PLATFORM

Platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions

FOSTERING INCLUSIVENESS

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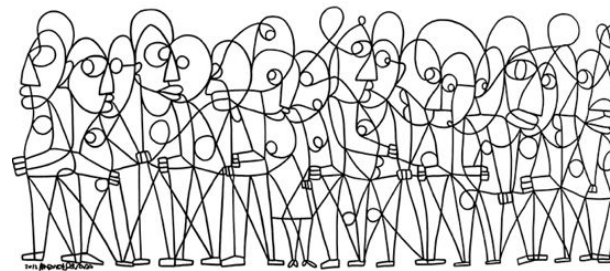Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia

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Platform is an Umbrella for all ERA-NET initiatives in the Bioeconomy

PLATFORM is...

for coordinators and participants of P2P partnerships in the bioeconomy area ...

mutual learning   forum
joint dissemination   forum
strategic   forum

Inclusiveness in PLATFORM

- **Objective of T1.3 and T2.2: Fostering inclusiveness**
  - Measure performance of Low Performing Countries (LPC)
  - Identify good performers in the bioeconomy ERA-NETs
  - Provide recommendations how to improve participation
- Who are Low Performing Countries (H2020 definition):
  - Member States (15):
    - Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
  - Associated countries (12):
    - Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine

Fostering Inclusiveness

- **Do those 27 Countries also show low participation in Bioeconomy ERA-NET initiatives: Fake news??**

  - Statistical overview by screening Platform/ERA-Learn and Cordis data

    - 3 online Surveys dedicated to:

      - Project coordinators of all Bioeconomy ERA-NET initiatives (participation, performance)

      - SC 2 PCs + NCPs + SCAR members from LPCs (statistics, reasons for/against participation)

      - Funding agencies of LPCs (statistics, reasons for/against participation)

    - Where we did not receive a feedback: we called via phone

Master Class on Inclusiveness

- **Date:** 10/11th May 2016

- **Venue:** Vienna, BMLFUW

- **Invited:** SC 2 PC delegates, NCP members, SCAR members and bioeconomy related national funding agency representatives from LPC (50 persons)

- **Aim:** Providing training and guidance on how to get actively involved in bioeconomy related collaboration actions

