



# PLATFORM2 Workshop ‘Think Back, Act Forward’ Collaboration between Member States

27<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 10:30 – 15:30, TheGROUNDS, Schiphol, The Netherlands

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## FINAL PROGRAMME

### Workshop objective

As Horizon 2020 changed conditions and settings for the Member States coordination activities profoundly, there is a necessity to think about new, sustainable and alternative models of future cooperation and collaboration between national publicly funded research programmes. Therefore the overall goal of this creativity workshop is:

1. to identify main challenges within existing instruments of collaboration, and,
2. to envision, design and discuss improved schemes of future collaboration in public-public partnerships between the member states.

Your knowledge and experience with the ERA-NET and the ERA-NET COFUND instruments, and your ideas regarding newer instruments, e.g. Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA), European Joint Programme Cofund (EJP) or using EU Structural Funds for ERA-NETs is very welcome as an input for this workshop!

Results of this workshop will be processed and summarized in a report, widely communicated in relevant policy fora, e.g. SCAR, EURAGRI, Bioeconomy Panel or H2020 SC2 Programme Committee. Additionally the results will also feed into the first policy brief of the PLATFORM2 project.

### Agenda

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10:30	Registration (coffee, tea, cookies...)
10:45	Welcome by PLATFORM coordinator (Christine Bunthof, Wageningen UR)
10:50	Introductory talk (Joerg Niehoff, EC, via Skype from Brussels)
11:45	Introduction to the method (Veit Klimpel, PtJ)
12:00	First task – building individual metaphoric models
13:00	Lunch break with a mix of tapas
13:30	Second task – building shared models
14:30	Presentation of the group results and discussion (presenter per group)
15:15	Outlook (Annette Kremser, PtJ)
15:30	End of workshop (farewell coffee and sweets)

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## Workshop format

This workshop will use a well-established creativity method to visualize ideas and enables a better communication by building models. Using the hands on constructing models additionally improves the imagination and innovation potential of the participants. This creative, reflective process of making allows the brain to work in a different way and thereby unlock new perspectives which we will focus on the task at hand. Two tasks will be given sequentially.

The participants will be randomly organized in four groups each located at one table with a special facilitator/moderator which will guide you through the process. Facilitators are Vera Grimm (PtJ), Annette Kremser (PtJ), Petra Schulte (PtJ) and Christine Bunthof (Wageningen UR). Details of the method, the tasks and rules of etiquette will be presented at the beginning by the overall moderator Veit Klimpel (PtJ).

No special preparation is needed in advance. But we would very much appreciate your well-informed input as an expert on Public-Public collaboration schemes under H2020 (see below).

## Organising committee

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## Background information:

### Description of instruments for P2P collaborations under FP6, FP7 and H2020

#### 1 ERA-NET<sup>1</sup>

The original objective of ERA-NET in FP6 was to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at national or regional level in the Member States and Associated States through a single action to support:

- the networking of research activities conducted at national or regional level, and
- the mutual opening of national and regional research programmes. The scheme will contribute to making a reality of the European Research Area by improving the coherence and coordination across Europe of such research programmes.

The scheme enabled national systems to take on tasks collectively that they would not have been able to tackle independently. Both networking and mutual opening require a progressive approach. The ERA-NET scheme therefore had a long-term perspective that must also allow for the different ways that research is organised in different Member States and Associated States.

#### 2. ERA-NET Plus<sup>2</sup>

The objective of the ERA-NET scheme under FP7 was to develop and strengthen the coordination of national and regional research programmes through two specific actions:

- 'ERA-NET actions' - providing a framework for actors implementing public research programmes to coordinate their activities e.g. by developing joint activities or by mutually supporting joint calls for trans-national proposals.
- 'ERA-NET Plus actions' - providing, in a limited number of cases with high European added value, additional EU financial support to facilitate joint calls for proposals between national and/or regional programmes.

Under this ERA-NET scheme, national and regional authorities identify research programmes they wish to coordinate or open up mutually. The participants in these actions are therefore programme 'owners' (typically ministries or regional authorities defining research programmes) or programme 'managers' (such as research councils or other research funding agencies managing research programmes).

#### 3. ERA-NET COFUND<sup>3</sup>

The ERA-NET instrument under Horizon 2020 is designed to support public-public partnerships in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, design, implementation and coordination of joint activities as well as topping up of single joint calls and of actions of a transnational nature.

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<sup>1</sup> Cited from: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-fp6\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-fp6_en.html)

<sup>2</sup> Cited from [http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-fp7\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-fp7_en.html)

<sup>3</sup> Cited from [http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-in-horizon-2020\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/era-net-in-horizon-2020_en.html)



The ERA-NET under Horizon 2020 merges the former ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus into a single instrument with the central and compulsory element of implementing one substantial call with top-up funding from the Commission. The focus of ERA-NETs is therefore shifting from the funding of networks to the top-up funding of single joint calls for transnational research and innovation in selected areas with high European added value and relevance for Horizon 2020. This aims at increasing substantially the share of funding that Member States dedicate jointly to challenge driven research and innovation agendas. Financial contributions of Member States can be in cash or in kind in order to broaden the scope of ERA-NETs towards the coordination institutional funding of governmental research organisations.

In addition to the joint calls they implement, ERA-NETs have developed over the past years a vast range of networking and other joint activities that contribute significantly to the impact of the ERA-NET scheme and that should be sustained.

#### 4. Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)

An FPA is a contract between the EC and all relevant funding agencies. This contract is a formalized relationship between the Commission and its partners, specifying the common objectives, the nature of actions, the procedure for awarding specific grants and the rights and obligations of each partner under the specific agreement. Only programme owners and managers are eligible as named beneficiaries. The funders submit each year a new proposal for organising one joint call. This proposal is evaluated internally at the EC, saving time compared to ERA-NET / Plus / Cofund which are evaluated by external reviewers.

#### 5. European Joint Programme COFUND (EJP)

The European Joint Programme ('EJP') under Horizon 2020 is a co-fund action designed to support coordinated national research and innovation programmes. The EJP aims at attracting and pooling a critical mass of national resources on objectives and challenges of Horizon 2020 and at achieving significant economies of scales by adding related Horizon 2020 resources to a joint effort. The main activity of the action is the implementation of a joint programme of activities to attain objectives common to Horizon 2020, ranging from research and innovation to coordination and networking activities, including training activities, demonstration and dissemination activities, support to third parties etc.

The EJP has a wide range of possible activities. Direct consortium activities and/or (single or multiple calls for proposals for financial support to third parties are eligible. The funding can be used to enhance and expand the activities of existing coordinated programmes or create new ones, provided they aim at attaining the objectives of a European transnational joint-programme established by the EJP consortium.

The minimum number of partners in a consortium for an EJP is five independent legal entities from different Member States or associated countries owning or managing national research and innovation programmes. These must be programme owners and/or programme managers.

## Venue and travel information

The workshop will take place at **Schiphol TheGROUNDS**, located in Building The Outlook D-1  
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The Outlook is a 10 minutes' walk from Schiphol plaza and train station. If you arrive by plane, take into account an additional 10-15 minutes to walk from the gate to the airport terminal exit.

## Route description theGROUNDS



For a more detailed description, please see:  
[http://www.thegrounds.com/images/pdf/directions\\_theGROUNDS.pdf](http://www.thegrounds.com/images/pdf/directions_theGROUNDS.pdf).

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