



# PLATFORM

Platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions

**FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS**



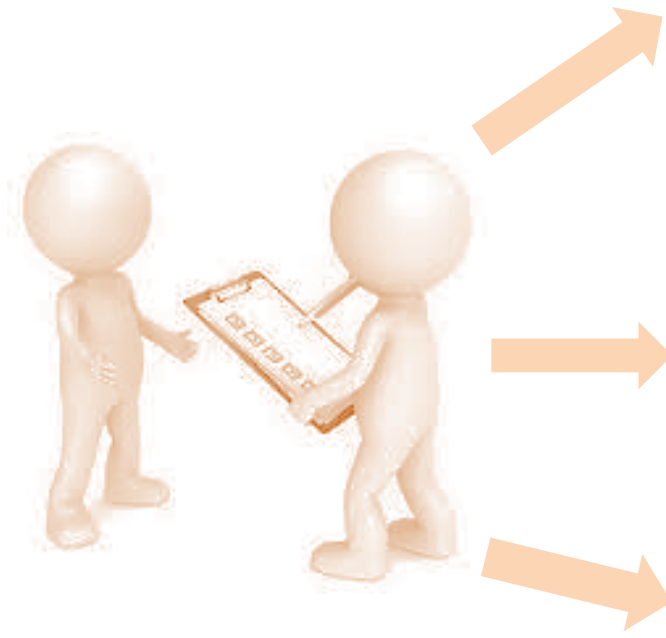
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# Inclusiveness in PLATFORM

- **OBJECTIVE:** measure performance of LPCs
  - Identify good performers in the bioeconomy ERA-NETs
  - Use as a positive example when targeting those countries that continue to perform low.
- **HOW:** by looking at
  - participation of LPCs in bioeconomy ERA-NETs
  - role of LPCs when participation is secured (type of activity they perform, participation in joint transnational calls and their success rate, etc.)
  - the experience LPCs have with ERA-NET participation
- **PRACTICAL USE** of results:
  - PLATFORM Master Class on Inclusiveness
- **Beyond the MC: PLATFORM ANNUAL EVENT** Inclusiveness focus

# Inclusiveness surveys



## ERA-NET coordinators

- a) High / low performance of LPCs within ERA-NETs
- b) Barriers to participation / better performance
- c) Postive examples

