the growing number and extent of externalised programme elements like JTI, contractual PPPs, JPIs etc.?*
- *How to deal with cross-cutting issues, that are not covered in the official NCP system.*
- *How did you adapt or how do you plan to adapt your national system to Horizon 2020?*

Monday, 6 October

- 10:00 **Welcome and introduction**
Prof. Dr. Immacolata Amodeo, Villa Vigoni (t.b.c.)
Dr. Rainer Müssner, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF),
Tour de Table (all)
- 10:15 **Report from the NCP meeting in Warsaw (29./30.09) (polish Delegates)**
- 10:30 **Adaptations to H2020 in the national NCP Systems (Short presentations, max. 3-4 slides per country)**
- National challenges of the new innovation oriented Horizon 2020 and measures already taken by the NCP system (What has already changed? what is anticipated / foreseen in the next months? Reactions of the community to the first calls in H2020 (general discussion))
- Moderation: Rainer Müssner / Andre Schlochtermeyer*
- 12:30 – **Lunch**
14:00
- 14:00 **Role of new target groups (e.g. Support for SMEs and industry) and stronger innovation orientation (including more IA)**
- Information and advice for enterprises /SME
 - Interaction with the EEN system
 - Role of the criterion “impact”
- Moderation: Austria / Poland*
- 15:30 – **Coffee break**
- 16:00 **Support in the context of externalised programme elements (P2Ps, JTIs, contractual PPPs, JPIs) etc**
- How to integrate Coordination instruments into the work of NCPs
 - Pre-Commercial Procurement (PCP)
 - Communication with the Executive Agencies
 - Communication of cross-thematic funding opportunities
- Moderation: Slovenia / U.K.*
- 17:30 End of Day 1
- 18:30 **Get-together and informal dinner**

Tuesday, 7 October

9:00 **Possible consequences for the NCP toolbox and the training /interaction between NCPs**

- Targeted training measures for applicants and multipliers
- The use of web based tools (like webinars)
- Passive and active communication strategies to clients and policy makers

Moderation: Italy / Austria

10:30 – **Coffee break**
11:00

11:00 **Support for Cross-cutting issues**

- How to deal with cross-cutting issues not covered by the official NCP system (sustainability, social sciences, gender etc.)
- Support for third country participation and international cooperation
- The relationship between ERA and Horizon
- Synergies with the structural funds

Moderation: Poland / U.K.

12:30 – **Lunch**
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14:00 **Closing session, Conclusions, Final remarks**

- What can we learn from each other - Conclusions from the discussion
- Discussion of a draft conclusion paper
- Discussion of possible Follow Up (Joint needs that can be addressed to the commission?)

Moderation: Germany / Italy

15:30 Fare well