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“Report on 4 NCP project network meetings”

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A continuous and structured collaboration with other thematic NCP networking projects will be established with the aim of identifying cross-cutting synergies in their services (i.e. discuss, compare and improve the services provided by the NCP projects and the impact they generate) and avoiding activities overlaps among networks. Three virtual and 1 onsite meeting will be organised. The target group consisting of 15 NCP projects will discuss several topics such as:

- Identifying training needs for 2019 onwards & to coordinate the training plan with the NCP Academy (see WP2, Task 2.1);
- Identifying NCP success practices and feeding into tasks 3.3 and 3.4;
- Discussing challenges of the specific NCP project networks with regard to the future structure (the outcome should feed into the discussion of the M&E in Task 3.1. and will therefore give input to the recommendations made in Task 3.1);
- Providing feedback to the joint digital NCP knowledge hub (Task 3.3);
- General discussion forum for cooperation within the entire NCP network;
- Discussion of a future common branding.

Description of Deliverable 3.5: Report on 4 NCP project network meetings

A continuous and structured collaboration with other thematic NCP networking projects has been established with the aim of identifying cross-cutting synergies in their services (i.e. discuss, compare and improve the services provided by the NCP projects and the impact they generate) and avoiding activities overlaps among networks. Three virtual and 1 onsite meeting have been planned, and up to July 2020, we miss 1 virtual meeting to be organized in the month of October 2020. The target group has consisted of 15 NCP projects as an opportunity of discussion and report on several topics such as:

- Identifying training needs for 2019 onwards & to coordinate the training plan with the NCP Academy (see WP2, Task 2.1);
- Identifying NCP success practices and feeding into tasks 3.3 and 3.4;
- Discussing challenges of the specific NCP project networks with regard to the future structure (the outcome should feed into the discussion of the M&E in Task 3.1. and will therefore give input to the recommendations made in Task 3.1);
- Providing feedback to the joint digital NCP knowledge hub (Task 3.3);
- General discussion forum for cooperation within the entire NCP network;
- Discussion of a future common branding.

Results – NCP project meetings and activities organized

1- Webinar on presenting NCP Academy services and activities to all thematic NCP networks

✓ Webinar Agenda

Date: 28 January 2019, 11 a.m. CET
Organiser: NCP Academy - APRE
Target group: NCP project coordinators and the responsible partners in their projects for Networking with other networks, trainings, and meet & exchange.
Event categories: webinar

11.00  Caterina Buonocore – APRE
Task 3.2 leader: Providing a structured exchange interface for NCP networks

Welcome and introduction

11.05  Garrett Murray – EI
NCP Academy Coordinator- main characteristics of the new NCP Academy, communication channels, who is who in the project.

Brief introduce on the objectives and strategy for the NCP Academy
Q&A session

11.15  Vangelis Argoudelis - FORTH
WP1 leader: Tools for capacity building on Horizon 2020 Legal & Financial issues

Tools for capacity building on Legal & Financial issues
Q&A session

11.25  Birgit Steininger – FFG
WP2 leader: Training and exchange of experiences

Presentation of WP2: current status and potential cooperation opportunities
Q&A session

11.35  Margarida Santos – FCT
WP3 leader: Developing the NCP system

NCP Knowledge hub (to be confirmed)
Q&A session

11.45  Liane Lewerentz – DLR
Task 3.1 leader: Providing a platform for NCP coordinators

Presentation of our approach and tentative schedule
Q&A session
11.55 Margarida Santos – FCT (on behalf of Magdalena Glogowska – IPPT PAN)
Task 3.4 leader: Impact of NCP services

Presentation of task 3.4.: Impact of NCP services
Q&A session

12.05 Any other business proposed by coordinators

12.15 Concluding remarks and end of session

✓ Webinar report:

11.00 Caterina Buonocore – APRE
Task 3.2 leader: Providing a structured exchange interface for NCP networks
Welcome and introduction

- Task aim: Providing a platform for NCP projects for networking and discussion for efficient collaboration.
- Creation of an email address to communicate among project coordinators: ncp-networks@apre.it to share event of common interest and to talk about common issues.

