



**GHENT
UNIVERSITY**

A EUROPEAN INNOVATION POLICY RATHER THAN AN EU RESEARCH POLICY?

ABOUT GHENT UNIVERSITY

implements ERA;

14th place HES list (financial intake 2014);

member of EUA and CESAER;

frontrunner multidisciplinary SSH-research reaching out to 'tech' researchers.



EIC? R IS OUR CORE BUSINESS!

EIC is about market based projects, not about research projects;

State of the Union: no budget from R to EIC!

TT Office and Gentrepreneurs (at the start: 3 students employed 100+ persons!) look forward to support.

Recommendations:

Don't forget to work out the link with ESIF.

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BUDGET WISE

- EFSI is no R&D&I programme;
- EFSI budget cuts: loans to Innovation-community.

Recommendations:

- Pay back EFSI budget cuts a.s.a.p.;
- Refrain from any further budget cuts;
- Address low success rates;
- Acknowledge universities have to rely on grants;
- Call on your own EcoFin Minister to see R&D&I as essential investment to guard Europe's future.

BETTER BALANCE IN BETWEEN R&I

FP6, FP7: R H2020: I (2014 - 2017)

H2020 from 2018 onwards: R&I?

Recommendations:

- Introduce RA next to existing RIAs and IAs:
 - better balance in between R&I;
 - supports SSH-integration;
 - DG RTD 'Network Analysis' states that extensive intersectoral links could have a possible adverse effect on innovation;
 - necessity if FET Open moves to EIC.

MONO-BENEFICIARIES AND COLLABORATIVE

BOTH!

- Mono-beneficiary: it's the European competition based on Excellence that brings the added value;
- Collaborative: there is no alternative.

Recommendation:

- Keep both!
- Look at stronger cooperation with national/regional level within H2020.

CLOSE SCIENCE & INNOVATION GAP

With ESIF!

H2020 is not a Cohesion Fund, but an accompanying policy.

Recommendations:

- Respect the Excellence principle;
- Improve and broaden SoE-scheme;
- Use existing networking/travelling budget (COST, ERA-Net, CSA);
- Never forget individual MS needs to undertake structural reforms;
- Push for synergies at programme level.

MAKE WORK OF SSH

The COM is only at the beginning of the process.

Recommendations:

Make work of the quality of real SSH embedding;
Develop a more sophisticated definition of impact;
Add a target budget to the SSH KPI;
Open up the SME Innovation Associate scheme for NGOs;
Introduce Research Actions;
Raise the quality of the ESR.



SIMPLIFY: ERA & FIN REG

- ERA-related administrative burden in H2020 proposals;
- FinReg proposal of DG BUDG: 'simplified cost models' (lump sums/unit costs/flat rates) + result-based funding.

Recommendations:

- Work together with LEAR for HR Excellence label and RI;
- Defend the R&D&I interest in the FinReg dossier;
- Keep the system of reimbursement of costs (actual costs) and within that system, use simplified forms of grants.

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