- **Concept:**
  - Presentation of results from the surveys
  - Information from other EU activities with corresponding aims: ERA-LEARN 2020, COST, MIRRIS, Biohorizon
  - Best practise examples:
    - ERA-NET: WWN+, Core Organic
    - LPC: Latvia, Slovenia
  - Work out recommendations
- **Cooperating institutions/actions:**
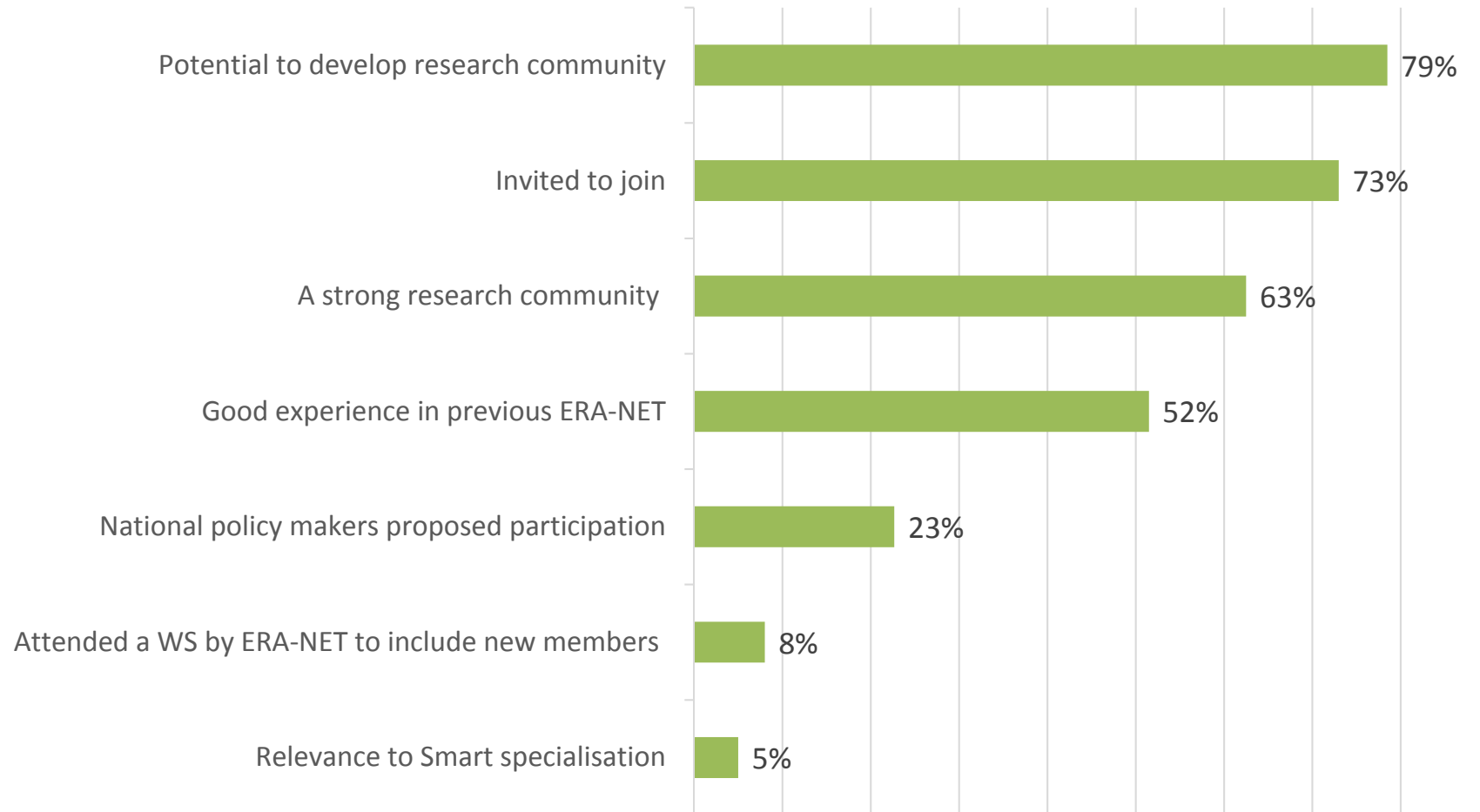 - ERA-LEARN 2020, COST

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ANNUAL EVENT 2016

The bigger picture: P2Ps for Inclusiveness and Innovation

October 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Result Survey: Why LPCs join an ERA-NET

Potential to develop research community — 79%

Invited to join — 73%

A strong research community — 63%

Good experience in previous ERA-NET — 52%

National policy makers proposed participation — 23%

Attended a WS by ERA-NET to include new members — 8%

Relevance to Smart specialisation — 5%

Result survey: And why not?

1. LACK OF NATIONAL FUNDING
2. ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS
3. MISSING STRATEGIES REGARDING P2P 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

Main Outcomes MC Vienna and Annual Event Ljubljana

- MC Vienna: No registration till personal phone calls (give and get!)
- Mind the effect of wording:
  - LPC is a no go, use HPC: High Potential Country
- Communicate success stories, not only challenges
- Statistics tell only part of the story, "soft measures" are equally important

PLATFORM POLICY BRIEF
Series, No. 3

The role of the ERA-NET instrument in
fostering inclusiveness

Policy Brief No. 3 of the Platform of bioeconomy ERA-NET Actions, written for informing national and
European programme owners and managers, January 2017.

Fostering Inclusiveness (T1.3, T2.2)

- Recommendations are summarized in:
  - Report "Inclusiveness surveys" (http://era-platform.eu/files/5014/8041/2576/Perspective_Document_on_Inclusiveness_FINAL_2016.10.03_corrected_by_Kim_received_2016.10.13_adjusted_by_Germa_vFF.pdf)
  - Report "Master Class on Inclusiveness" (http://era-platform.eu/project/platform-h2020/activities/master-class-inclusiveness/)
  - Report "Platform annual conference 2016" (http://era-platform.eu/project/platform-h2020/activities/platform-annual-event-2016-ljubljana-slovenia/)
  - Policy brief Nr. 3 "The role of the ERA-NET instrument in fostering inclusiveness" (http://era-platform.eu/publications/policy-briefs/)

Take home messages

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

Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success

Henry Ford