- Task 3.2 description

A continuous and structured collaboration with other thematic NCP networking projects will be established with the aim of identifying cross-cutting synergies in their services (i.e. discuss, compare and improve the services provided by the NCP projects and the impact they generate) and avoiding activities overlaps among networks.
- Task activities

Three virtual and 1 onsite meeting will be organised.
The target group consisting of 15 NCP projects
Some topics were included in the proposal stage such as:
- Identifying NCP success practices (see task 3.4 dedicated to a catalogue of best practices)
- Discussing challenges of the specific NCP project networks with regard to the future structure (the outcome should feed into the discussion of the M&E in Task 3.1. and will therefore give input to the recommendations made in Task 3.1);
- Providing feedback to the joint digital NCP knowledge hub (Task 3.3);
- General discussion forum for cooperation within the entire NCP network;
- Discussion of a future common branding etc.
- Other topics to be proposed by all other networks

- Timeline proposed for Meetings M 3 Jan 2019; M 8; M 12; M 17

11.10 Garrett Murray – EI
NCP Academy Coordinator—main characteristics of the new NCP Academy, communication channels, who is who in the project.

Brief introduce on the objectives and strategy for the NCP Academy

- Objectives of the project:
  - Building on the success achieved to data
  - Bringing 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

- Activities:

  Monitoring and Coordination of the Project

  - Presentation of the website

  - Calendar of activities

  Monthly Conference Calls, bi-annual Consortia and Advisory Board Meetings

11.15 Vangelis Argoudelis - FORTH

WP1 leader: Tools for capacity building on Horizon 2020 Legal & Financial issues

- WP1 Objectives:
  - Tools for capacity building on Legal & Financial issues
  - Improve efficiency and effectiveness of LF services
  - Improve knowledge on detailed and advanced LF issues
  - Harmonize the quality of services across LF NCPs
  - Promote communication among LF NCPs
  - Enhance the role of NCP Academy as a “knowledge hub” for the entire Horizon 2020 community

- Tasks description:
  - T1.1 Online Q&A database on H2020 L&F issues (FORTH)
  - T1.2 L&F NCPs communication group (ISCIII)
  - T1.3 Mentoring scheme (HUB)

- WP1 Deliverables
  - D1.1 Mapping of Q&A databases used by other NCP networks (April 2019)
  - D1.2 Procedures and guidelines for Mentoring (April 2019)
  - D1.3 Updated version of Q&A database (October 2019)
  - D1.4 Mapping of communication tools used by other NCP networks (October 2019)
  - D1.5 Consultation with the EC for further use of the Q&A database (April 2020)
  - D1.6 Updated version of Q&A database (October 2020)

- Interaction with other NCP Networks needed in the following tasks:
- Survey on Q&A database tools used (February – March 2019)
- Survey on Communication tools used (August – October 2019)
- Identify features like: topic/ field, public/ private, targeted audience, source of info, number of entries
- Identify potential synergies
- Produce a report on this mapping exercise

• Q&A session

11.25 Birgit Steininger – FFG
WP2 leader: Training and exchange of experiences
Presentation of WP2: current status and potential cooperation opportunities
• Tasks presentation:

Task 2.1 Identifying training & exchange needs:
- exchange/coordination with National Coordinating NCPs (Advisory Group), coordinators of thematic and horizontal NCP-networks, NCPs at various occasions (f.e. NCP meetings,...);
- asking event participants for further training needs will be analysed soon;
- upon demand: quick online surveys to NCPs;
- close exchange with EC

Task 2.2 Planning the training programme:
- along 6 core training areas
- by using appropriate formats
- resulting in a training/event calendar
- available/published as far in advance as possible (to allow NCPs for timely planning their participation)
- e-learning pilot

Task 2.3 Providing opportunities for exchange:
- Organisation of Meet&Exchange Workshops with a focus on topics for exchange on good practise in NCP services,
- topics tackling pressing implementation barriers of the FP,
- upcoming developments in the context of the FP

Task 2.4 Implementing training measures and quality assurance
- Design and organisation of training sessions and webinars
- interactive, clear objectives, clear description of content, competent trainers, with feedback sessions,
- Follow-up – Exploiting the feedback and monitoring the participation, publication of testimonials

• Description of core training areas

Legal and financial aspects; Cross cutting aspects; Innovation/SMEs; Widening; Synergies; New developments; NCP skills
• Presentation of training calendar available and joint events with NCP networks;
• Promotion of joint activities and cooperation

Closer coordination for the future

Invitation for participating in e-learning task force; contact FFG, Nicole Schmidt to express interest.

