

## **What is a Networking Innovation Meeting?**

### **Objective**

The purpose of these meetings is to provide a ground for consortia development through the sharing of new ideas for new proposals/projects under European funding schemes, leading them to successful innovative projects.

A meeting is set up for a specific Programme or Call or for a Specific Action. What happens during the meeting? The Moderators (ECO Local Coordinator or Task Force member) present the specifications of the related calls. Content: Discussion on the ideas; converging ideas; developing proposal titles for projects; discussing main activities for each proposal; divide into groups if needed; develop descriptions for main Outputs; assigning leaders of proposals; developing consortia for each proposal; each participant is expected to be a partner in at least 2-3 proposals. If time does not permit to complete the consortia then a deadline of 10 days is set for proposal leaders to receive interest from the participants and form initial consortia. Online participation is also possible.

- a) *The meeting is moderated by a member the Local ECO or a member of the EAEC Task Force.*
- b) *Call priorities and the thematic areas are stated.*
- c) *Number of participants per innovation meeting: 15-25.*
- d) *Participants need to submit at least one idea for a project in a specific format.*
- e) *Ideas are circulated. Each participant presents the idea or ideas at the meeting.*
- f) *If proposal preparation support is needed, then the leaders contact the EAEC Task Force for negotiating support services.*
- g) *The development and success is monitored by EAEC European Coordination Offices.*