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Board of Funders (BoF)
The Terms of Reference

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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

- 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

- 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
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).