• Q&A session
  1- could we offer a e-learning tool? (Olivier Marco)

11.35  Margarida Santos – FCT
WP3 leader: Developing the NCP system
NCP Knowledge hub
• WP Description
  - AIM: align and coordinate NCP networking activities

• WP OBJECTIVES:
  - Cooperation with and coordination of all NCP stakeholders (e.g. thematic NCP projects, NCP Coordinators, individual NCPs, national NCP systems)
  - Exploit the full potential of currently existing NCP networks and services
  - Discuss/prepare high quality NCP systems for the future

• WP Activities:
  - An online repository for NCP material will be developed
  - Organize information and links to a selection of NCP materials in a one stop shop
  - Organize, maintain and share previous results and contribute to future NCP work
  - Will be structured in accordance with the needs of NCPs
  - An online repository for NCP material will be developed

• Calendar of activities (2019)
  - NCP Network projects will be consulted (e.g. available sharable materials, NCP needs)
  - Guide for new NCPs on where to find information and useful and up-to-date materials.

• Q&A session

The topic raised already some interaction among participants from Ideal IST 2020 and Cosmos 2020. It would be important to have an organized and structured hub of information (Not an ARCHIVE) that are truly helping NCPs to find it and use it in their daily job.

11.45  Liane Lewerentz – DLR
Task 3.1 leader: Providing a platform for NCP coordinators
Presentation of our approach and tentative schedule
• Task objectives:
  - Aim is to collect opinions on the future NCP role with regards to key principles, its core functions, the cooperation between NCPs and Commission services and the NCP structure by addressing the NCP Coordinators

These considerations shall be discussed in a Meet an Exchange and lead into a paper of recommendations sent by the NCP Academy to the Commission in due time.

Target group: NCP Coordinators
Task activities:
- Needs analysis of the NCP community
- Recommendations for the establishment of future NCP structures
- (tentative) calendar of activities:
  
  Draft survey, January/February 2019
  Mailing of survey, March 2019
  Survey analysis, April/May 2019
  Meet and Exchange with NCP Coordinators, May 2019
  Finalization and Report on needs analysis, July-September 2019

Timeline
Start in December 2018 till end of 2019

Q&A session
1- Do you plan to share the recommendations with the networks before sending it to the COM?
   Yes
2- Will you ask all NCPs via the survey? What kind of questions?
3- Meet & Exchange with coordinators of thematic Networks would be good?
   Yes, we did in June 2018 in Rome a M&E starting the discussion on NCPs toward HEU and we have a paper summarizing the ideas. The views of the 2 segments were different so in the new project it has been decided to separate the discussion and have one only for NCP coordinators.
4- To whom (in EC) will the Report on needs analysis be sent?

Unit of Alan Cross and then we can decide if we want to share it with Thematic Units at EC.

11.55 Margarida Santos – FCT (on behalf of Magdalena Glogowska – IPPT PAN)
Task 3.4 leader: Impact of NCP services
Presentation of task 3.4.: Impact of NCP services

Task description:
This task aims at examining the impact of NCP services on a qualitative basis by identifying and analysing the most efficient NCP services across the network in regard to core functions of an NCP: informing, awareness rising; assisting advising and training; signposting and cooperation.

Activities
- Preparation of draft catalogue: „NCPs Best Practices”
- Consultations of draft with focus groups (workshops under Task 3.2 will be used for focus groups survey), consultation and fine-tuning
- Presentation of catalogue’s final version to NCP Coordinators and EC

Presentation of calendar of activities
- Draft catalogue – May 2019
- Consultations of draft with focus groups (workshop under Task 3.2) – June/July 2019 (tbc)
- Report on NCP services impact made available at the NCP knowledge hub – March 2020

- Q&A session

- Conclusions (Caterina BUONOCORE, APRE)

