





National Contact Points for Energy

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NCP mission

Highly professional support services operating nationally form an essential component of Horizon 2020 implementation. (Minimum Standards!)

By spreading awareness, giving specialist advice, and providing on-the-ground guidance, they will ensure that Horizon 2020 becomes known and readily accessible to all potential applicants, irrespective of sector or discipline.

Characteristics of the NCP system





- established, operated and financed under the responsibility of the MS and associated countries
- committed to be complete impartiality in delivering their services
- avoiding any situations which may give rise to a conflict of interests.
- able to act with complete confidentiality
- fully conversant with the objectives, principles and content of that programme part for which they are the nominated specialist.
- knowledgeable about all aspects of Horizon 2020, beyond their specialist area

What are NCPs doing?





- Inform, raise awareness on
 - the innovation activities in H2020, including the objective of enhanced participation of industry and SMEs
 - funding opportunities offered through externalised measures (Articles 185 and 187), and EIT KICs
 - other European RTD-programmes in the field of research and innovation such as COSME, COST, R&D related parts of Structural Funds (ESIF)
- advise on administrative procedures and contractual issues
 - role and responsibilities of participants in a consortium
 - > costs, rights and obligations of contractors
- give feedback to the Commission on any problems and difficulties in implementing and participating in the Framework





Cooperation between NCPs and Commission services

The COM will:

- Provide general and specialist information on Horizon 2020 related to the mandate of the NCPs.
- Provide information at the earliest possible time on
 - work programmes and roadmaps,
 - upcoming calls,
 - changes in priorities or administrative procedures
 - statistics of calls and evaluations
 - relevant information on funded projects etc
- Together with the national coordinators, periodically draw up a programme for general and specialist training courses across the NCP network, and coordinate and monitor its implementation.





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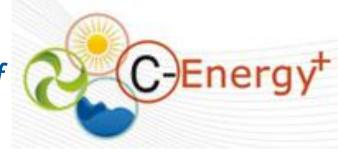
The COM will:

- Provide leaflets, brochures and other relevant information for further distribution by NCPs.
- Provide the data and information necessary for the proper performance of the NCPs.
- In particular, immediately after the Programme Committee has been informed, information on the outcome of proposal evaluations, in a similar form to that provided to the Programme Committee members.





C-ENERGY 2020, continuation of



- > 48 months, Energy NCPs from 20 countries, 1,5 M€
- Coordinated by APRE / IT
- multidisciplinary competences
- dialogue with energy participants
- brokerage events and training sessions for stakeholders
- collaboration with other NCP thematic networks and EEN
- web based partner search
- > e-mail alert, newsletter





Thank you!

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