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The ERC National Contact Points
network

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Established by the European Commission

Role of the ERC NCPs

- Provide information on ERC grants opportunities, rules, and procedures
- Offer guidance on how to participate in ERC calls
- Support the preparation and submission of proposals
- Provide advice on administrative procedures
- Organise workshops, training sessions, etc.
- Promote the ERC grant schemes among potential beneficiaries (researchers, universities, etc.)

NCPs network in Horizon Europe

- An **essential component** in the implementation of the framework programmes
- National structures established, operated and financed by the governments of the 27 EU Member States and the Associated Countries to Horizon Europe¹
- Third countries are also invited to nominate NCPs
- NCP systems can vary from one country to another from highly centralised to decentralised networks
- Hosted by national or regional authorities, research organizations, or universities
- Different NCPs for different programmes (e.g. ERC, MSCA, EIC, etc.)

¹ In Associated Countries, they can be nominated by the European Commission (as agreed in the Association Agreement)

ERC NCPs

- 61 ERC NCPs in Member States
- 28 in Associated Countries
- 48 in Third Countries

Your first point of contact to receive information and personalised support in your native language!

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ERC support to NCPs

- Organising three NCPs meetings and training sessions per year
- Sending regular updates on operational matters, calls results, etc.
- Addressing questions about operational matters, rules, administrative procedures, and contractual issues
- Collaborating on joint info sessions



Given their key role in promoting the ERC calls and assisting potential applicants, the ScC decided to allocate to NCPs 1,8 M for 3 years. The aim is to share good practices and raise the general standard of support, in particular in countries with weak participation in ERC calls. The project has been submitted and is currently under evaluation.

Thank you!

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