



AFTER FORWARD : OR-izon Network

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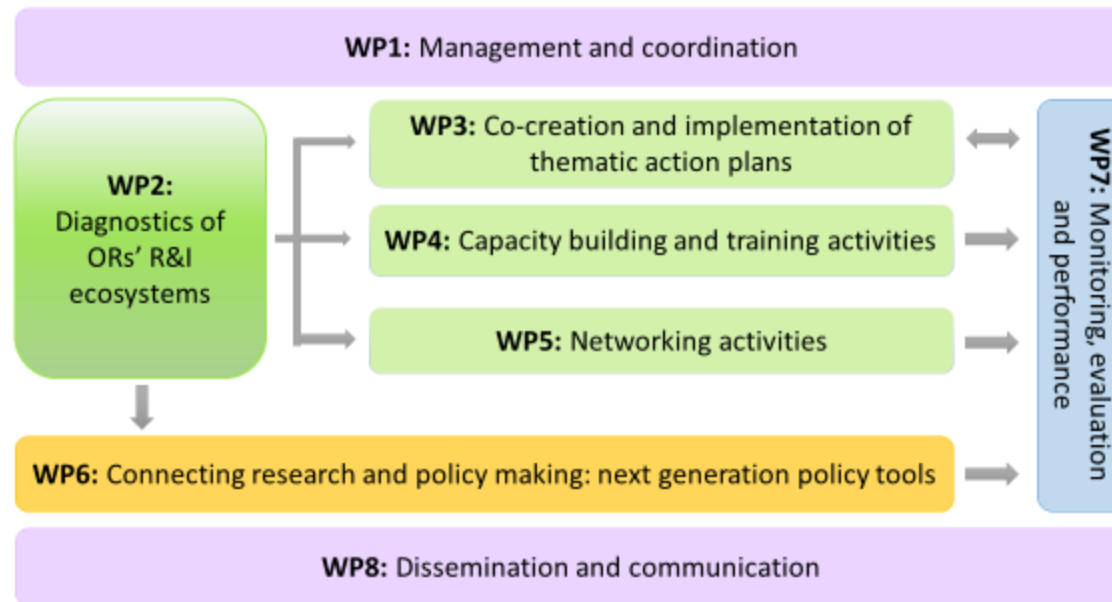
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Workplan



WP4 - Capacity building and training activities - FRCT

Inside of this WP was defined that one of the major goals is the:
Establishment of a network of dedicated OR R&I Officers
and
Operational and Sustainability Strategy for OR's Officers

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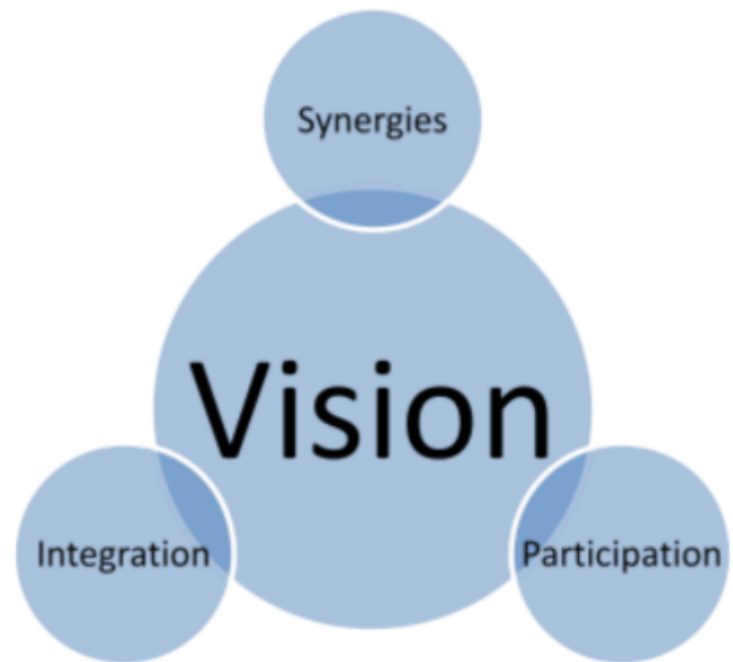
- Outermost Regions Network of European Union Research & Innovation Focal Points “OR-izon Network” follows the scope of the FORWARD project;
- The FORWARD project offered a unique and singular opportunity for the development of local and regional building capacities throughout the ORs’, networking, specific thematic action plans, and working groups...

OR-izon Network should

- i) increase the performance of the R&I systems;
- ii) mobilize regional organizations and policymakers on a common pro-Horizon Europe agenda;
- iii) help networking with the most dynamic/promising partners;
- iv) increase the synergies between our R&I systems on common fields of interest (and potentially build common consortia) and;
- v) professionalize support services.

OR-izon Network Vision

The vision of the OR-izon Network is to establish, in the mid-term, a **strong cooperation and collaboration** network between the ORs' affirming themselves as **European Living Labs** with excellent R&I **organizations and stakeholders**, increasing the **participation** in the new Horizon Europe Framework Program and other R&I initiatives.



OR-izon Network Mission

The mission for the OR-izon Network aims to operationalize the FORWARD's mission, boosting research excellence and innovation capacity in ORs' through:

- i) a network between regional structures, at a public level, that supports and develop activities in EU FP;
- ii) on-the-ground guidance, close to the actors of the R&I ecosystem, to make EU FP known – namely the interest/advantages of applying - and accessible to all potential applicants from the quadruple helix.

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- It is important to state that the OR-izon Network would be also understood as a **focal point network**, i.e., an umbrella organization from each ORs' that can support, guide, and mainly train the human resources in the quadruple helix to explore all the EU R&I Framework Programmes;
- The OR-izon Network must have in mind to **avoid duplicate resources**, i.e., the umbrella organization is a focal point, in **close connection with the already existing** Regional or National Contact Points.

OR-izon Network Sustainability

- Local funds, brought by the different regions;
- Structural funds, many Outermost Regions being at the same time Managing Authority;
- Interreg Europe through I3 (Interregional Innovation Investment);
- Horizon Europe call for ORs;
- The Widening programme;
- ...

OR-izon Network Letter of Support

- We have a great opportunity here considering the XXVI ORs' President's Conference Final Declaration (Azores, 18 and 19 November 2021) concerning the Research and Innovation Theme, that appeals for the continuation of the FORWARD project, to strengthen research and innovation capacities in the ORs and to promote their assets to potential European partners;
- Each OR are now in contact in order to obtain a Letter of Support/Intent.



Merci
Thank You



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