NCPs towards Horizon Europe

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APRE – Overview

- Since 1989 – APRE, the Agency for the Promotion of European Research was created as a «Task Force» of the Italian Ministry of University and Research

- Mission – To promote and improve the quality of the Italian participation in EU Research and Innovation Framework Programmes (e.g. H2020, HE etc.)

- Network of 130 members – APRE represents the vast majority of public and private players in the Italian R&I landscape (universities, public and private research centres, industry, trade association, etc.).

- NCP - Host organisation of Horizon 2020 National Contact Points in Italy

- NCP Services - Information, training and assistance to Italian researchers and innovators

- Ultimate Goal – Growth, modernisation and internationalisation of the Italian Research and Innovation system

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Main issues.

- Our strong commitment for EC NCP support
- NCP Guidelines
- NCP nominations (tentative timeline – November nomination letters)
- NCP networks and funding (topics in the Work programmes)
- A bridging project: Bridge2HE project – a bridge for NCPs to Horizon Europe.

Follow-up… (October 2018) / 1

An example of an amendment proposed by APRE on National Contact Points system and actually presented by MEPs, which needs now to be voted in the European Parliament

Amendment 605
David Borrelli

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – paragraph 15

Text proposed by the Commission	*Amendment*
There will be appropriate support for mechanisms to communicate the programme to potential applicants *(e.g. National Contact Points)*.	There will be appropriate support for mechanisms to communicate the programme to potential applicants. *The Commission will establish a system of National Contact Points as an essential component of Horizon Europe implementation, building on the experience of previous Framework Programmes, so as to ensure that the Programme becomes known and readily accessible to all potential applicants, irrespective of sector or discipline*.

Follow-up… (October 2018) / 2

An other example of an amendment proposed by APRE on National Contact Points network-projects and actually presented by MEPs, which needs now to be voted in the European Parliament

Amendment 684
Jakop Dalunde
on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Proposal for a decision
Annex I – part I – point 2 – point 2.2 – point 2.2.5 – paragraph 2 – indent 3

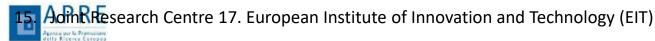| *Text proposed by the Commission*	*Amendment*
– Diffusion and clustering of knowledge through cross-project collaboration and other networking activities such as an alumni service.	– Diffusion and clustering of knowledge through cross-project collaboration, *National contact point (NCP) projects* and other networking activities such as an alumni service.

NCP guidelines (draft)

1. Context
2. Mission
3. Key principles and minimum standards
4. Core functions of a NCP
5. Cooperation between NCPs and Commission services
6. **Nomination and recognition process**
7. Confidentiality
8. **Conflict of interest**

- Annex I: NCP Structure

NCP Structure (17 programmes)

1. NCP Coordinator

2. Legal and Financial aspects^{Including legal and financial aspects related to gender equality, open access and open science, R&I integrity and ethics}

3. European Research Council (ERC)

4. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

5. Research Infrastructures

6. Health (including related missions and partnerships)

7. Culture, creativity and Inclusive Society (including related missions and partnerships)

8. Civil Security for Society (including related missions and partnerships)

9. Digital, Industry and Space (including related missions and partnerships)

10. Climate, Energy and Mobility (including related missions and partnerships)

11. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment (including related missions and partnerships)

12. The European Innovation Council (EIC) and European Innovation ecosystems

13. Widening Participation and ERA (Including funding opportunities related to gender equality, open access and open science, R&I integrity and ethics).

14. Fission 15.Fusion

15. Joint Research Centre 17. European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

5. Cooperation btw NCP and EC – reconfirmed

- The Commission considers NCPs to be important partners in the implementation of Horizon Europe and the main structure for providing practical information and assistance to potential participants. NCPs are ambassadors for Horizon Europe, perceived as true and impartial partners of the Commission Services and its Agencies. The NCPs shall be the main interface between the Commission, its Agencies and the applicants. The direct contact between the Commission, its Agencies and the NCPs shall be ensured to facilitate a good communication and ensure standard high level of support to NCPs.

- Provide in-time general and specialist in-depth information for the appropriate performance of the NCPs at the earliest on:
  - Relevant changes in the Funding & tender opportunities Portal,
  - Roadmaps, work programmes and upcoming calls,
  - Changes in priorities or administrative procedures, particular provisions related to externalised bodies,
  - Statistics of calls and evaluations (including the externalised measures) and other relevant information on funded projects, striving for equally high quality of information flow throughout,
  - Instruments and tools for promoting the calls (brokerage, proposal templates, guide for applicants),
  - Other European R&I - programmes in all areas of the programme in the field of research and innovation (see Annex III).
- In particular, after the applicants' information of their evaluation results, the Member States and Associated Country NCP Coordinators will receive, information on the proposals and their outcome; NCPs in third countries will receive aggregated data.
- Before the release to the general public when possible.

