

Policy Working Group
ERRIN Horizon Consultation Drafting Group

ERRIN input to Horizon consultation

24 January | 14:30-16:00



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Agenda

14:30	Welcome and introduction Pirita Lindholm, ERRIN Director
14:35	Presentation of the Policy WG leaders
14:40	Planning of the drafting group work
14:45	Overview of the consultation form / questionnaire
14:55	ERRIN input document <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU Missions• EU Partnerships• Widening• Ecosystem approach
15:55	Conclusions and next Policy WG meetings
16:00	End of meeting

POLICY WG LEADERS

- Eva Damm, Saxony [maternity leave until August 2023]
- James Sharples, Scotland Europa
- Zoé Buyle-Bodin, Normandy

New leaders:

- Anna Tranberg, Stockholm Region
- Maria Bilbao de Azpiazu, Delegation of the Basque Country to the EU



PLANNING OF THE DRAFTING GROUP WORK

- **12 January, 9:30-11:00** – first meeting
- **24 January, 14:30-16:00** – second meeting: organised with wider participation as a Policy Working Group meeting
- **31 January** – presentation of the drafting group's work so far during the ERRIN Management Board meeting
- **14 February, 9:30-11:00** – third meeting
- **23 February** – final deadline for submitting input to the consultation



CONSULTATION FORM / QUESTIONNAIRE

Consultation form structure:

- *Section B: Past programme Horizon 2020 (2014 – 2020)*

Aims to collect feedback and evidence to draw lessons from the past, feeding into the ex-post evaluation of Horizon 2020.

- **Section C: Current programme Horizon Europe (2021 – 2027)**

Aims to take stock of what stakeholders are currently experiencing to possibly adapt current actions, feeding into the mid-term evaluation of Horizon Europe, covering the period 2021 – 2023.

- **Section D: Views and opinions for the upcoming Strategic Plan of Horizon Europe (2025 – 2027)**

Aims to identify the future societal challenges that should shape future EU research and innovation activities, the strengths and weaknesses of the European R&I system, EU Missions, European Partnerships and synergies with other EU programmes.

- **Section E: Key lessons learned and messages for the future**



ERRIN INPUT DOCUMENT

Four main sections:

1. EU Missions
2. EU Partnerships
3. Widening
4. Ecosystem approach
5. Other?



EU MISSIONS

Strong emphasis on the EU Missions as a key priority for ERRIN – combining both the place-based and ecosystem perspective >> One of the main two priorities of ERRIN

Why are EU Missions so crucial for local and regional actors?

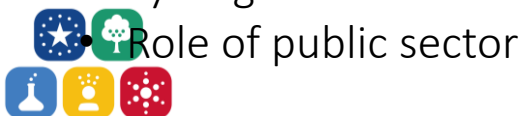
- Strong local and regional dimension (green deal missions)
- Societal & governance innovation essential (ecosystem approach)
- Mission calls encourage new stakeholders to work together – Newcomers in Horizon calls
- Mission approach more and more integrated into local and regional policies (EU Missions – Local Missions)

Tangible benefits so far?

- Working across sectors / departments
- Bringing different stakeholders together (learning to speak the same language)
- Governance levels finding new ways to collaborate – a clear benefit related in particular to the Cities Mission and the national support frameworks being developed across EU

What should be strengthened?

- Developing and strengthening of skills and competences – need for transversal skills
- Synergies and coordination between the missions – regions and cities working on multiple missions (no silos)
- Synergies between the Missions and other funding programmes – EU programmes, structural funds, RRF, etc.



EU MISSIONS – Mission specific inputs

Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030



100 Climate neutral and smart cities by 2030



A Soil Deal for Europe

NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOOD

LOW CARBON ECONOMY



BIOECONOMY



BLUE ECONOMY



SMART CITIES



TRANSPORT

CROSS-CUTTING



ICT



ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE



TOURISM & CULTURAL HERITAGE



DESIGN & CREATIVITY



HEALTH

CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

HEALTH



Adaptation to Climate Change



Cancer



See [ERRIN messages](#) for Horizon Europe Missions Work Programme 2023

<https://errin.eu/RI-Policy/missions>

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS

Governance

- Having more local and regional actors active in the European Partnerships and their governance structures (all types of partnerships)
- Co-funded partnerships
 - public authorities can easily participate and become full partners
 - Regional authorities can define the eligibility criteria for the funding (e.g. Pays de la Loire, Basque Country in CEPT partnership) > funding put into the partnership comes back to the region. Having multiple agencies involved also makes it possible for different types of actors to be beneficiaries.
 - The ecosystem approach is sometimes lacking as the funding agency involved in the partnership only can fund one type of actor, e.g. universities (e.g. DUT)

Funding synergies

- Guidance document on synergies is not enough, it also needs to be operationalised
- For the moment structural funds cannot be used as co-funding in co-funded partnerships even if there is a lot of interest to do so

See [webpage](#) on ERRIN's EU Partnerships work



WIDENING

General comments

- Underline the strategic importance of widening (also in the context of the New European Innovation Agenda)
- Widening elements should be included across HE as a cross-cutting element (provide some examples such as the Adaptation Mission demonstration call). However, this should not be too strict – learn from programmes such as I3 where too strict rules hinder engagement of certain type of regions
- Widening areas = “Emerging innovators”

WIDERA Work Programme

- What are the main reasons for the low stakeholder engagement from the widening countries in Horizon Europe?
- What type of calls could further encourage widening actors to get engaged and to improve the regional and local R&I capacities?
- As widening and ERA are very different, is combining them in the same work programme the right way forward? Recommendations?

Widening measures (more broadly than WIDERA)

- What support measures would need to be developed (or existing measures revised) to achieve a better impact?
- How to increase knowledge of Horizon Europe and the wider research and innovation policy objectives among the widening countries applicants?



ECOSYSTEM APPROACH

New European Innovation Agenda

- How will the Innovation Agenda be implemented in the Horizon Europe Strategic Plan?
- Need to integrate the ecosystem approach in the Flagship 3 into the Horizon Europe planning. There is much room to improve further coordination between ecosystem initiatives, connect the dots and bring the various elements together. There is no need to reinvent the wheel, but maybe to articulate and focus certain initiatives better and make them further connected (e.g. regional innovation valleys)

See [webpage](#) dedicated to ERRIN's work on place-based R&I ecosystems.



UPCOMING POLICY WG MEETINGS

Focus on the New Innovation Agenda

- 30 March, 14:30-16:00 – Regional Innovation Valleys call (HORIZON-EIE-2024-CONNECT-01-01)
- 25 April, 14:30-16:00 – specific topic to be defined
- 30 May 10:30-12:00 – specific topic to be defined

