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Welcome



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Fund for International Collaboration (FIC) Evaluation pre-market engagement

Date & Location



Agenda

1 Introductions

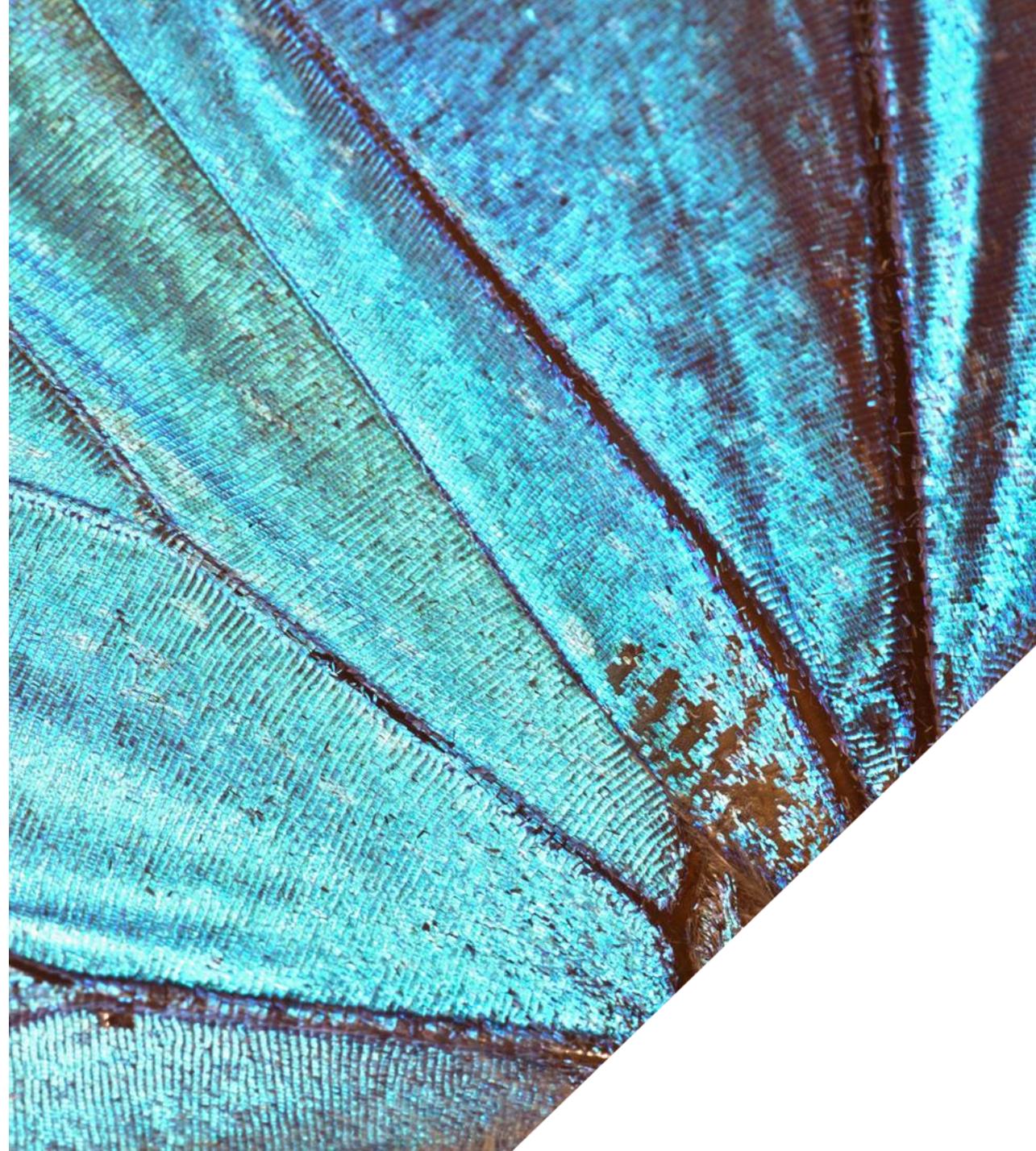
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Introductions

Melanie Collins?
Georgina Tyson
Jean Brown
Declan Ward?



