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The role of ERC National Contact Points

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Outline



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Basic information

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National Contact Point



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"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 2020.

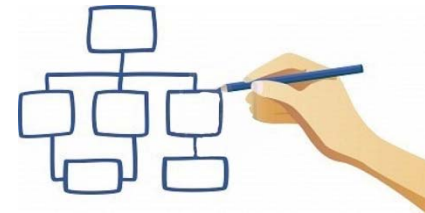
NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in applicants' own languages."



NCP network



- National structures established and financed by governments of the EU MS and AC to H2020 framework programme
- Different systems in each country
 - ➔ highly centralised/decentralised,
 - ➔ different actors: ministries, universities, research centres, special agencies, private consulting companies.
- National NCP Coordinator + NCP for all H2020 components (ERC, MSCA, Health, NMP, etc.)



NCP Services



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Basic services agreed by all countries (see [NCP Guiding Principles](#)):

- Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Assistance in partner search (not relevant for ERC)



"Have you tried Googling that?"

ERC services for NCP



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- Functional mailboxes
- ERC NCP Correspondent

Role:

- Inform ERC NCP
- Facilitate replies to queries: operational, statistics, speakers for events, etc.
 - !!! Replies by operational depts
- Twice yearly meetings in Brussels



ERC National Contact Point Update

Dear ERC NCPs,

Here are the latest news and developments:

News

- Press release: [ERC funds 133 innovations arising from frontier research](#) (31 Jan)
 - [List of the grantees awarded in round one of the competition](#)
 - [List of the grantees awarded in round two of the competition](#)
 - [List of the grantees awarded in round three of the competition](#)
 - [Examples of projects](#)

ERC-2016-PoC-DL3
The results of Proof-of-Concept 2016 third deadline (DL3) are now available on CIRABC. Please liaise with your national NCP Coordinator.

ERC-2016-AdG
Yesterday, the ERC informed all the AdG-2016 step-1 rejected applicants (1754) about their full results. The applicants can access them via their Participant Portal account.

Stories

- [Hot electronics get magnetic cool](#) (20 Jan)
- [Silicon in a new light](#) (17 Jan)

15.00 15.00 End of Meeting

Links



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➤ NCPs on Participant Portal:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/support/national_contact_points.html

➤ NCP Guiding principles:

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A screenshot of the 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal' website. The page title is 'National Contact Points'. It features a search bar with a dropdown menu for 'Select the country' (showing 'Member states', 'Austria', 'Belgium') and a dropdown for 'All functions' (showing 'Coordinator', 'Legal and Financial', 'SMEs'). Below the search bar, there are radio buttons for 'Sort by' with options: 'Country', 'Contact name', 'Most recent', and 'Organisation'. The main content area contains text explaining the NCP network and a section titled 'NCP Services' which lists services like 'Guidance on choosing relevant H2020 topics and types of action', 'Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues', 'Training and assistance on proposal writing', 'Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)', and 'Assistance in partner search'. The footer includes 'HORIZON 2020 RESEARCH ON EUROPEA HORIZON 2020 & FP7 PROJECTS & RESULTS OLAF' and '© European Commission'.



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Thank you !