



# Building the FIRES Reform Strategy Workshop Report

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## Place, Date and Time

Utrecht University, Room 1.11, Achter Sint Peter 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 16.00 – 18.30

## Stakeholders

Following on from the WINIR conference, FIRES members in attendance, met to discuss and plan the Reform Strategy and how to structure the final day at the FIRES annual conference in October in Athens.

Attendees:

Name	Affiliation
Mark Sanders	Universiteit Utrecht
Laszlo Szerb	Pécsi Tudományegyetem
Miguel Amaral	Istituto Superior Técnico Lisboa
Caterina Matos	Istituto Superior Técnico Lisboa
Michael Wyrwrich	Friedric-Schiller-Universität Jena
Andrea Hermann	Universiteit Utrecht
Gresa Latifi	Politecnico di Milano
Emanuele Giraudo	Politecnico di Milano
Jacob Jordaan	Universiteit Utrecht

## Format

The meeting was opened by a brief presentation from Mark Sanders of the process to producing a Reform Strategy, followed by a discussion and identification of proposals to be discussed in detail at the FIRES annual conference in October.

## Main Question(s) put to the Stakeholder(s)



The question put to the colleagues was very broadly: “How to best proceed in discussing our reform strategy in Athens?”. As the material presented was in a more or less final stage, the comments were focused on improving the process of developing a broadly discussed and supported reform strategy for the project.

## Executive summary

Overall, the workshop helped to position the draft Reform Strategy and facilitate an open survey to all FIRES participants on its contents and composition. It was decided that a smart adaptation strategy be adopted in the countries focused on in the FIRES project, utilising Deliverables in Work Package 6 by region. The consortium will be engaged in developing the final proposals using a survey to be implemented before Athens. In Athens the final set of general, non-country specific reform proposals will be set. Then there are 6 months for the team in WPs 5 and 6 to illustrate the practical applicability of the strategy for the three countries we are zooming in on. This second part of the reform strategy will start with the regional analysis developed in WP4.

The participants of the survey would be drawn from attendance lists at all FIRES conferences, meetings and dissemination activities and proposals should be classified by national, regional and EU levels.

## Follow Up

The Reform Strategy survey would be completed, following comments from participants, and sent out well in advance of the FIRES annual conference in October, with responses required, in advance, to stimulate discussion topics during the conference session.