

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BIOHORIZON

Dear Bio-NCP colleagues,

As the upcoming months are full of BioHorizon activities and opportunities for you, we decided to send you this exceptional newsletter reminding you of the main benefits that you can get from our project this spring.

Details on these tools and activities can always be found on the BioHorizon website ([www.ncp-biohorizon.net](http://www.ncp-biohorizon.net)) as well as on Twitter (@ncp\_biohorizon) where you can follow us.

Enjoy your reading and let us stay in touch. We are very happy to receive any comments you may have at [info@ncp-biohorizon.net](mailto:info@ncp-biohorizon.net).

**Your benefit is our priority!**

*Antoine KieÅer (ACTIA) – BioHorizon partner*



May you feel the hope of new beginnings,  
joy and happiness  
during this Easter holiday.

**Happy Easter!**

*The BioHorizon Team*



# ASSESS YOURSELF EASILY!

## BIO-NCP BENCHMARKING EXERCISE



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### NCP Benchmarking Tool

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The BioHorizon team is happy to announce the launching of this years' benchmarking exercise. All Bio-NCPs will be invited to take part in the exercise, which is set to commence on the **20<sup>th</sup> of March**. Make sure you participate and take the opportunity to win a BioHorizon pen drive, through the **prize draw** that will follow.

The exercise consists of **two questionnaires**, one for all NCPs and one with specific questions for Bio-NCPs. The exercise is very important, as it will give the opportunity to each Bio-NCP to compare their performance and practices with other Bio-NCPs and NCPs from other thematic areas and other countries.

It will also give the BioHorizon project an overview of the NCPs needs, strengths and weaknesses and will provide valuable input on the future training plans. It is necessary to have high participation in order to get reliable results and useful conclusions for the next period.

The questionnaires are small and **no more than 10 minutes** of your time will be required to complete them. So make sure you participate! The questionnaires will be available for completion on the online tool, **from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April until the 1<sup>st</sup> of May**, which will be the deadline for submission.

**BENCHMARKING TOOL:** <http://benchmarking.help-forward.gr>

**TUTORIAL:** [http://bit.do/BioHorizon\\_benchmarking\\_tutorial](http://bit.do/BioHorizon_benchmarking_tutorial)

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# IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS!

## THE BIOHORIZON PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR BIO-NCPs

The **BioHorizon practical guide for Bio-NCPs** is a comprehensive collection of information and practical guidelines on how to perform the daily work of a Bio-NCP. It consists of three large chapters: **(1)** Introduction, **(2)** What you need to know, **(3)** NCP activities and covers 21 thematic subsections. The first part of the BioHorizon practical guide, the 'What you need to know section,' provides general information about SC<sub>2</sub>, KET-B and related networks and instruments. The second part provides an overview of the most common tasks and challenges encountered in the daily work of a Bio-NCP. The final version of the 'BioHorizon practical guide for Bio-NCPs' is available from the BioHorizon internal communication platform: <https://ptj-bscw.ptj.kfa-juelich.de/bscw/bscw.cgi/d1962368/BioNCP%20practical%20guide%20version%20March%202016.pdf>

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# REIMBURSED TRAINING!

## 3RD BIOHORIZON INTERACTIVE TRAINING, BRUSSELS 27<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2017



The 3rd BioHorizon training event is **dedicated to the BBI programme** and jointly organised by the BioHorizon network and the BBI JU. It will take place in Brussels on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, in conjunction with the **BBI JU Open Info Day** on the 2017 Call for proposals (28<sup>th</sup> of April). The training will take the form of a **half-day session** in the BBI office (morning) plus a **site visit** to the Bio Base Europe pilot plant in Gent (afternoon) <http://www.bbeu.org/>.

BioHorizon offers up to 24 Bio-NCPs reimbursement for their participation (on a first come, first served basis). If you are interested in participating, please fill in the **registration form** <https://goo.gl/forms/V159Jaup7CoafXYSz>.

For more information please contact *Serena Borgna* and *Matteo di Rosa* ([borgna@apre.it](mailto:borgna@apre.it); [dirosa@apre.it](mailto:dirosa@apre.it)).





## STAFF EXCHANGE:

TRAVEL AND SHARE EXPERIENCE AMONG THE BIO-NCPs!



The BioHorizon network and the host organizations are glad to invite you to participate in the following Staff exchanges:

**Turkey/Ankara 14-15 June; Poland/Warsaw 21-22 June; and Switzerland/Bern 3-4 July.**

In your mailboxes, you can find the invitation with registration link where you select your choice for the SEs.

According to your choices, we will send individual invitation letters to you together with other information (agenda, venue etc...). **You are welcome to choose more than one option according to your availabilities.**

The **BioHorizon project offers travel grants for the SE activity**, thus Bio-NCPs will be reimbursed for their participation. The conditions for reimbursement as well as the maximum refundable amount for NCPs coming from Member States and Associated Countries are attached. (It is foreseen that max. 800 Euros is refundable, but if you are above this amount due to the expenses of your plane ticket, please inform us beforehand.)

Please fill in the doodle **until the 14th of April 2017...** and do not forget to write your country after your name.

For more information please contact *Cinar Adali* ([cinar.adali@tubitak.gov.tr](mailto:cinar.adali@tubitak.gov.tr))



## SAVE THE DATE!

**HORIZON 2020 SOCIETAL CHALLENGE 2 INFOWEEK INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL POLICY EVENTS; NCP MEETING AND BROKERAGE EVENT**

**Date : 13-17 November 2017, Brussels**

13/11 – (afternoon) Bio NCP meeting

14/11 – Infoday

15/11 – Brokerage event organized by BioHorizon consortium and the EC

16/11 – High-level policy event on bioeconomy

17/11 - High-level policy event on digitisation & special session on Blue Growth

Compulsory registration for these events will open in September. More detailed information on the programme of each day will be made available at a later stage. Links to all events will be provided on this page as soon as they become available.

More information available on:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/horizon-2020-societal-challenge-2-infoweek-including-high-level-policy-events>.

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