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Presentation breakdown

- ▣ Who are the Horizon Europe Cluster 5 National Contact Points (HE CL5 NCPs)?
- ▣ NCPs' suggestions for a good proposal preparation
- ▣ The Cluster 5 NCPs network



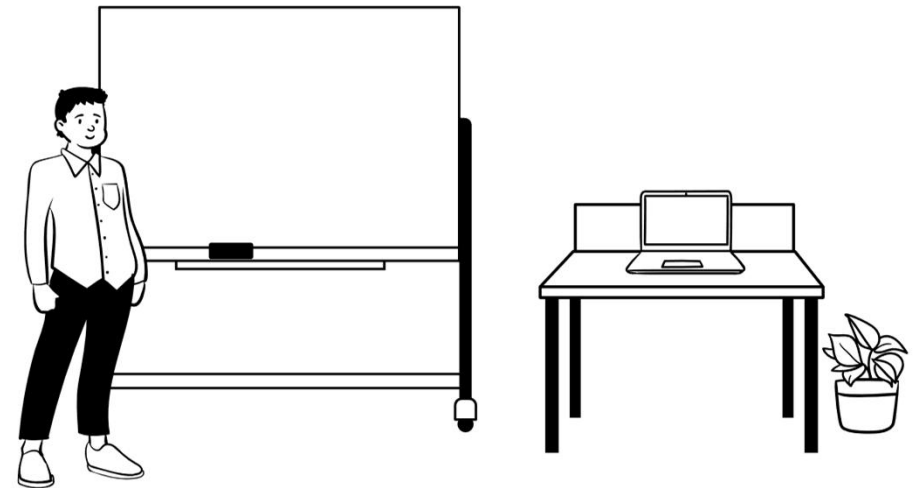
Who are the
Horizon Europe
Cluster 5 National
Contact Points?

The role of the HORIZON EUROPE National Contact Points (NCPs)

- NCPs provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe.
 - NCPs are national structures established by governments of the 27 EU member states, the countries associated to the framework programme, as well as many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").
 - NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages.
 - NCPs are bound to the **Minimum standards and Guiding principles** set by the European Commission
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Confidentiality!
- In HE, just like in H2020, NCPs are organized in networks according to the theme they cover.
 - **Stay tuned for the launch of the CL5 NCPs network GREENET in June 2022 (TBC).**

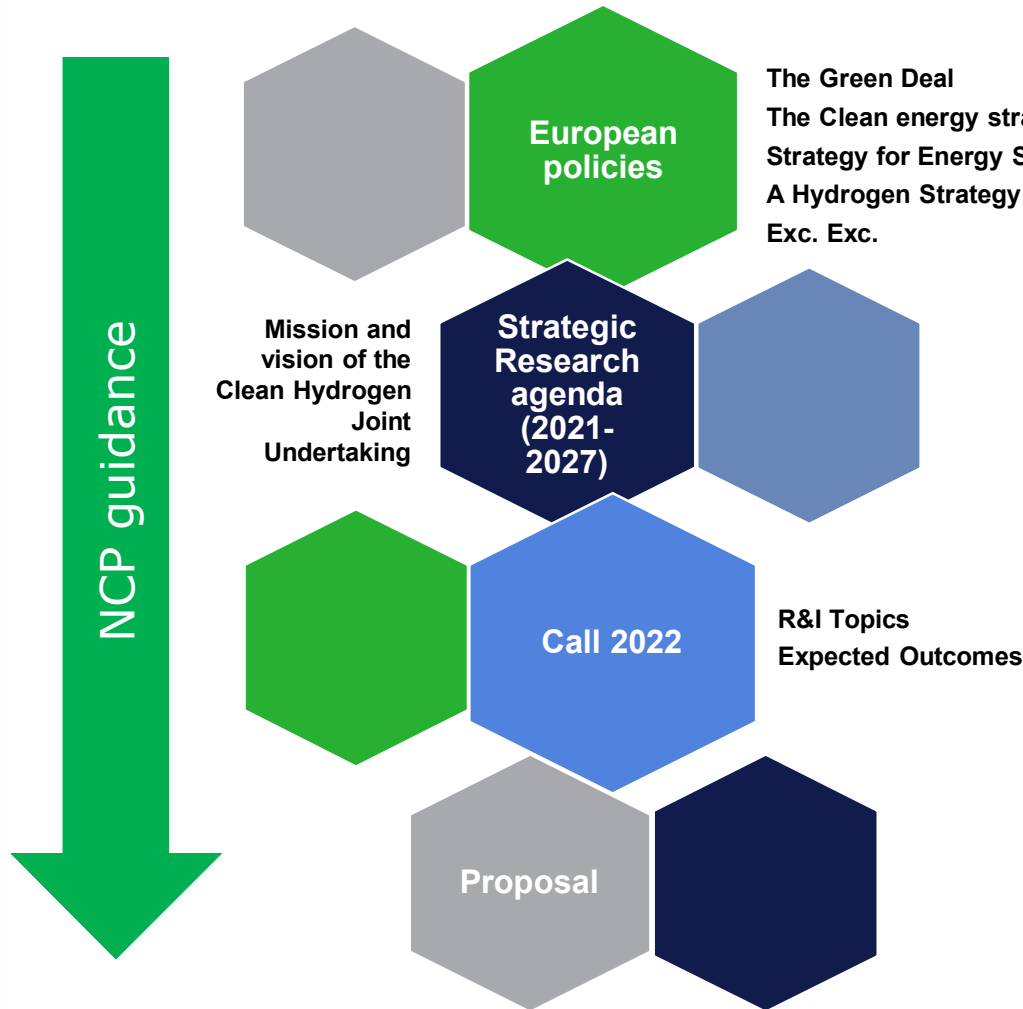
What services do HE NCPs provide?