Wrap up and ideas for the future meetings by Caterina Buonocore

The main intent of this webinar was to present to all other NCP projects coordinators and relevant partners the people responsible for NCP ACADEMY (IE, APRE, FFG, PRAXI, FCT, DLR, IPPT PAN) and the planned activities for 2019 which will require the interaction with all other networks. NCP Academy will need among other tasks to:

- map tools (FAQ, IT tools, Communication tools) (WP 1, Vangelis Agoudelis)
- offer capacity building (webinar, hand on, pilot on e-learning) also to Non L &F NCPs (WP 2, Birgit Steininger FFG)
- create a Knowledge hub (WP 3, Margarida Santos, FCT)
- and produce a catalogue of NCP best practice which will serve as a tool for enhancing NCP visibility and share their good examples. (WP 3, Magdalena IPPT Pan).

Next step will be to consult all other projects networks (via the coordinators) to collect their input and advices on these tasks. We have 3 more opportunities (2 virtual and 1 M&E) to gather again around a specific and common need. The Knowledge hub could be the next opportunity to share an hypothesis of Hub and the modalities to structure, feed it and keep it up to date: what model? What inputs? What access? This will be followed up inside WP 3, leaded by Margarida Santos, from FCT.

The idea of working on a common webpage raised already in the past meetings, and a common joint calendar collecting all Events are still of interest but could not be taken in the Description of Action of NCP Academy due to first of all, limited resources and secondly due to the timing. These 2 issues stay important, but they could be implemented in a next projects where also all the other NCP projects are committed to contribute. This cannot be a one project challenge but a common and official joint activity. Looking at our timeline, running until November 2020, NCP Academy discussion platform could select topics like: “a final event with all NCPs of H2020/HEU” and discuss a common NCP Branding valid for HEU in the last semester of the project (may 2020?).

End of the webinar session.

- **Webinar participants**
  Number of participants: 42
  Speakers: 6

- **NCP Academy survey for project networks**
  - This activity has targeted again the NCP networks and was coordinated by the Beneficiary French Ministry of Education and Research and APRE who collected and analysed the results coming from the different networks. A presentation was produced and presented by
APRE National NCP coordinator during the Paris “Meet and Exchange” organized in the framework of task 3.1.

April/May 2019

**Participants**
- Number of participants: **13 NCP projects network**
- NMP TEAM
- RICH2020
- NUCL-EU 2020
- Access4SMEs
- BioHorizon
- SEREN4
- ETNA2020
- NCPs CaRE (SC5)
- Idealist2020
- COSMOS2020
- Health NCP Net 2.0
- C-ENERGY 2020
- Net4Society
Introduction

Caterina Buonocore – APRE

WP 3/ Task 3.2 leader: Providing a structured exchange interface for NCP networks

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“created to communicate among project coordinators”

Aim: Providing a platform for NCP projects for networking and discussion for efficient collaboration.
Timeline proposed for virtual Meetings + 1 M&E
WP 3 - Task 3.2. Providing a structured exchange interface for NCP networks
(task leader: APRE; co-leader: FCT)

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Virtual and onsite meeting will be organised.
The target group consisting of 15 NCP projects

Some topics...
- Identifying NCP success practices (task 3.4 (Magdalena) is willing to create a catalogue with NCP best practices to give visibility to our NCP work)
- Discussing challenges of the specific NCP project networks with regard to the future structure (the outcome should feed into the discussion of the MSE in Task 3.1 (Liane) and will therefore give input to the recommendations made in Task 3.1)
- Providing feedback to the joint digital NCP knowledge hub (Margarida, Task 3.3)
- Identifying training needs for 2020 onwards & to coordinate the training plan with the NCP Academy (see WP2, Task 2.1)
- General discussion forum for cooperation within the entire NCP network
- Discussion of a future common NCP branding etc...
- Other topics to be proposed by all other networks

AGENDA 10:00 to 16:30

10.15 - 12.45 Building a knowledge hub for all NCPs (interactive session) – Margarida Santos (FCT)

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 - 15.00 Elearning tool and Training calendar for 2020 (interactive session) – Nicole Schmidt (FFG)

15.00 - 16.15 Collecting best practices for all NCPs (interactive session) – Magdalena Giogowska (KPK IPPTpan)