## LPC NCP / PC / SCAR members

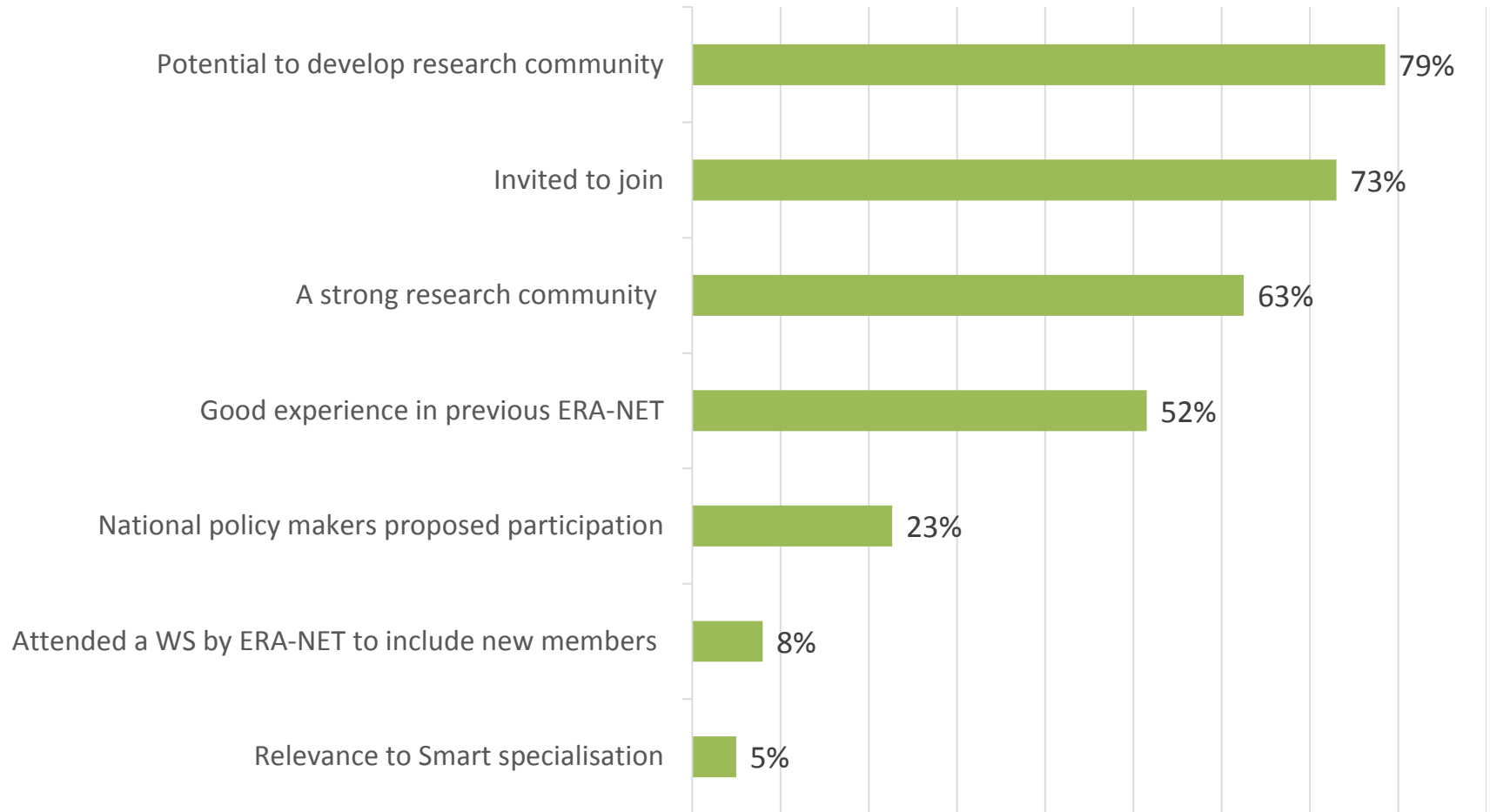
- a) Role in ERA-NET promotion
- b) Reasons for active performance / inactivitiy
- c) Increasing participation suggestions

## ERA-NET participants from LPCs

- a) Reasons for joining
- b) active performance / inactivity analysis
- c) Increasing participation suggestions

*Focus on Joint Transnational Call participation and increasing success through inclusiveness mechanisms*