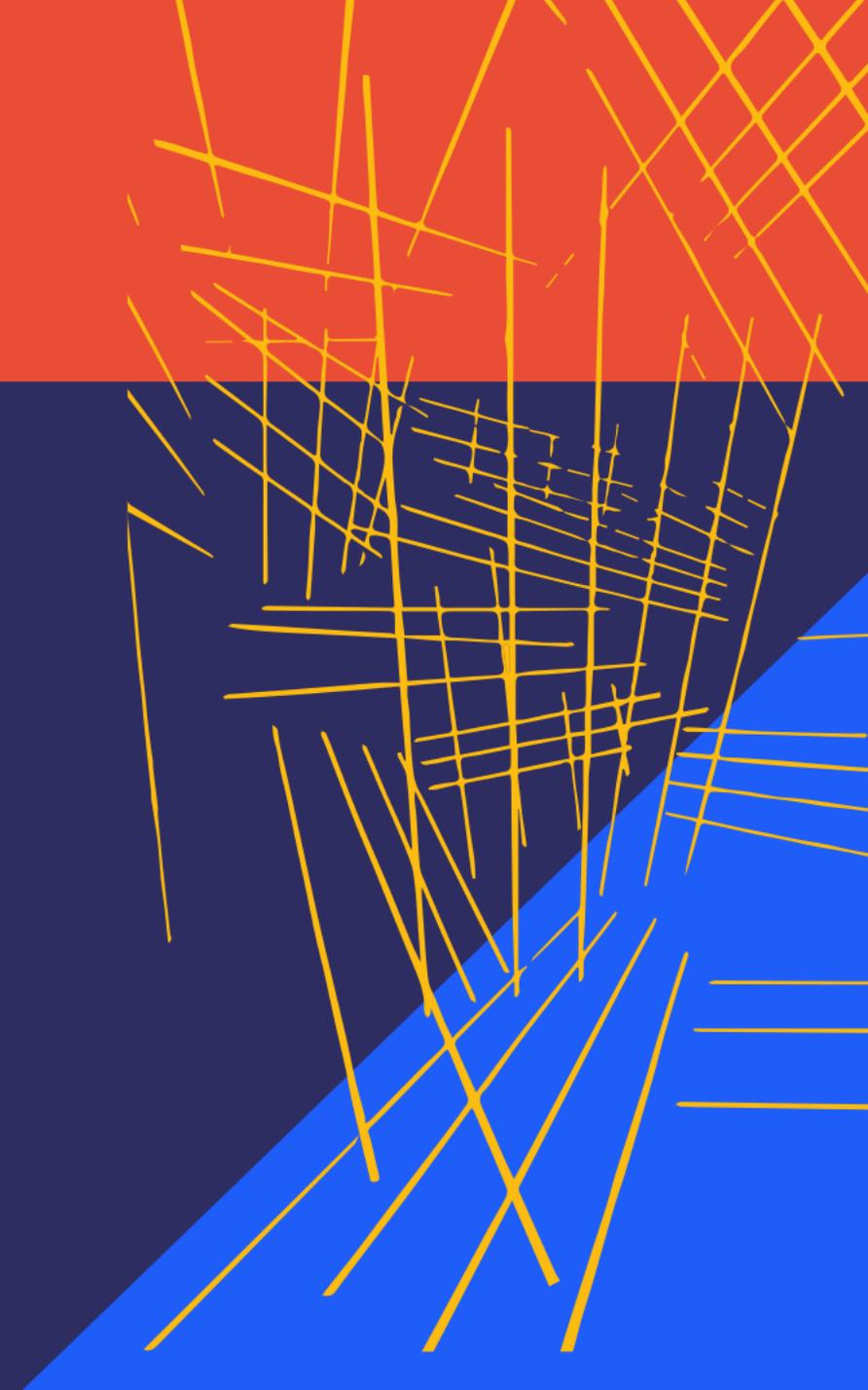


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Overview of the FIC

Georgina Tyson?

I've just cut and paste this section from parts of the M&E plan – you probably have more interesting slides to hand



Background

- The FIC is a £160 million UKRI fund with the aim of enabling the development of strategic partnerships with global R&D leaders and addressing a key gap in the research and innovation funding portfolio.
- The FIC complements existing funds for international partnerships, the Newton Fund and Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF), which are constrained by being Official Development Assistance (ODA) which means that they must be focussed on the economic and social development of Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list countries.