- **Disseminating and raising awareness** about HE funding opportunities
- **Assisting** stakeholders in understanding HE main features, novelties and policy drivers
- Providing **guidance and training** on HE proposal preparation, rules, the Work Programme and the topic text
- Supporting **partner search** and consortia building
- Supporting **proposal preparation**





NCPs' suggestions
for a good proposal
preparation



Annex to GB decision no. CleanHydrogen-GB-2022-02

CLEAN HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING

Strategic Research and Innovation
Agenda 2021 – 2027

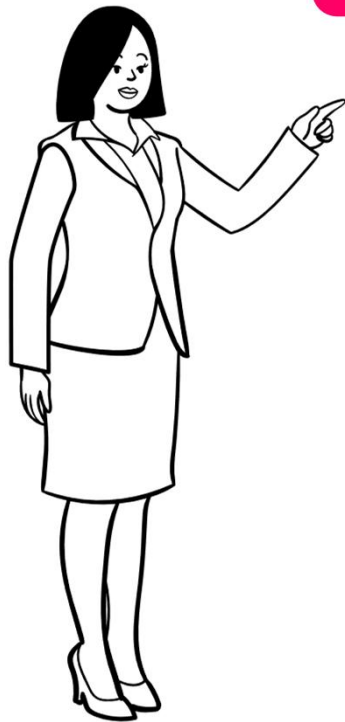


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The process



FIND

who is the NCP responsible for your area of interest

READ

Carefully the Work Programme, the topic and all the related documents and discuss them with your NCP

UNDERSTAND

The policy drivers

BUILD

The project concept and the best consortium

WRITE

the proposal carefully, clearly and as detailed as possible



1 Find the contacts of your CL5 National Contact Points

on the Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal

The screenshot shows the top of the European Commission's 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The header includes the European Commission logo, the text 'Funding & tender opportunities Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)', and language options for English and EN. A navigation bar contains links for 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. Below the navigation bar, there are two orange warning boxes. The first states that documents will be unavailable from Wednesday, 07.07.2021, between 20:00 and 23:00. The second states there are issues logging in on the F&T Portal using certain versions of Mozilla Firefox browser. Below the warnings is a section titled 'National Contact Points for Horizon Europe' with a circular icon. The text below this title explains that the network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ('third countries'). Below this text is a search box with the following fields: 'Country(ies):' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select a country...', 'Function(s):' with a dropdown menu showing 'Choose function(s)', a 'Search' button, and a 'Clear' button. Below the search fields are radio buttons for 'Order By:' with options: 'Country' (selected), 'Contact', 'Recent', and 'Organisation'. To the right of the search box is a section titled 'NCP Services' which states that the following basic services are available in accordance with the NCP Guiding Principles agreed by all countries: 1. Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action, 2. Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues, and 3. Training and assistance on proposal writing.

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Register Login

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS HOW TO PARTICIPATE PROJECTS & RESULTS WORK AS AN EXPERT SUPPORT

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2

Read the Work Programme, the topic exc.

HORIZON-CL6-2021-BIODIV-01-13: Breeding for resilience: focus on root-based traits

| Specific conditions | |
|---|--|
| <i>Expected EU contribution per project</i> | The Commission estimates that an EU contribution of around EUR 8.00 million would allow these outcomes to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of a proposal requesting different amounts. |
| <i>Indicative budget</i> | The total indicative budget for the topic is EUR 16.00 million. |
| <i>Type of Action</i> | Research and Innovation Actions |

Expected Outcome: In line with the objectives of the biodiversity and farm to fork strategies, a successful proposal will support the transition to more sustainable practices in agriculture by reducing the need for external inputs and supporting biodiversity in agroecosystems.

