

PSF Mutual Learning Exercises (MLEs)

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A PSF MLE promotes **mutual learning between national R&I policymakers** and the identification of good practices in relation to the design and implementations of **national R&I policies** on a specific topic of common interest.

Its methodology is based on a collaborative learning process with **in-depth exchanges of experiences**, lessons learned and success factors among a limited numbers of **highly committed peers** having similar functions in their administration, supported by a panel of independent experts.

Through the interactions between policymakers who are themselves in charge inside their administrations of the policy tools on which the MLE might have an impact and the best European experts on the MLE topic, **the MLE methodology enables a unique type of discussions, group dynamic and outcomes.**

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MLE PROCESS

1) Preparatory stage:

Definition of the scope and of the focus areas based on participants' demand

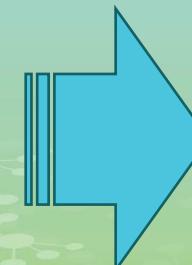
Based on focus areas, **hiring of independent experts**

2) Implementation :

Country visits:

Open, frank and confidential exchanges of experiences between peers, assisted by independent experts

Possibility of field visits and **meetings with stakeholders/ practitioners**



3) Dissemination:

Findings are disseminated beyond participants through the **PSF webpage (thematic and final reports) and a dissemination event**

A screenshot of the Policy Support Facility website. The header is blue with the text "Home > Research and Innovation > Statistics > Policy Support Facility" and "Policy Support Facility". The main content area has a white background with a blue sidebar on the left containing the text "HORIZON EUROPE POLICY SUPPORT FACILITY" and "HorizonEU". The main text area starts with "Since 2015, the Horizon Policy Support Facility gives Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe practical support to design, implement and evaluate reforms that enhance the quality of their research and innovation investments, policies and systems." It then describes the "PSF Country" service and the "PSF Challenge" service.

MLE PREPARATORY PROCESS

- **MLE concept note** sent to national delegates (MS/AC) members of the ERA Policy Forum (+survey on MS/AC needs/ expectation)
- Online **Scoping workshop** with interested MS/AC
- TOR sent to PSF Contractor
- Agreement COM/ PSF contractor on independent experts and budget; contract signed
- **Kick-off meeting**



NEXT TOPICS

Applying equity in Open Science

R&I policies for advancing the circular economy

More information/concept note:
by March &
at ERA Forum meetings

