

**84<sup>th</sup> Advisory Forum meeting**  
**08-09 June 2022**

## **Update from the AFDGFoP**

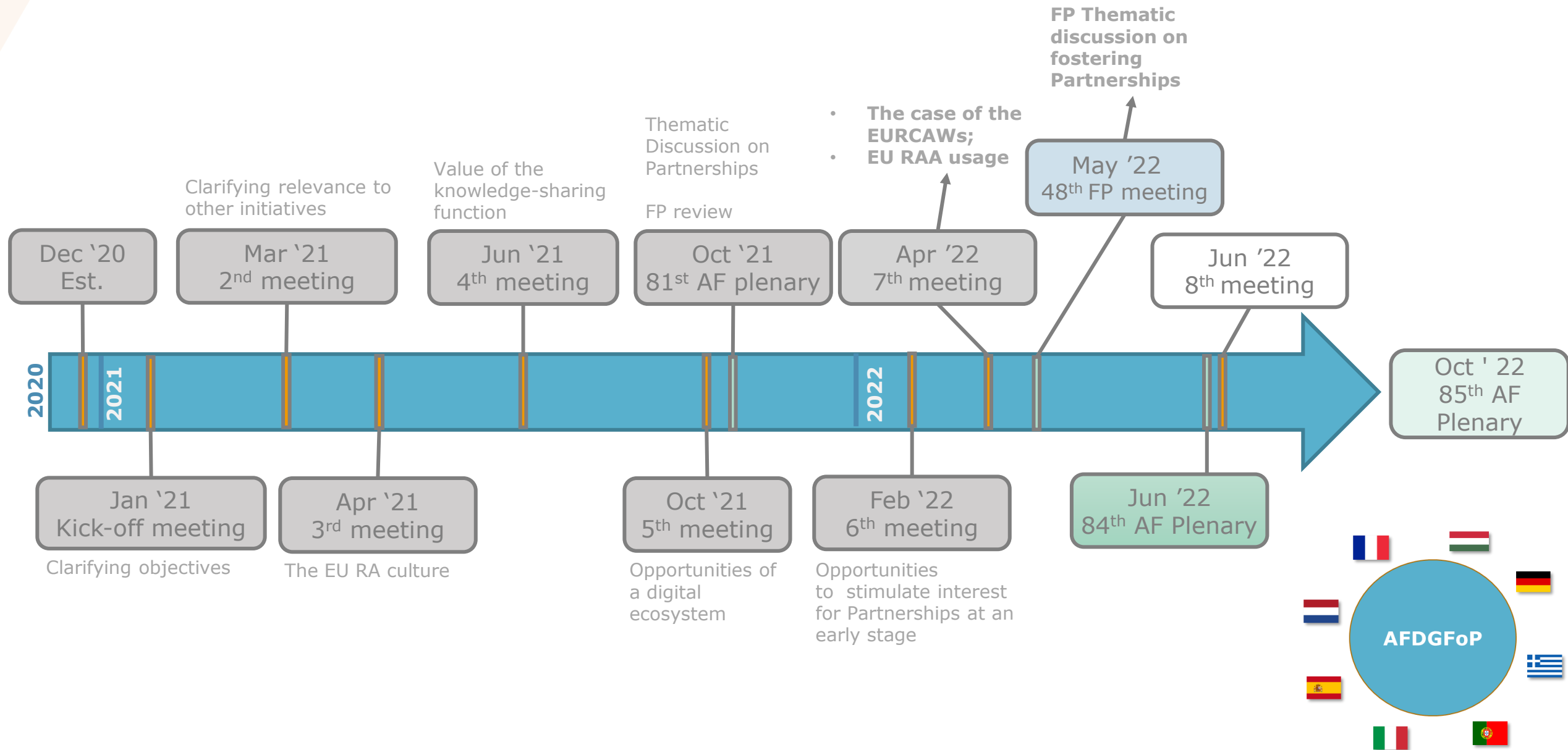
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# AF DG on the Future of Partnerships: Timeline



# FP thematic discussion “Strengthening the role of the FPs in fostering Partnerships” - Concept

- Increasing need for FPs to support:

- In identifying organisations or individuals with specific expertise
- In liaising with diverse organisations
- In supporting the formation of consortia for particular calls



- 48<sup>th</sup> FP meeting 18-19 May 2022, 60' discussion session aiming at:

- Understanding how the needs for support by the FPs are evolving;
- Identifying good practices, methodologies and tools already available or in need for use by the FPs;
- Taking note of further opportunities through which FPs can support the creation of Partnerships.



- Overarching questions:

- How do FPs address those needs?
- What difficulties have they faced and how did they overcome them?
- Are there any practices or tools that can be used?

- Overarching:
  - Develop a "**communication toolkit**" for the FPs to use when approaching new organisations or experts
  - Improve the **attractiveness of calls** by taking into account the expectations of the target audience (where feasible)
  - Improve the **visibility** of the FPs
  - Develop a **partner search** facility
  - Facilitate the information dissemination and dialogue at national level
  
- In promoting calls:
  - Provide **infographics to explain call concepts** and needs (where feasible)
  - Ensure that FPs and information multipliers have **sufficient understanding of call concept** and needs, e.g. by using plain language summaries where needed
  - Ensure that FPs have **sufficient information on the administrative characteristics and procedures** of calls – especially when 'novel' calls are launched
  - Having **information on partners with suitable competences** facilitates the work of the FPs
  - Having a good **understanding of the competences in the national group of Art. 36** organisations helps the work of the FP

## Aim:

- Organise the views voiced through discussions so as to **highlight opportunities, challenges and potential solutions** – where such solutions could be identified
- Provide to the AF and EFSA **material for further consideration, potential expansion and refinement**
- **Feed into other relevant developments**, e.g. regarding the future operating framework of the FPs

## Limitations:

- Neither comprehensive nor exhaustive
- Practical experience from partnership efforts has been minimal

## Overarching vision for Partnerships

(with reference to the existing boundary conditions, e.g., on partners, funding, rules, facilitators, etc.)

## Joint planning of risk assessment work

(e.g. existing mechanisms, the approach in SPIDO work, etc.)

## Enhancing interactions in the "Partnerships ecosystem"

(e.g., the increasing role of the FPs in the fostering of Partnerships, the potential of the EU RAA, the value of knowledge sharing, etc.)

## Support mechanisms for cooperation

(e.g., getting inspiration from other partnership models and experiences, follow-up actions from the survey to the Art. 36 organisations, etc.)



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