# Why LPCs join an ERA-NET

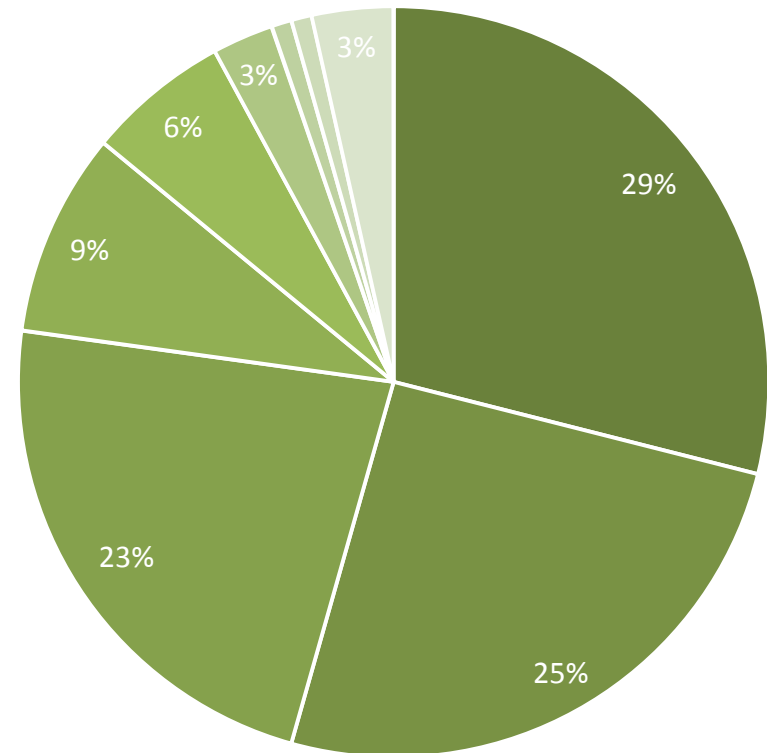


# And why not?

1. LACK OF NATIONAL FUNDING
2. ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS
3. MISSING STRATEGIES REGARDING PPP INVOLVEMENT
4. LACK OF A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH / UNCLEAR NATIONAL PRIORITIES / CRITERIA FOR ERA-NET PARTICIPATION
5. LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG NATIONAL FUNDING AGENCIES
6. INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE WITH ERA-NETS

# Problems experienced with Joint Transnational Calls

- Few project proposals
- Inability to use funds due to lower ranking
- Inability to secure funds
- Lack of flexibility in national rules and procedures
- Minor roles of LPC researchers in selected projects
- Contracting problems
- Lack of human resources
- Funds committed to the joint call too low
- No major problem of LPCs observed



# Take home messages

- Invite organizations to **join the consortium early**, not as last minute additions
- Formally invite LPCs by targeting **high level officials**
- Proactively **give LPC members in WP/task leadership** responsibilities
- Increase the number of **experts from LPCs** involved in the ERA-NET (Strategic Advisory Board, Scientific Evaluation Board)
- Invite funding agencies from not-participating LPCs as potential partners to **observe ERA-NET activities**
- **Include inclusiveness mechanisms in JTCs** (adjust cofund rate for LPCs, specifically require LPCs in consortium composition, use a wildcard system)
- Treat LPCs as equals, but understand their difficulties and give additional support.

**Many more suggestion in the Report of Inclusiveness Surveys**

# MASTERCLASS ON INCLUSIVENESS

May 2016 – Vienna  
Show up and outcomes



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# Master Class on Inclusiveness



- **Date:** 10/11<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- **Venue:** Vienna, BMLFUW
- **Participants:** 15 to 20 decision makers in funding institutions, and information brokers such as NCPs, from Low Participating Countries (LPC). Invitation based on results of the T2.2 inventory and survey.
- **Aim:** Providing training and guidance on how to get actively involved in bioeconomy related collaboration actions.

## ■ **Concept:**

- Presentation of results from T2.2 Fostering inclusiveness (survey, analysis, support activities for engagement of LPCs)
- Information from other EU activities with corresponding aims: ERA-LEARN 2020, COST, MIRRIS, NCP Biohorizon, ...
- New instruments for coordination: FPA, Cofund instruments
- Best practise examples (WWN+, Core Organic, Latvia, Slovenia)

## ■ **Cooperating institutions/actions:**

- ERA-LEARN 2020, COST

### Task leads:

**Organisation Master Class** : Martin Greimel, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

**Survey, analysis and support activities:** Kim Turk, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia

# Outcome (1)

- **almost no registration till personal phone calls (give and get!)**
- **Mind the effect of wording (LPC is a no go)**
- **Communicate success stories, not only challenges**
- **Statistics tell only part of the story, “soft measures” are equally important**

## Outcome (2)

- **Better coordination between the many initiatives that support inclusiveness countries is needed**
- **Many more concrete suggestions are available in the Report: <http://era-platform.eu/project/platform-h2020/activities/master-class-inclusiveness/>**

*Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress,  
working together is succes.*

Henry Ford

