Structured Consultation of Member States via the Shadow Configuration of the Strategic Programme Committee

Overview and guidelines

The aim of this consultation is **to gather early input of Member States on the portfolio and all individual partnership candidates**. The information provided by countries will be analysed by the Commission services and summarised (overall and per partnership candidate) in a report to the Shadow Strategic Programme Committee, informing a discussion in the meeting on 27 June 2019 on critical issues identified. Furthermore the information will feed into the Impact Assessment for partnership candidates based on Article 185 or 187 TFEU, and the preparation of all partnerships.

This consultation is part of the **strategic coordinating process** for European Partnerships that will be launched under Horizon Europe, with the (Shadow) Strategic Programme Committee as the **single entry point** for the structured and early consultation of Member States, providing advice[1]. The objective is to ensure transparent and evidence-based selection of partnerships rationalising the landscape and maximising their impacts. It complements the strategic planning of Horizon Europe, ensuring a coherent overall approach.

Instructions

Deadline for submitting the feedback: all contributions must be received **not later than 28 May, 12h00**, in order to be taken into account for the analysis.

Contact for submission and questions: all contributions must be send electronically by e-mail to Joerg NIEHOFF (Joerg.NIEHOFF@ec.europa.eu) and Maria REINFELDT (Maria.REINFELDT@ec.europa.eu), who will also be available for any questions.

Format: Please use only the enclosed Excel Workbook for providing your feedback. The workbook has one sheet for the overall feedback, and one sheet for each cluster, with individual columns per partnerships candidate. **Do not modify the structure or change the order of the partnership candidates, since this will have an impact on the analysis!** A word version is in the annex.

Coordination at nation level: Please make sure to involve as appropriate sectorial ministries and relevant stakeholders in preparing the feedback per partnership. It is important to get the position of the national governments, not the views of individual research ministries.

Completeness of data: Please provide feedback on each candidate, even if you do not consider all of them equally relevant, to ensure representativeness and completeness of the results.

Additional files: In you wish to submit additional proposals for candidates for partnerships that you have identified as potentially relevant, please submit one document per candidate, with maximum length of 4 pages, following the structure and main elements used partnership fiches (max. 5 files).

Use of contact information: By submitting the data, countries agree that the contact information provided for each partnership candidate can be used by the Commission for any follow-up, including invitations to preparatory meetings.

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[1] As stated in the Article 4a of the Specific Programme of Horizon Europe (PGA). For further information please see Council conclusions 15320/17, ERAC recommendations ERAC 1204/18, and Discussion paper by the Commission on "the strategic coordinating process for partnerships under Horizon Europe" (WK 14467/2018 INIT)

Annex

Structured Consultation on European Partnerships
Word version
(only as a reference – data need to be submitted in the Excel file)

Section 1: Overall feedback	
Country:	
Contact at national level for the structured consultation:	▪ first name, last name ▪ Organisation & function ▪ e-mail
1. How appropriate is the overall portfolio of proposed partnerships in delivering clear impacts for the EU and its citizens, notably in view of delivering on global challenges and research and innovation objectives, securing EU competitiveness, sustainability and contributing to the strengthening of the European Research and Innovation Area and, where relevant, international commitments.	
Overall	Very appropriate ; Somewhat appropriate ; Neutral ; Not very appropriate ; Not at all appropriate
2. Feedback on the rationalisation and reform proposed for European Partnerships under Horizon Europe (as compared to the landscape of existing partnerships under Horizon 2020), in general and per cluster	
How satisfied are you with the level of rationalisation and reform (in terms of ambition of objectives, composition of partners etc.) of European Partnerships proposed under Horizon Europe, in comparison to the partnership landscape under Horizon 2020?	
Overall	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
How do you assess the overall policy relevance of the proposed portfolio of R&I partnerships for the national policies and priorities?	Very relevant ; Somewhat relevant ; Neutral ; Not very relevant ; not relevant at all
3. Feedback on the overall relevance of topics in the proposed partnership portfolio	
How satisfied are you with the overall thematic coverage of the proposed partnership portfolio?	
Overall	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative	[free text, max 500 characters]
a) Cluster Health	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
b) Cluster Culture, creativity and inclusive society	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
c) Cluster Civil Security for Society	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied

Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
d) Cluster Digital, Industry and Space	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
e) Cluster Climate, Energy and Mobility	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
f) Cluster Climate, Energy and Mobility	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
g) Other pillars of Horizon Europe (Open Science, Open Innovation)	Very satisfied ; Somewhat satisfied ; Neutral ; Not very satisfied ; Not at all Satisfied
Please provide comments on the aspects that you see as particularly positive or negative for the cluster	[free text, max 500 characters]
Based on the new policy approach and criteria for establishing European Partnerships, are there any proposed Partnerships which you consider are not justified to be launched as such?	Yes ; No
If yes: please specify which, and provide an explanation:	[free text, max 2000 characters]
Based on the new policy approach and its selection criteria, are there additional priorities for which you propose that a European Partnership approach could be considered?	Yes ; No
If yes: Please provide a short description of the scope, the possible objectives and their relevance for Horizon Europe expected impacts, any pre-existing collaboration and the current state of play, the rationale for using a European partnership approach and the type of partners you would consider necessary (private and/or public sector partners) Maximum of 5 proposals	[free text, max 2000 characters, possibility to submit an additional document]
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Section 2: Feedback on individual candidates for European Partnerships	
Partnership candidate:	
Country:	
1. Contact at national level for any follow-up, including possible participation in preparatory meetings (in case participation of Member States would be envisaged)	
a) Research Ministry	▪ first name, last name ▪ Organisation & function ▪ e-mail
b) Sectorial ministry	▪ first name, last name ▪ Organisation & function ▪ e-mail
c) Additional contact (e.g. funding agency)	▪ first name, last name ▪ Organisation & function ▪ e-mail
2. Relevance of the European Partnership Please rate the relevance of the proposed European Partnership for	
a) Your national policies and priorities	Very relevant ; moderately relevant ; slightly relevant ; not relevant ; no opinion
b) Your research organisations including universities at national level	Very relevant ; moderately relevant ; slightly relevant ; not relevant ; no opinion
c) Your industry	Very relevant ; moderately relevant ; slightly relevant ; not relevant ; no opinion
d) What national/regional R&I strategies, plans and; or programmes exist, if any, in support of the given area?	☐ National R&I strategy and/or plan ☐ National economic ; sectoral strategy and/or plan with a strong emphasis on research and/or innovation ☐ Dedicated R&I funding programme or instrument ☐ Regional R&I and/or smart specialisation strategies ☐ Other, please specify: ….
Are there aspects that could be reinforced in the proposal for this partnership that would increase its relevance for your national priorities?	[free text, max 500 characters]
Additional comments on the relevance of the partnership	[free text, max 500 characters]
3. Interest to join as a partner and contribute to the European Partnership with national programmes or other resources	
Is there a national interest to participate as a partner in and contribute to this European Partnership?	Yes ; No ; undecided
If yes: please specify with:	☐ Existing national R&I programmes ☐ Planned national R&I programmes ☐ Governmental research organisations ☐ Research Infrastructures ☐ Regional R&I and/or smart specialisation strategies ☐ Others: ……
Additional comments on the interest to join	☐ [free text, max 500 characters]
Do you have in interest in having access to information on the partnership and its results,	Yes ; No ; undecided

both at initiative and project level?	
4. Feedback on the appropriateness of using a European Partnership to address this Horizon Europe priority area	
How relevant do you consider the use of a partnership approach in addressing this specific priority?	Very relevant ; moderately relevant ; slightly relevant ; not relevant ; no opinion
To what extent do you agree with the assessment that that the European Partnership is more effective in achieving the related objectives of the Programme through involvement and commitment of partners, in particular in delivering clear impacts for the EU and its citizens?	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree ; insufficient information to assess
To what extent do you agree that the European Partnership would contribute to improving coherence and synergies within the EU R&I landscape?	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree ; insufficient information to assess
5. Feedback on the proposed objectives, expected impacts and related expected duration of the partnership Please rate your agreement with the proposed:	
a) Objectives (short, medium, long term)	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree
b) Expected scientific, economic and societal impacts at European level	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree
c) Relevance of expected scientific, economic and societal impacts for your national level European level	Very relevant ; moderately relevant ; slightly relevant ; not relevant ; no opinion
d) Expected duration of the partnership	Far too long; too long; adequate; too short; far too short; insufficient information to assess
Please provide additional comments. In case of disagreement please specify what aspects, if any, could be reinforced to motivate your participation in the proposed partnerships as regards the objectives, expected impacts and related timeframe.	[free text, max 500 characters]
6. Feedback on type and composition of partners	
To what extent do you agree with the proposed type and composition of potential partners?	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree ; insufficient information to assess
In case of disagreement: please specify: [the reply should address type of partners that contribute to the partnership, not the ones that potentially apply to its calls. Examples: private partners (industry, SMEs, specific sectors), public partners (Member States, research funders or research organisations with a public service missions), foundations]	Types of partners that are proposed that you do not consider appropriate, and types of partners you consider necessary to include [free text, max 500 characters]

7. Feedback on envisaged contributions and level of commitments from partners	
To what extent do you agree with the envisaged nature of contributions and level of commitments from partners? (please note that the exact contributions and commitments can only be defined at a later stage)	Strongly Agree ; Agree ; Neither Agree Nor Disagree ; Disagree ; Strongly Disagree ; insufficient information to assess
In case of disagreement: please specify:	Contributions and commitments that you do not consider appropriate, and contributions and commitments you consider necessary to include in addition [free text, max 500 characters]
8. Feedback on the proposed form of implementation mode	
Do you agree with the proposed implementation mode (co-funded; co-programmed; institutionalised European Partnership)?	Yes ; No; insufficient information to assess
If no: please specify which implementation mode you would consider more appropriate and why	[free text, max 500 characters]