6. Nomination and recognition process

- In appointing NCPs, it is important to avoid situations that could later give rise to potential conflicts of interest, particularly where the host organisation of a NCP may itself become an applicant in a proposal, or use its NCP status to gain or grant undue advantage. Confirmation in writing that the NCPs have read and accepted these minimum standards, and in particular the sections on confidentiality and conflict of interest, must be included in their appointment letter and transmitted to the Commission by electronic means.

- On behalf of the relevant national authorities, the Permanent Representations should send (only electronically) the appointment letter of the NCPs to the Director-General of DG Research and Innovation (with the template filled in appropriately), via the FMB RTD-NCP-NOMINATIONS@ec.europa.eu. This letter will include the names and contact details (address, telephone, organisation, email coordinates,) of the appointed NCPs.

8. Conflict of interest

…A NCP must not participate in a proposal or in a project in relation to the work programme part where it provides NCP services, unless, in exceptional circumstances, the Commission allows such participation, due to the specific nature of a given call (e.g. , European Partnerships, dedicated CSAs for transnational cooperation between NCPs or collaboration between research funders). .

Bridge2HEU

- A CSA project funded by DG RTD
- Kicking off in November 2020
- Many activities dedicated to ALL Horizoneurope nominated NCPs.

Project vision: Shifting the way NCP are supported

Sustained branding for Horizon Europe NCPs for the whole duration of the programme.

Accesible repository of knowledge, tools and services for NCPs and participants. (not project dependant)

Efficient implementation of transnational NCP activities within HE

The project main objectives…

1) Propose a **sustainable and coherent framework** for the future Horizon Europe NCP systems. (*HorizonEuropeNCPportal*)

2) To **enhance the design and performance** of NCP systems for Horizon Europe with concrete support activities, especially in countries with low participation rates. *(NCP system design)*

3) To cover the **gap of knowledge** for NCPs in the transition from H2020 to Horizon Europe, together with the COM & agencies especially in view of the 2021 calls. *(Knowledge gap)*

4) To deliver the **key NCP-led transnational tool & services** to participants in 2021 calls**.** *(Tools & services for participants)*

…are aligned with the requests from the topic

Project objectives	Topic requests
HorizonEuropeNCPportal	**Tangible benefits** to potential applicants,
NCP system design	A substantial component devoted to activities to **help national support structures in countries with low participation rates** in H2020.
knowledge gap	**Training activities** for new nominated NCPs,
Tools & services for participants	**Transnational initiatives** related to HE (e.g. events; tools) to prepare applicants for the first calls in 2021.

Support extended to **all NCPs beyond the proposal** with specific tasks and budget (400k€ for travel)

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with the structure of activities foreseen...

Work Package Description		WP Leader
WP1	Training coordination & online tool	FFG
WP2	Generation of training content	MICINN-ISCIII
WP 3-4	Supporting participants in relevant EU events	APRE
WP 5-6	Tool and services for participants	LUXINNOVATION
WP7	Design box for NCP systems	ANI
WP8	Enhancing low participation countries NCP systems	IPPT-PAN
WP 9-10	HE NCP portal	MICINN-FECYT
WP11	Communication and Dissemination	RANNIS
WP12	Management	MICINN-CDTI

channelled in future HorizonEurope NCP portal.

X MOOC trainings
Y Webinars
Z courses

X Brokerage events
Y FPC events
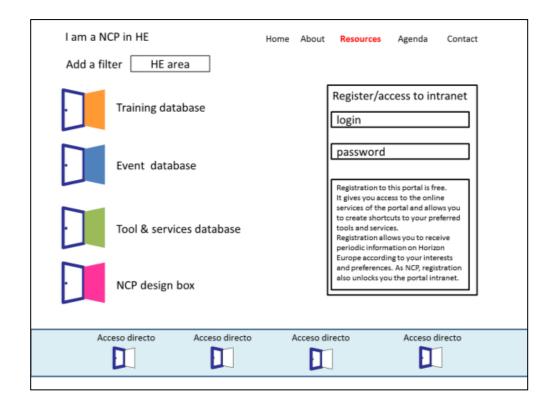Z COM Events

X downloadable tools*
Y online services*
X M&E workshops
Y twinning programmes
NCP Coordinators platform

I am a NCP in HE   Home   About   **Resources**   Agenda   Contact

Add a filter   [HE area]

Training database

Event database

Tool & services database

NCP design box

Register/access to intranet

[login]

[password]

Registration to this portal is free.
It gives you access to the online
services of the portal and allows you
to create shortcuts to your preferred
tools and services.
Registration allows you to receive
periodic information on Horizon
Europe according to your interests
and preferences. As NCP, registration
also unlocks you the portal intranet.

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