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The workshop brings together 3 initiatives

- **DG EMPL - ESF+**
 - **Trial-and-Adopt Impact Evaluations** on skills and jobs, education and health,...
- **DG REGIO – ERDF/CF**
 - **Trial-and-Adopt Impact Evaluations** on twin transition, health, skills and jobs...
 - **Strategy to promote experimentation** in EU cohesion policy funds
 - Promoting more **integrated data ecosystems** for real-time learning
- **DG REGIO – Private sector development**
 - **Nimble and Strategic Impact evaluations**
 - **European Regional Competitiveness Policy Lab**

Why did we come here?

- Strengthen capacity for **trial-and-adopt impact evaluations**.
- Explore **data ecosystem integration and AI** for real-time learning.
- Prepare **designs tailored for your operation** and launch a collaborative learning process.
- Identify **strategies to integrate trial-and-adopt** in cohesion policy funds.

Next steps – DG EMPL – ESF+

- **Next week:** report back to colleagues and management in country
- **By June 6:** We will send a very short form asking you to (i) indicate whether you are interested to proceed, and (ii) report any feedback from your in-country discussions or other comments.
- **Based on interest, WB – DG EMPL will consider projects to move forward**
 - Might be competitive depending on number of teams interested to proceed
 - Criteria from [original call for expression of interest](#)
- **By September-October**
 - We will form a team to support each project
 - Additional discussions/in-country visits to prepare full-fledged trial-and-adopt design
- **Support to kickstart implementation and in-country capacity-building**
 - (Current support planned for 1 year)

Next steps – DG REGIO – ERDF/CF

- **Next week:** report back to colleagues and management in country
- **By June 6:** We will send a very short form asking you to (i) indicate whether you are interested to proceed for trial-and-adopt or data system support, or not (ii) report any feedback from your in-country discussions or other comments
- **Based on interest, WB – DG REGIO will consider projects to move forward.**
 - Separately for (i) trial-and-adopt and (ii) data ecosystem integration case studies
 - Might be competitive; criteria from [original call for expression of interest](#)
- **By September-October**
 - We will form a team to support each project
 - Additional discussions/in-country visits to prepare full-fledged trial-and-adopt design
- **Support for data system integration**

Next steps - DG REGIO – EuroCompLab

- Next week: **report back** to colleagues in country
- Building on the design prepared during the workshop, projects will submit one-page proposal by June 15 to prepare concept note
 - **Selection of projects to develop concept note**
 - Cover costs of travel of researchers/facilitators for in country-level discussions, qualitative interviews, etc.
- **Concept notes** using standard template
 - Competitive selection of top proposals (expected to be 5-6)
- Implementation of nimble/strategic impact evaluations



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