Further background

- For Innovate UK, the only other principle non-ODA mechanisms for international bi- and multi-lateral activity are EU Horizon 2020 programmes, which are obviously limited in global coverage, and the EUREKA framework which is too small (c. £5m p.a. UK contribution) to have a major impact.
- This non-ODA fund will underpin our international strategy by developing new programmes with priority countries (such as the USA, Canada, Japan and China).
- The competitive fund for FIC Wave 1 and 2 was open to the 9 UKRI Councils operating individually or in partnership.

FIC Objectives

The high-level objectives of the FIC are to:

1. Enable UK researchers and innovators to collaborate with the best international partners, to carry out world-leading research and innovation which delivers new knowledge, and societal and economic impact to the mutual benefit of the UK and partner countries.
2. Support Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and wider Government objectives, including science diplomacy, enabling the UK to strengthen its collective voice in research and innovation policy.

FIC Programmes

- The FIC Board panel were conscious of building a portfolio which captured a diversity of international partners and research areas and implemented a bidding process that reflected this. Consequently, the FIC consists of a diverse range of research and innovation activities at various stages of maturity. In addition, the nature and maturity of the partnerships will vary.
- There are 30 programmes in total.



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Evaluation expectations

Jean Brown?



Purpose

- UKRI is committed to rigorous evaluation of all our key programmes, including the FIC. UKRI would like to commission an independent evaluation of our investment in the FIC wave 1 and 2 portfolio.
- The aim of the evaluation is to inform ongoing and future improvements of the fund to maximise the value of public funding (in particular, the possibility of future growth of the FIC) and demonstrate what the fund delivered for taxpayers and help UKRI build the evidence base on ‘what works’ in internationally collaborative Research and Innovation (R&I)
- The evaluation will be at the fund level.

Expectations

Phase		Dates
1	Planning Phase	April 20 – Aug 20
	<i>Break clause in the contract to review the deliverables for UKRI and to make a decision on the continuation of contract</i>	
2	Baseline measurement	Sept 20 – Feb 21
3.1	Interim process evaluation	Sept 20 – Feb 21
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3.2	Interim impact and economic evaluation	Mar 21 – Sept 22
3.3	Final evaluation	Oct 22 – Dec 25
(4)	Evaluation post FIC	ITT does not include Phase 4 of the evaluation, proposals must clearly set out how a delivery of a longer-term continuation of the evaluation could be conducted

Phase 1 – Planning Phase

- The planning phase will ensure that there is a solid foundation for the FIC evaluation
- Key components include:
 - Evaluation framework
 - Review of evaluation questions and indicators
 - FIC logic model refinement
 - Scoping and feasibility considerations

Phase 2 – Baseline Measurement

- The purpose of establishing a baseline is to provide a clearly defined starting point which can be used as a counterfactual scenario for the impacts of FIC (in which the research or innovation activity did not take place)
- The baseline will consist of multiple sources of data, it will not be possible to rely solely on programme administrative data to construct a baseline.
- Need to consider what additional data is required and how it will be collected

Phase 3 - Evaluation

Process

- To understand how FIC was delivered (the associated processes, the activities involved in its implementation and the pathways by which FIC was delivered) and why the policy was delivered in the ways it was with recommendations for ongoing and future improvements.

Impact

- To understand what difference FIC is making over and beyond other existing UKRI international programmes and why.

