

# EaPPLUS

**Eastern Partnership +**



## World Café Method, discussed questions and answers

*Workshop for Programme Committee members  
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# WORLD CAFÉ CONVERSATION

## Method:

- Participants are divided into 3 small groups
- 3 questions are discussed in each groups in three rounds in 3x30 minutes with leading of a 'table hosts' (rapporteurs)
- At the end of each round, participants are invited to move to the next table
- Table hosts remain at the table during the 3 conversation rounds

# Questions

## 1. Role of Programme Committee Members

- Provider of Scientific Expertise?
- Policy making or Administrative duty? → Conduct internal consultation → setup Consultation Groups
- Links/overlaps with National Contact Points (NCPs)?

## 2. National Action Plans/measures to increase participation in H2020

- Do they exist?
- Are they concrete?
- What they include or intend to include? (Incentives to researchers? Participation in ERANETs and JPIs? Promotion of COST? Setup a Liaison Office in Brussels? Setup internal consultation groups?)
- Other?

## 3. What the EU and the EU Member States could do to increase cooperation with EaP countries?

- Through H2020
- Through ENI? → Who is responsible for that?
- Through Bilateral Cooperation programmes?
- Through the NCPs in EU MS?
- Other?



# 1. Role of Programme Committee Members

- Provider of Scientific Expertise
- Policy making or Administrative duty → Conduct internal consultation → setup Consultation Groups
- Links/overlaps with National Contact Points (NCPs)
  - Ambassador of the EU or the given country/both

## 2. National Action Plans/measures to increase participation in H2020

1. They do exist in Tunisia, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia, Ukraine
2. Responsibility: present in all countries, AM, GE
3. Barriers:
  - Financial (tax problems), P/M rates are different
  - Funding of mobility (absence); procurement for equipment; harmonization of rules
  - Administrative barriers (implementation of the projects)
  - IPR, Ethics – Inst. Rev. Board
  - Networking (partner search; infrastructure is outdated).
4. Measures to address barriers:
  - Joining to JPI, ERANETS, liaison offices in Brussels (only MD)
  - Research management improvement
  - Financial incentives (top-up schemes) pre/post proposal writing (categories based on thresholds)
  - Competitiveness on institutions level based on KPI
  - Bilateral calls
  - Harmonization of national calls to H2020 (evaluation, thematic calls, application forms)
  - Funding of NCP's salaries
  - Multipliers network in organizations
  - More active cooperation with Diaspora (joint programmes) thematic calls
  - Dissemination of success stories

### 3. What the EU and the EU Member States could do to increase cooperation with EaP countries?

- Horizon 2020, ENI
- Bilateral Cooperation programmes
  - new calls, possibilities as basis of network, mobility tools
- redistribution of the money
  - on research infrastructure development
  - dedicated funds on research
  - focus on specific fields
- have a National Action Plan
- real support, not only advise
- do not bureaucratise the instruments
- twinning/widening programmes
- investment - money will come back in the long run
- inform experts about possibilities
- NCPs in EU MS
  - through their network (to universities, companies)
  - experiences
  - coaching, events, twinning
  - creation of links
  - better knowledge of NCPs of possibilities
  - answer to e-mails
  - be more aware of local and EU possibilities
- help to enter a consortium
- help how to write a good proposal
- understand EaP potentials
- seeing beyond ICT priority
- high level conferences with networking possibilities
- convince/teach/help AC to organize research activities
- targeted help (for each EaP country)