

HORIZON 2020 NCP system in Belarus in promoting ERC

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NCP system in Belarus

- Overall coordination of international cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in Belarus is assigned to the State Committee on Science and Technology (SCST)
- NCPs are nominated by SCST individually to perform one or more NCP functions
- SCST provides administrative support for its activities however **doesn't provide financial support**
- Sources for survival:
 - Some regionally focused SCAs (IncoNet EaP, **EaP Plus**)
 - Selected NCP networks (Idealist, Net4Mobility, Net4Society)
 - EaP Panel for Research & Innovation/EaP Platform IV (training, participation in NCP meetings – MSCA NCPs)

NCP system in Belarus (cont)

- NCP system in Belarus comprises
 - 1) **NCPs**
 - 2) **National Information Point for EU Programmes in Research and Innovation**, <http://fp7-nip.org.by/> hosted by Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Science and Technology, BelISA (since 2004).
- H2020 NCP network of a **distributed nature** – 26 persons in NAS, universities, technoparks and a business association, researchers and research administrators, from young researchers to academicians. NCP Coordinator, NCP L&F, NCP MSCA, NCP ICT, NCP Infrastructure and NCP Energy are part of NIP
- Mainly in Minsk, but also in Grodno and Gomel
- National **NCP Coordinator** – Head of NIP, head of the unit of international S&T cooperation at BelISA
- Low involvement in the EU-funded **NCP network projects**
- Based on “Minimum standards and **Guiding principles** for setting up systems of National Contact Points under Horizon 2020”, EC

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NCP system in Belarus (cont)

Main mission: to support the participation of Belarus research institutions, enterprises and organisations in the Framework Programmes of the EU

Core functions:

- Informing, awareness raising
- Assisting, advising and training
- Monitoring, analyzing and advising the local policy makers on the topics of cooperation with the EU and its MS in STI



NCP system in Belarus in promoting ERC

- **No ERC NCP nominated so far/recommendation from the EaP Panel on R&I to nominate (Dec 2016)**
- **Information and consulting services for (potential) ERC applicants (individuals) are provided by NCP Coordinator**
- **No promotion events or trainings on proposal writing focused specifically on potential ERC applicants**
- **Being a third country,**
 - We try *to select the right boat to catch more fish*: today, we see better chances *in MSCA, FET, Societal Challenges and Industrial Leadership* parts of H2020,
 - We are focused on *promoting participation of legal entities, rather than individuals*,
 - We have to keep in mind that *preserving the national R&D capacity* is one of the national STI policy tasks.
- **However, ERC is always presented at general information events on H2020**
- **Things may change....**

Possible strategy in promoting ERC in a third country

- ERC is a programme **for best of the best researchers**
 - *Identifying ‘stars’*
 - *Awareness raising on ERC individually or in small groups, discussing the formal chances (CV) and individual strategies*
 - *Information providing and consulting support at proposal drafting stage – individually*
 - *Focus on linking a principle investigator’s home country institution with the EU MS/AC host*

