



1st meeting of the Board of Funders

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Board of Funders (BoF) The Terms of Reference

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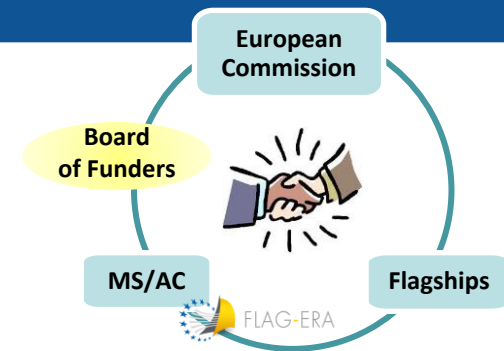
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The Mandate



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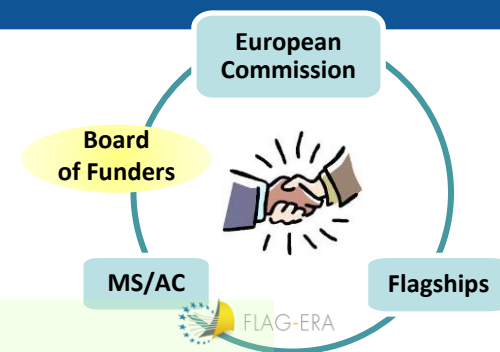


- The BoF contributes to the development of a common European effort based on the research roadmaps of the Flagships
- The BoF fosters synergies and coordination of activities planned at national, regional or transnational levels in the areas of the Flagships
- The BoF promotes the innovation potential of the Flagships and discusses opportunities for international cooperation
- The BoF may meet in different configurations according to the agenda topics under discussion

The Objectives



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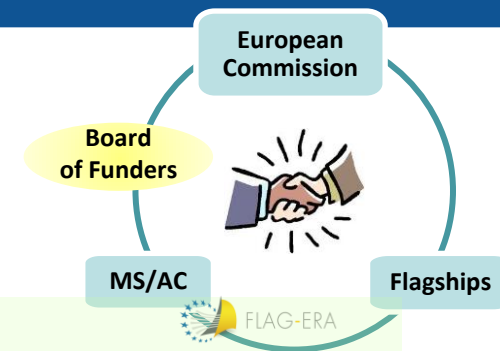


- Exchange information on the overall direction and strategy of the Flagships
- Foster synergies between the Flagships and related activities funded at national, regional or transnational levels
- Programme activities in support of the Flagships
- Promote an environment that stimulates innovation from European down to national and regional level
- Foster international collaboration

Role and Tasks



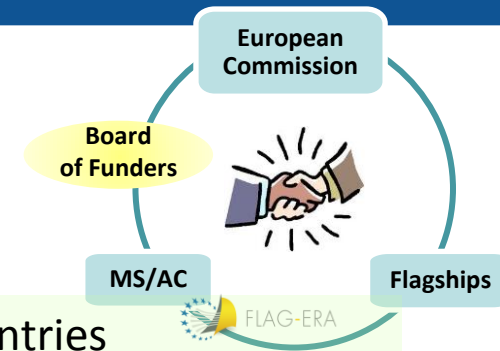
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- Discuss the overall progress of the Flagships
- Exchange information on European, national and regional activities in the areas of the Flagships
- Address the orientation and funding possibilities of their respective national / regional programmes and their synchronisation with the aim to maximise synergies and help Flagships meet their objectives
- Promote an enhanced coordination in programme development, including possibly joint implementation of programmes and initiatives
- Discuss the selection and integration mechanisms of Partnering Projects within the Flagships

Membership and Rules for Participation

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- The BoF is open to all the Member States and Associated Countries of Horizon 2020 that are interested in the Flagships
- Each participating country is considered as one member of the BoF and decides on the composition of its delegation
- Each delegation may have one or more lead delegates
- The BoF is established for the duration of the Flagships
- The BoF meetings are co-chaired by the Commission and the participating countries. The co-chairs define the agendas of the BoF meeting
- The Commission provides secretarial support to the BoF through organising and convening the BoF meetings and drafting the minutes of the meetings
- The BoF meets once a year (or more, as necessary)