

FACTORS FACILITATING AND HINDERING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SYNERGIES IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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S2E – Country report

Country analysis in 13 Member States

- national/regional FP7 participation patterns,
- push–pull factors for FP7 / H2020 participation,
- factors affecting the capacity to absorb cohesion policy funds,
- factors affecting synergies between the various funding sources for research, development and innovation.

Methodology

- **Desk research** – analysis of existing strategie and analytical documents
- **Field research** – semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders of the R&D&I governance (16 interviews in total)

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Key factors limiting the synergies between ESIF and H2020

- Lack of co-ordination between national and EU level programmes
- Lack of information and data sharing
- Different eligibility rules of ESIF and H2020 programmes
- Uncoordinated timing of potentially linked calls
- Uncoordinated focus of potentially linked calls
- Geographical focus difference – country-specific (territorial) vs. EU wide (space blind) programmes

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Suggestions to enhance the synergies between ESIF and H2020

- **Communication and co-ordination between national authorities responsible for the ESIF programmes and authorities responsible for the EU level programmes**
 - Direct coordination and communication between individual authorities in charge of ESIF programmes and EU programmes (H2020 mainly).
 - Shared information database.
- **Communication and co-ordination between NCPs and ESIF MAs**
 - Raise awareness of the other programmes and support.
 - Share actively their know-how – shared information database.
 - NCP to participate in specific events organized as part of the preparation of the OP and its funding instruments
- **Capacity building**
 - National programmes – fund a „grant / project office“
- **Guidelines, methodologies, calls and other documents in national languages**

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