

Minutes of the EUSBSR National Coordinator Group virtual meeting 02 March 2021

1. Document structure

As the finalisation of the supporting documents for Steering Groups and PAs is one of the key tasks for the year 2021 the NCG discussed about a document structure. The NCG agreed on a document structure which will be finalised by Let's Communicate. Rules of Procedure for Steering Groups and the National Coordinators Group, Modes of Operation and Terms of Reference for the BSP will be prioritised in the drafting. All of these documents need to be drafted on a needs based approach.

2. Modes of Operation

The NCG discussed a first draft of the Modes of Operation handed in by Let's Communicate in cooperation with the NCG. The NCG stressed that there is no preference for any specific project format. The Presidency will develop the approach further and include PACs in the finalisation of the document.

2. Common structure Rules of Procedure Steering Groups

A common structure for the Rules of Procedure for Steering Groups was discussed by the NCG. The role of PACs in Steering Groups is taken into consideration. The Presidency will develop the approach further and include PACs in the finalisation of the document.

3. New Rules of Procedure National Coordinators Group

Draft of Rules of Procedure for the National Coordinators Group needs to be aligned with the revised Action Plan. A new draft will be set up by the Presidency.

4. MRS- Trio and High Level Discussion

In the framework of the MRS Week the NCG aims to raise the following points with the COM:

- a) The programming of the EU-funding tools is delayed due to the late agreement on the MFF. Probably, this will lead to a funding gap in the first quarter of 2022. Funding for the Policy Area Coordinators runs out end of 2021.
- b) COM DGs' participation in the work of SGs, keeping in mind the spirit of the Council conclusions which called on the COM to continue to play a leading role in the coordination of MRS and the revised Action Plan.
- c) Embedding inconsistencies: The National Coordinators need guidance and information from DG Regio and other relevant Directorate Generals to steer the process before the official assessment report on the Embedding process in 2022.

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