



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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