



**HORIZON 2020**

**NCP Academy Meet & Exchange  
Workshop**

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# *Introduction*



## *What do I do?*

- ✓ *DG RTD Horizon 2020 policy coordination unit*
- ✓ *Work Programme Coordination*
- ✓ *Horizon 2020 Implementation policy*
- ✓ *Project Officer for NCP Academy*

# ***The NCP System Under Horizon 2020***





## ***Focus under Horizon 2020***

### **NCPs are an essential part of the EU R&I programmes**

- Spreading awareness, on-the-ground guidance and information, in local language

### **NCPs needed to adapt and rise to the challenge of H2020, because:**

- New stakeholders alongside more familiar academic and industrial players
- New sorts of action
- A professionalised service, building on achievements of the past
- Transparency and equal access to underpin all NCP work

### **Commission facilitates work of the network and coordinates where necessary**

## ***Minimum Standards & Guiding Principles (1)***

- ***Expectations spelled out for each NCP:***
  - Resources
  - Availability
  - Knowledge
  - Communication skills
  - Liaison with other services, including EEN
  - Respecting confidentially
  - Avoiding conflicts of interest
- ***Outreach to all sectors and potential stakeholders***
  - No closed clubs!



## ***Minimum Standards & Guiding Principles (2)***

### ***Core tasks***

- Informing and awareness-raising of H2020 opportunities
- Assisting, advising training
- Signposting and cooperation

## ***Minimum Standards & Guiding Principles (3)***

### **Interactions with the Commission**

- Contact persons identified
- Exchange of information

### **Measures to maintain & improve quality of service**

- *Meetings of the different NCP configurations*
- *National monitoring*
- *Network projects*



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# Questions

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## ***GARRI.8.2014 - National Contact Points for quality standards and horizontal issues***

**National Contact Points need to be fully cognisant with the rules and procedures of Horizon 2020 if they are to provide high quality services to potential applicants. They also need to be proficient in the processes involved in running an NCP service itself.** This is a continuous concern, as the programme evolves, lessons are learned, and as newcomers join the NCP network. A body of know-how is already held by the NCPs themselves, which needs to be made generally available, and further enhanced.



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## **Expected impact:**

An improved and professional NCP service across Europe  
Thereby helping simplify access to Horizon 2020 calls, lowering the entry barriers for newcomers, and raising the average quality of proposals submitted. A more consistent level of NCP support services across Europe.



# NCP NETWORK SUCCESS

**A project that :**

**Ensures** that training addresses needs of NCPs and is accessible by a broad audience

**Develops** a system for supporting less well-performing NCPs and newcomers

**Creates** a shared knowledge base for NCPs

**Assesses** the effectiveness of its deliverables



# Looking ahead.....





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