16.15 - 16.30 Conclusions
3- NCP Academy M&E with NCP-network Coordinators

✓ M&E Agenda

November 6th, 2019

10.00 – 16.30

Venue: APRE Central Office - Via Cavour, 71
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10.00 Welcome – Caterina Buonocore (APRE)
Round of introduction of participants

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✓ M&E Report

Welcome (Round of introduction of participants) – Marco Falzetti and Caterina Buonocore (APRE)
Building a knowledge hub for all NCPs (interactive session) – Margarida Santos (FCT)

The general aim for the session was to define a Knowledge Hub (KH) according to what NCP Projects (and other stakeholders) want/NCP need.
This session was planned in accordance to the NCP Academy Task 3.3 Lead by FCT/EI: Developing the Knowledge Hub. In addition to the NCP Academy, 12 other NCP-network projects were represented.
The M&E started with an open discussion about the pilot of the KH that should run with a vision for the future (able to accommodate transition to Horizon Europe), and about the best way of collecting and
selecting materials; this was followed by **group work about how to organize materials in an ideal KH** (and those that should be included in the first pilot). The results of the group work were **discussed in plenary** (see pictures of group work in Appendix), followed by a wrap-up/common vision/priorities/decision making.

**Presentation of group brainstorming to all participants of the M&E on the Knowledge Hub**

Inputs gathered included (the following list is not exhaustive):

- A pilot should be running in June (different from the Ideal KH); the pilot is conceived for new NCP but organized in a way that any NCP can find specific information they need at a certain moment.

- No quality check will be made for documents. A disclaimer should be present at the entry page of the KH stating this.

- Repetition of contents should be kept at a low level, but some repetition is positive since it allows NCPs to choose according to their preference.

- All materials will be of free access. NCP Networks should select materials for the KH considering this.

- The KH will be organized in a user-centric approach, with information boxes to click on, that access another layer of information – similar to the current website of the NCP Academy, where it will be hosted.

- The materials should be useful for all NCP, and therefore most thematic material will not be in the KH. However, a list of NCP Projects and respective links will be available on the KH

- A view has shared that perhaps in the future the KH could also keep thematic materials, and that this would be a way to maintain availability of materials, in case thematic networks do not have a defined continuity

- For the ideal KH, it was suggested to use a color code for documents, one color for H2020, another for Horizon Europe and a third color if valid for both FP; however, this was not examined neither discussed in detail.

**Next steps:**

- An Excel file will be **sent to all NCP Networks with the aim of collecting materials** they consider suitable for the KH, according to predefined categories. The file is to be filled with all the requested information for each material to be shared in the KH (document/link/other), and then sent back to the NCP Academy together with all documents mentioned in this file and that in the future should be available in the KH.
• A list of topics that will form the structure of the KH will also be circulated to all NCP project Networks for comments. The topics will also be the entry points to retrieve the materials of the KH, to be hosted on the website of the NCP Academy.

E-learning tool and Training calendar for 2020 (interactive session) – Nicole Schmidt (FFG)
The main aim of this session was to present the current status & discuss further ideas and cooperation potential for the NCP Academy e-learning plans.
After the presentation of the concept and the status quo, a “traffic light feedback” session took place. Participants gathered in small groups and discussed:
• chances, synergies and cooperation potential,
• their respective needs with regards to e-learning as well as
• open questions & ideas for improvement.

The main outcomes of this session are the following:
• The NCP Academy e-learning pilot on Horizon Europe will be one of the first learning approaches to introduce information on Horizon Europe. A close cooperation with the European Commission therefore is a must.
• Some NCP networks (mainly Idealist and Net4Society) are currently working on a first MOOC within the scope of their respective projects. Synergies and cooperation potential shall be discussed. Also Access4EIC works on providing e-learning, mainly focusing on gathering already available information of Coursera.org.

