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**Widening participation of EU13 countries in
European research funding
programmes
MIRRIS**

Mobilizing Institutional Reform for Research and Innovation Systems

**First Round
Policy dialogue
27th May 2014
Draft Agenda**

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Agenda

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- 09.00 - 09.30** **Welcome - Representation of European Commission in Slovakia and Mirris project**
Introducing Mirris objectives and Participants
Explanation of the rationale of the policy dialogues and first round of Q&A
- 09.30 - 10.30** **Cycle 1: state of the art – Debating current situation**
Short overview on FP participation of the country compared to EU13 and EU 28 (Scoping paper) – Presentation of the main findings of the country profile – First round Q&A
- 10.30 – 11.45** **Identification of factors that affect the participation and success of Slovakia.**
Structural factors affecting participation: R&D&I funding regimes, policy mix, National ERA governance, HR, synergies with Structural funds and FP7 Programs as well as Horizon 2020 (comparison of past activities with underlining the future opportunities through Horizon 2020) – Second round Q&A
- 11.45 – 12.00** **Coffee Break**
- 12.00 – 13.15** **Identification of factors that affect the participation and success of Slovakia in FPs (Part 2)**
Performances of the specific target group: i.e. the top three thematic area and the last 3 in the rank, SMEs participation.
The focus of the second part of the debate should be related to the performance of specific stakeholder groups. Questions to be asked include:
- *Are there some HEI not participating in FP7 cooperation projects? Why is this?*
 - *Are there some RCs not participating in FP7 cooperation projects? Why is this?*
 - *Why are private enterprises not very much involved in FP7*
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13.15 – 14.00 **Working lunch**

14.00 – 15-30 **Further important factors that affect the participation and success of Slovakia in FPs**

Possible questions regarding:

- Subjective and perception issues: Reputation of R&D ecosystem, openness for involvement in networks, talent to transform an idea into a proposal

- Objective issues: Date of the EU membership, size of the target country, cost of wages of R&D staff, number of stakeholders targeted by the FP7 programme, available national budget, quality of research

Q&A

15.30 – 16.00 **Wrap up and conclusions**
