



Meet & Exchange: Project Officer and NCP interactions

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The NCP Academy...



- Brings together Horizon 2020 NCP Coordinators and Legal and Financial NCPs
- Implements training on cross-cutting issues for National Contact Points
- Addresses quality standards and good practice
- Significantly enhances the performance of NCPs
- Type of activities:
 - Trainings
 - Meet & Exchange workshops
 - Google group for Legal and Finance NCPs
 - Homepage with blog <http://ncpacademy.eu/>

Meet & Exchange Workshops...

- Learn from each other – exchange knowledge and experiences
- Identify „hot issues“ in HORIZON 2020 and the European RTI funding landscape
- Analyse important topics and find solutions
- Provide feedback
- How we do this:
 - Combine expertise and experiences of NCPs to identify bottlenecks, weaknesses and challenges arising in Horizon 2020
 - Share findings with the European Commission, relevant stakeholders and the entire NCP network in various formats (reports, minutes, case studies etc)

Our topic today...

- **Project Officer and NCP interactions**
- NCP Guiding Principles* - Cooperation between NCPs and EC Services
- Interactions with the Commission
 - Contact persons identified
 - Exchange of information
- Measures to maintain & improve quality of service
 - Training
 - National monitoring
 - Meetings of NCP coordinators
 - Network projects
- http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/support/20131125_NCP%20Minimum%20standards.pdf

Guidelines on Communication between NCPs and the European Commission



- Effective communication is essential
- Hotlines for each WP part
- Messages from NCPs should be replied to as quickly as possible
- DG/Agency interactions to be managed smoothly
- NCP internal correspondents to ensure adequate tracking of questions and timely reply to NCPs
- Overall monitoring; embedding in business process
- But....no pre-proposal checks in H2020. So, the Commission will not pronounce on proposal ideas, neither from applicants, nor from NCPs on their behalf
- NCPs cannot expect the Commission to "interpret" topic descriptions
- The work programme is what it is!
- If a serious anomaly is discovered, a WP correction/clarification will be issued

Thank you...



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