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## 2nd Synergies Workshop: Synergies - Cases of implementation on national levels

### CONCEPT NOTE

TUESDAY 4th June 2024

9:00 – 16:30 (CET)

**Ministry of Higher education, Science and Innovation, Masarykova  
16, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**Hybrid** event

**Target groups:** NCPs for Horizon Europe, managing authorities and intermediate bodies for ESIF, coordinating authorities and implementing bodies for RRF, RIMA committee members.

**Workshop language:** English

**Moderator/Rapporteur:** Tanja Vertelj, MVZI, Slovenia

### Background

Work Package 4 - *Widening stakeholders and synergies* of the NCP\_WIDERA.NET project focusses on synergies at different levels particularly among networks, other programmes and funding instruments. Under Task 4.2, the project partners were invited to reply to a questionnaire/survey outlining the experiences on synergies currently undertaken at their national level. This was an opportunity for the NCPs to establish contact with the respective funding agencies and to take stock of the current state-of-the-art of how synergies with other programmes and funding instruments are undertaken and implemented in practice at the National level.

The questionnaire focused on organisational and systemic issues linked to enhancing synergies, lessons learnt within different types of synergies and special topics to discuss within dealing with synergies between ESIF, RRF and Horizon Europe. Within the questionnaire 16 responses from 16 different countries were submitted<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Malta, Portugal, Cyprus, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Spain, Estonia, Serbia, Turkey, Armenia, Hungary, Lithuania



As part of the activities, also four Mutual Learning Workshops (one for Baltic, one for Central Europe, one for Mediterranean and one for Associated Countries/ Outermost Regions) were foreseen. The aim of this mutual learning workshops was to invite both NCPs and Managing Authorities from selected programmes funded from the European Funds to exchange practices on how synergies are implemented at the national level, to discuss about challenges and proposals to improve the synergies between different funding sources.

The **1<sup>st</sup> workshop** focused on the presentation and discussion of actions for enhancing synergies between Horizon Europe (with emphasis on widening), ESIF and RRF, presentation of the relevant legislation and EC communication on synergies between Horizon Europe and ERDF programmes (5 July 2022), with two different examples of enhancing synergies, TEAMING and transfer of funding.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> workshop will focus on national presentation** of different cases for enhancing synergies. Seal of excellence type of projects will be in the loop, but also other interesting and specific good practices will be presented. Furthermore, results and work of RIMA expert group, established within ERA action 16, will be presented. As state aid rules were identified as one of challenges for enhancing synergies, the workshop will also dig into this important aspect.

Within the workshop, **time for questions and answers and discussion** is foreseen, therefore, please do not hesitate to ask questions. If you wish, you can also send your questions in advance via registration below.

Conclusions will be presented by the Moderator/Rapporteur.

## Meeting Format

This event will be hybrid.

You can find the registration (for physical or online attendance) here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6Sacs4QJ3b>

The registration will be open till **28th May at 16:00 (CET)**. There are 100 places available for online participants and 50 for physical participants.

A zoom meeting link will be sent to the registered online participants **on 3rd June 2024** and the synergy workshop will be recorded.

We would like to remind you that **only in advance registered online participants with proper, identifiable names and surnames** will be admitted from the waiting room in ZOOM communication platform to participate on the workshop in ZOOM communication platform.

The Agenda of the Event is enclosed (*Annex 1*).

Practical information note (PIN) for participants, who will attend the workshop physically, can be found in *Annex 2*.