• If a e-learning on Horizon Europe shall be a success, NCPs need more information on than what is provided via EC sources. A potential e-learning shall therefore also include tips and good practices as well as background information provided by experienced NCPs.
• There is a need for further “Train the online trainer” workshops.
• The pilot should not only focus on “classic” newcomers, as ALL NCPs will practically be newcomers to HEU. The e-learning shall therefore be targeted to all NCPs.
• Technically, a platform should offer the possibility to work with ready-made templates e.g. for quizzes. It should furthermore offer interaction in various ways (Quiz, Chat, Forum, etc.). The platform should also be attractive in terms of design and user-friendliness.
• Experiences that have been made with MOOCs so far are: avoid an overload of material, carefully choose the provided content, offer certificates to make the participation more appealing to participants.
• There needs to be a clear distinction and complementarity (vs. redundancy!) with the NCP Academy knowledge hub.
• An integration of **thematic streams**, provided by the respective thematic NCP networks, into an overall NCP Academy e-learning could be envisaged. To make this possible, timely planning of resources for potential future NCP networks would be crucial.
• The Idealist network is open to discuss a potential integration of their MOOC into a NCP Academy e-learning pilot, provided that the cooperation would be clearly stated and promoted accordingly.
• The NCP Academy website does NOT offer the integration of a further plugin. Therefore a **separate website** (based on Wordpress) would need to be set up and linked to the existing one.

Based on the above mentioned outcomes, the following TO Dos / next steps have been defined:

• Get in touch with Idealist and Net4Society to exchange experiences and discuss possible synergies and cooperation potential – **before end of 2019**
• Set up a Wordpress website including a LMS plugin – **beginning of 2020**
• Keep networks up to date about the status quo of the NCP Academy e-learning – **ongoing**

**Collecting best practices for all NCPs (interactive session)** – *Magdalena Glogowska (KPK)*
1. Presentation of task 3.4: aim, progress, deliverable.
2. Presentation of NCPs best practices collected so far.
3. “What are NCPs worst practices?” – interactive exercise, warm up for further discussion
4. Short discussion: would network projects like to contribute with their best practices to our catalogue? Yes, they would 😊
5. Interactive session: “Show me your best practices”.

All participants presented short descriptions of their best practices, based on provided questionnaire. Presentations included:
• Organization of training for successful SC5 project coordinators – between stage one and two of project calls
• Mentoring Service
• Event including proposal check, mentoring and flash presentations
• Full proposal check event
• Access 4 SMEs Toolbox
• Access 4 SMEs Annotated Template
• Impact Assessment
• Topic Tree
• EIC Mock Interviews

After the presentation there was also a Q&A session.
Take home message (followed by email to participants): please, provide full descriptions of your best practices in a provided questionnaire until the end of November 2019. It is possible to submit more than one best practice.

**Appendix - Building a knowledge hub for all NCPs**
Knowledge Hub – Defining Content

General Toolbox
- NCP
  - Skills
  - Activities

Headings
- NCP Structure
  - NCP General Skills
  - NCP Monitoring Program
  - NCP Monitoring Agenda

Tools is how we work!
- SDG
  - Planning for a problem
  - Access to
    - Links to thematic networks

Result
- NCP Toolbox
  - Guide

NCP Structure
-.Objects
  - NCP Guide on Horizon-NCP EV
  - CNS Links

General Knowledge
- Methodologies
  - Cross Cutting (Gender, SSM, IPE)

General Skills
- Action
  - Proposal
  - Preparation
  - Organisation of outputs
  - Train the trainer

Materials to Support
- Documents
- Workshops
- Videos

*note: last updated on...
* update/preview every quarter
✓ **M&E participants**

**Number of participants: 25**

15 NCP projects network
- NCP Academy
- HNN2.0
- RICH-2
- Access4SMEs-Access2EIC
- Net4Society
- BioHorizon
Conclusions

We consider this is a successful task which has given NCP Academy plus and other thematic networks the platform and the resources to gather and exchange ideas for improvements. We have a common platform of communication and many activities have been shared during these 18 months. We have organized 1 Kick off webinar, 1 M&E, 1 survey and we plan one more final webinar in October 2020. All these activities have been targeting all NCP thematic projects to allow exploring synergies and needs. The pilot of the knowledge HUB, now Online, has been the proof that it is possible to work better together, sharing and using what the different networks have developed.

In terms of foreseen activities, we have still the opportunity to organize one Virtual Meeting in the month of October 2020 where we would like to gather all NCP networks and NCPs to show the Knowledge hub and to present to NCP community the Good Practice Booklet that NCP Academy has created with the support of many NCP organizations.