Economic

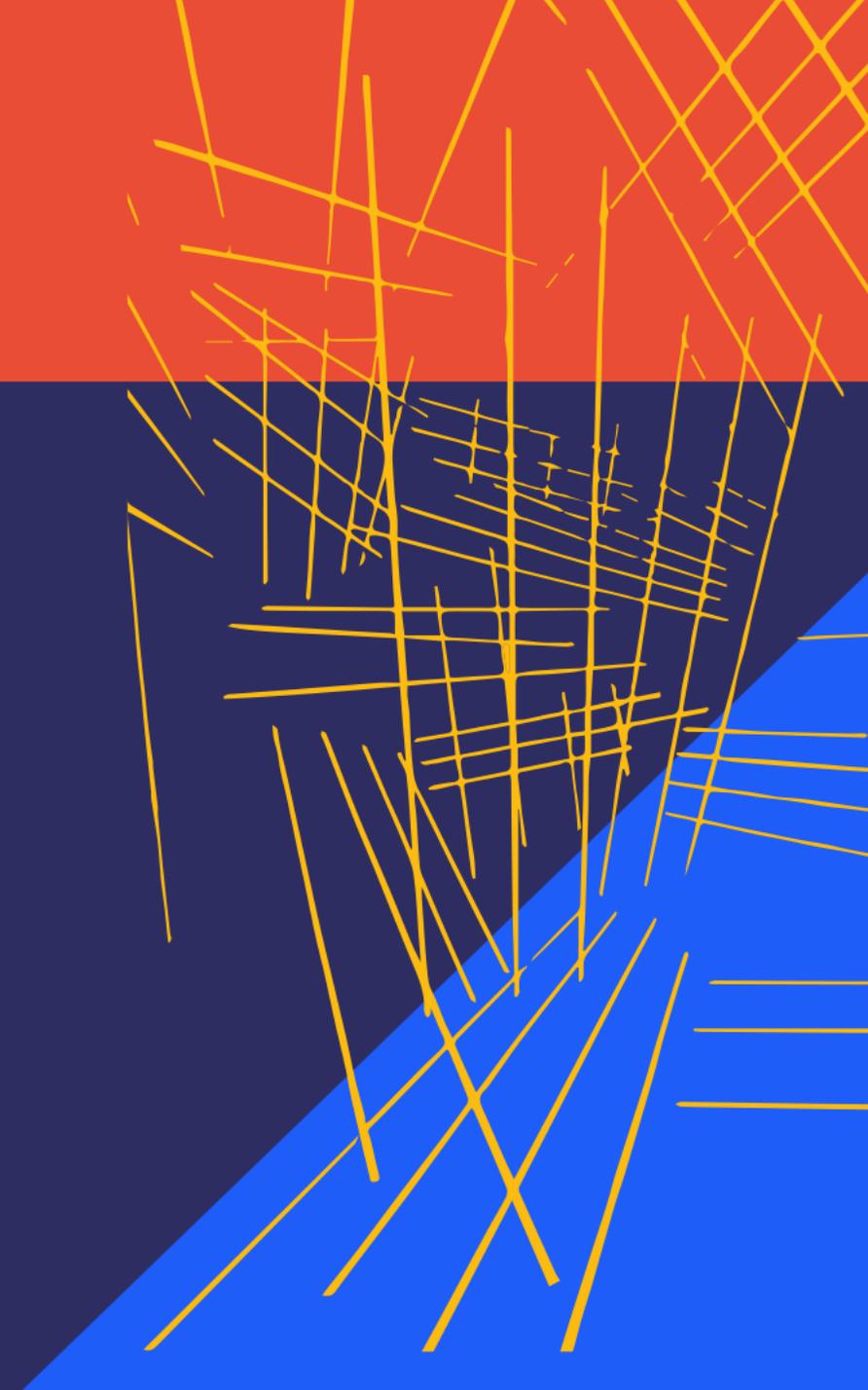
- It is acknowledged that it will be difficult to derive a robust assessment of value for money based on an estimate of the value of impacts. Nonetheless, we are keen to understand if the benefits of FIC justify the costs and how the costs and benefits were generated.



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Procurement overview

Declan Ward?



Timescales

Procurement process	Dates
Advertise pre-market engagement event	6 th January 20
Pre-market engagement event	20 th January 20
Issue of competition to all bidders	27th January 20
Deadline for clarification questions	17 th February 20
Latest date clarification answers	2 nd March 20
Deadline for Bid to be submitted through Delta	23rd March 20
Selection and de-selection of Bids	30 th March 20
Interviews of shortlist	6 th - 10 th April
Anticipated Award Date	20 th April
Anticipated Contract start date	27 th April 20
Anticipated Contract end date	31 December 25

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The Research Marketplace

- The Research Marketplace is a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)
- It can take up to 5 days for a supplier to register on the DPS
- Bespoke supplier shortlists are created for each procurement by selecting 'filters' to create a shortlist of suppliers with the necessary skills
- Due to the breadth of this evaluation no filters have been applied
- If you would like to register as a supplier on the Research Marketplace DPS, please follow the online guidance and register at <https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/dps#research>

Coffee Break



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Questions?





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