NETWORKS IN HE - CLUSTER 4
DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE
Parent DGs: SANTE, HERA, RTD, CONNECT, GROW, DEFIS
National Contact Points - NCPs
WHO WE ARE

The NCPs are support structures that have become an essential component in the implementation of the Framework Programmes.

THE NCP KEY TASK IS TO SUPPORT APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN HORIZON EUROPE

The NCPs are nominated at national level and act in close cooperation with the EU Commission and with national partners and clients.
National Contact Points - NCPs
WHERE WE ARE

228 Cluster 4 NCPs have been nominated

135 NCPs for Member states
41 NCPs in Associated countries
52 NCPs in Third countries
National Contact Points – NCPs
WHAT WE OFFER

The NCPs provide information and advice to potential applicants and beneficiaries, through the project life cycle, in their own language, in a personalized manner that would be impossible for the Commission and its Agencies acting alone.

- Information and awareness raising
- Assisting, advising, training
- Signposting and cooperation
National Contact Points – NCPs
HOW WE ARE ORGANISED

15 NCP network projects under Horizon Europe

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 Europe to NCPs and stakeholders.

The three networks promote events, services and tools for the digital, industry and space thematic areas and foster the circulation of knowledge, good practices and available opportunities among Cluster 4 research and innovation communities.
The European Network of HE Cluster 4 Industry National Contact Points
# About NCP4Industry

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Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area

- Widening participation and spreading excellence
- Reforming and Enhancing the European R&I system

Industry - EU Partnerships

Co-programmed partnerships
- Made in Europe (ex FoF)
- Process4Planet - Carbon neutral Circular Industry (ex SPIRE)
- Clean steel

Institutional partnership (Art. 185, Public-Public)
- European Partnership on Metrology
Objectives

The strategic objective of the Cluster 4 Industry European NCP Network project are to:

- established a consistent level of NCP support services across Europe in the field of Industry R&I,

- promote HE CL4 Industry funding opportunities among multiple research and innovation communities

- stimulate knowledge transfer and cross-fertilization among a wide diversity of actors and institutional stakeholders’ groups.
NCP4Industry Target Group

**CL4 National Contact Points**
Welcome Package; Capacity building activities, Trainings, webinars and background information

**Relevant initiatives and stakeholders groups**
Stakeholder map, continuous communication and mutual collaboration activities

**R&I communities**
Matchmaking activities, Proposal Checks, Webinars and Info-sessions during major events

**Newcomers and potential new actors**
Awareness raising campaigns and access to networks via Testimonials and knowledge transfer

**European Commission**
Feedback from and to the EC; Bilateral and collaborative approach to R&I communities via additional services and matchmaking opportunities
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NCP4Industry Services

Our services are free of charge:

- Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
- Advices on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Trainings, Mutual Learning Modules and assistance on proposal writing
- Pre-proposal Checks events
- Distribution of documentation, guidelines and background information, via user-friendly tools
- Access to up-to-date information via NCP4Industry Ambassadors and Antennas
- Assistance in partner search, with dedicated Brokerage Events
- Support European funded projects related communication, via an inclusive information hub
Impacts

- Improved support to CL4 Industry applicants by enhancing the competencies and skills of CL4 Industry NCPs
- Informed and enabled CL4 applicants
- Lowered entry barriers for newcomers and participants from widening countries
- Increased quality and inclusiveness of CL4 Industry consortia
- A more collaborative, mainstreamed and visible CL4 NCPs community, with specific reference to Industry’s one
- Mutual collaboration among NCP extended Network and EC
What we did specifically for Proposers?

- EVENT | 5th and 6th of Dec – Sustainable Economy in Horizon Europe
- BROKERAGE EVENT | 14th of Dec – Industry Brokerage Event
- EVENT | 16th of Dec – Discovering AMI 2030
- SERVICE | Proposal idea check open in December 2022: [https://ncp4industry.eu/proposal-idea-check/](https://ncp4industry.eu/proposal-idea-check/)
- EVENT | 9 March 2023 – Materials R&I: Toward a new dialogue with societal & non-technical stakeholders
- EVENT | 27th April 2023 – Raw Materials Agenda in Horizon Europe
- MATERIAL | Factsheet “Artificial Intelligence in the Industrial Sector – Horizon Europe”
What we will do for Proposers in the coming months?

- **HADEA EVENT ON SYNERGY** – Rome (Italy), 20th of June 2023
- **NEW INDUSTRY FACTSHEETS** – Summer 2023
- **EVENT ON INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIP IN HE** – Lisbon (Portugal), November 2023
- **BROKERAGE EVENT WP CL4 2024** – October 2023
- **FULL PROPOSAL CHECK** – to be announced in December 2023
- **CL4 Synergy WEBINAR** – Webinar on the ownership control declaration – July/Sept 2023
- **CL4 Synergy WEBINAR** – AI and ethics questionnaires in the HE template – Dec 2023
Thank you for your attention

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