The project results are expected to contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- A better understanding of root-based traits (including the capacity to establish beneficial interactions with soil biota) and their genotypic variability as well as increased insight into the (adaptive) phenotypic plasticity of roots;
- Enhanced capacities for root phenotyping under controlled and on-field conditions;
- The delivery of strategies for breeding for below-ground traits capitalising on more effective interactions between plants and microorganisms in the rhizosphere;
- An increased use and valorisation of genetic resources (in situ and ex situ) for root based traits.

On the longer term projects will contribute to: the development of crops (annual and perennial) and forest trees that are more tolerant to abiotic stress conditions, require less external inputs (e.g. fertilisers and pesticides) and show an increased capacity for carbon sequestration, thereby contributing to adaptation of agriculture and forestry to climate change.

Scope: With increasing effects of climate change and a shift towards low(er) input production systems, there is the need for crops that are capable of capturing resources more efficiently and are resilient to abiotic stresses.

The root system and its interaction with soil biota is crucial for nutrient and water acquisition as well as for the capacity of plants to adapt to changing environments and to be more tolerant against pests and diseases. Phenotypic plasticity is key for plants to respond to varying soil conditions and highly dynamic distribution of soil resources. The size and architecture of the root system also determine the allocation of carbon in the soil. Breeding for root traits is therefore a promising strategy to increase plant stress resilience while also enhancing soil carbon sequestration.

Proposals should:

- Identify root traits that increase resource efficiency of plants in different environments, taking into account beneficial plant – microbe interactions and the restitution of plant-fixed carbon to the soil;
- Increase our knowledge on the (molecular and biochemical) plasticity of root responses and their metabolic mechanisms to environmental cues;
- Improve existing and/or develop new root phenotyping tools (including image analysis protocols) to be used in controlled and on-field conditions, thereby overcoming the root data bottleneck;
- Develop strategies to implement “root breeding”, i.e. select for desirable root characteristics and exploit the genetic variation in root traits.

Activities should be carried out in a range of agronomically relevant soil conditions.

In this topic the integration of the gender dimension (sex and gender analysis) in research and innovation content is not a mandatory requirement.

Topic title

Type of Action
Specifies what kind of activities are to be performed

Expected outcomes
specifies the positive effects generated by the actions

Scope
specifies the focus and the boundaries of the potential action

3 Understand the policy drivers

- ❏ Strategy for Energy System Integration. COM(2020)
- ❏ A Hydrogen Strategy for a climate neutral Europe. COM(2020)
- ❏ New Industrial Strategy for Europe. COM (2020)
- ❏ Europe's moment: Repair and Prepare for the Next Generation. COM (2020)
- ❏ 'Fit for 55' package (incl. revised Renewable Energy Directive)

Clean Hydrogen JU Vision

Support a sustainable hydrogen economy, contributing to EU's climate goals

Clean Hydrogen JU Mission

Facilitate the transition to a greener EU society through the development of hydrogen technologies.

4 Build the best consortium

- know the rules (minimum conditions)
- choose partners carefully and clarify everyone's role
- Consider experience and complementarity
- You can start locally, but always broaden your consortium in order to include an international dimension
- Explain why your consortium is the best (balance vs value chain)
- The coordinator is generally responsible for the overall planning of the proposal and for building up the consortium that will do the work.
- If you are a coordinator, be patient, inclusive and democratic but you take the final decisions



5

Write the proposal

Proposal template – Part B

1 – General information

Section 1 provides basic data on the proposal. It can be filled in by contacts of the coordinator. Other participants may view this section only. Please only parts are marked in blue.

| Topic | Type of action |
|-------|----------------------|
| Call | Acronym is mandatory |

Proposal title: (Max 200 characters (with spaces). Must be understandable for non-specialists in your field.)

Duration in months: (Estimated duration of the project in full months.)

Fixed keyword:

Fixed keyword: SDG?

Free keywords: (Enter any words you think give extra detail of the project (spaces).)

Abstract

The abstract should provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the proposed work. The abstract will be used as the short description of the proposal in the programme management committee and other interested parties. It must therefore be an information. The abstract must be written in English and must not exceed 10% of the proposal. The abstract must be written in English and must not exceed 10% of the proposal.

Has this proposal (or a very similar one) been submitted in the past 2 years for proposals under any EU programme, including the current call? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please give the proposal reference or contract number

Excellence – aspects to be taken into account.

- Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state of the art.
- Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, interdisciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end users where appropriate.

1. Excellence

The following aspects will be taken into account only to the extent that the proposed work is within the

proposed work. Why are they pertinent to the work programme?
Are they realistically achievable?

nd the state-of-the-art, and the extent the proposed work is
ind-breaking R&I, novel concepts and approaches, new products,
models. Where relevant, illustrate the advance by referring to
on the market. Refer to any patent or publication search carried

positioned in terms of R&I maturity (i.e. where it is situated in the
Form 'lab to market'). Where applicable, provide an indication of
the distinguishing the start and by the end of the project.

as beyond the state of the art must be interpreted in the light of
operations will not be the same for R&Is at lower TRL, compared
RLs.

odology, including the concepts, models and assumptions that
will enable you to deliver your project's objectives. Refer to any
identified in the chosen methodology and how you intend to

ed as a narrative. The detailed tasks and work packages are
ration'.

search and innovation activities whose results will feed into the
shed, (e.g. 1 page)

in different disciplines will be brought together and integrated in
what an inter-disciplinary approach is appropriate in the context

Proposal template Part B: technical description
(for full proposals: single stage submission procedure and 2nd stage of a two-stage submission procedure)

This template is to be used in a single-stage submission procedure or at the 2nd stage of a two-stage submission procedure.

The structure of this template must be followed when preparing your proposal. It has been designed to ensure that the important aspects of your planned work are presented in a way that will enable the experts to make an effective assessment against the evaluation criteria. Sections 1, 2 and 3 each correspond to an evaluation criterion.

Please be aware that proposals will be evaluated as they were submitted, rather than on their potential if certain changes were to be made. This means that only proposals that successfully address all the required aspects will have a chance of being funded. There will be no possibility for significant changes to content, budget and consortium composition during grant preparation.

Page limit: The title, list of participants and sections 1, 2 and 3, together, should not be longer than 45 pages. All tables, figures, references and any other element pertaining to these sections must be included as an integral part of these sections and are thus counted against this page limit.

The page limit will be applied automatically; therefore you must remove this instruction page before submitting.

If you attempt to upload a proposal longer than the specified limit before the deadline, you will receive an automatic warning and will be advised to shorten and re-upload the proposal. After the deadline, excess pages (in over-long proposals/applications) will be automatically made invisible, and will not be taken into consideration by the experts. The proposal is a self-contained document. Experts will be instructed to ignore hyperlinks to information that is specifically designed to expand the proposal, thus circumventing the page limit.

Please, do not consider the page limit as a target! It is in your interest to keep your text as concise as possible, since experts rarely view unnecessarily long proposals in a positive light.

The following formatting conditions apply:

The reference font for the body text of proposals is Times New Roman (Windows platforms), Times/Times New Roman (Apple platforms) or Nimbus Roman No. 9 L (Linux distributions).

The use of a different font for the body text is not advised and is subject to the cumulative conditions that the font is legible and that its use does not significantly shorten the representation of the proposal in number of pages compared to using the reference font (for example with a view to bypass the page limit).

The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. Standard character spacing and a minimum of single line spacing is to be used. This applies to the body text, including text in tables.

Text elements other than the body text, such as headers, foot/end notes, captions, formula's, may deviate, but must be legible.

The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

1. Excellence

- 1.1 Objectives and Ambition
- 1.2 Methodology

The What - Concept
What is the project about?



2. Impact

- 2.1 Project's pathways towards impact
- 2.2 Measures to maximise impact - Dissemination, exploitation and communication
- 2.3 Summary

The Impact - Value
What is the value of the project?



3. Implementation

- 3.1 Work plan and resources
- 3.2 Capacity of participants and consortium as a whole

The How - Execution
How to meet the project objectives?

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Write the proposal



Make sure that your proposed work is within the scope of the work programme topic of your choice



Demonstrate that your idea is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art



Take into account interdisciplinary, gender dimension and open science practices in your scientific methodology. Respect the “no significant harm” criterion: Your research must not significantly harm the environment



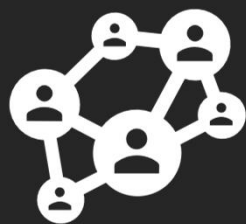
Show how your project could contribute to the outcomes and impacts described in the work programme (the pathway to impact)



Describe the planned measures to maximise the impact of your project (‘plan for the dissemination and exploitation including communication activities’)



Demonstrate the quality of your work plan, resources and participants



The network of Horizon Europe Cluster 5 National Contact Points

Are HE CL5 NCPs somehow organised at the European level?

- ✚ In HE, just like in H2020, NCPs are **organized in networks** according to the theme they cover.
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