

DUT Task on funding synergies | 1st Workshop

Funding synergies – from theory to practice

Thursday 8 June | 9:30-11:30

ERRIN, Rue du Luxembourg 3 (8th floor), 1000 Brussels and online

Coordination and further alignment of different funding streams to support R&I actions is an important objective in the EU research and innovation policy agenda. In particular, synergies between the R&I Framework Programme and Regional Development funds have been a challenge. However, during the last years, the synergies discussion has gained momentum, creating an enabling environment due to coordination of respective regulations and the State Aid framework. In July 2022, the European Commission published a draft notice as guidance on [“Synergies between Horizon Europe and ERDF programmes”](#).

However, synergies still remain difficult to put in practice and this becomes particularly relevant for the newly established co-funded European Partnerships in Horizon Europe, whose success relies on the ability to mobilise national and regional funding to increase R&I investments. The guidance document provides a theoretical framework for synergies, but the barriers are often procedural, practical and linked to lack of knowledge on the different funding programmes.

The objective of the workshop is to create an opportunity for an informal exchange between the relevant European Commission services as well as national and regional funding agencies. The Driving Urban Transition Partnership is being used as an example in this dialogue.

9:30	Welcome and introduction Sara Cella, MUR – Ministry of University and Research, Italy, Driving Urban Transitions Partnership Pirita Lindholm, ERRIN Director
9:40	Funding synergies: state of play Karolina Tilman, Policy Analyst, Smart and Sustainable Growth Unit, DG REGIO, European Commission Peter Schenk, Policy Officer, European Semester & Country Intelligence Unit, DG RTD, European Commission
10:10	Q&A
10:25	Implementing funding synergies in Co-funded European Partnerships: examples Teresa Jorge, CCDR Centro – Centro Regional Coordination and Development Commission, Portugal, Driving Urban Transitions Partnership Cristina Ugarte, SPRI Group – Basque Business Development Agency, Spain, Clean Energy Transition Partnership



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10:45	Discussion
11:15	Wrap-up and conclusions
11:30	End of the meeting