

The key factors for impact in strategic research and innovation funding in a view of widening actions

International Network of the National Contact Points (NCPs)
For **Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation**

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Why are we here?

- ❖ Find out first impact of synergies between H2020 and other instruments
- ❖ Learn best practices
- ❖ Exchange experiences
- ❖ Discuss the future role of NCPs



Our plan for two days

Day 1 (10:00 – 18:00):

- ❖ Impact of strategic planning (synergies)
- ❖ Role of NCPs in the process
- ❖ Impact of Widening success stories

Networking dinner – celebration 😊

Day 2 (9:00 – 12:45):

- ❖ Maximising and assessing the impact of Widening actions



Introduction (I)

- ❖ In 4 groups, throw a set, pick up 2 cubes
- ❖ One picture relate to personal
- ❖ The other relate to „Expectations with the workshop?“



Introduction (II)

- ❖ In groups draw your association to Impact (5 min.)



Session I:

The impact of strategic research and innovation funding; lessons learnt, KPIs and first results



Impact of synergies between H2020 and ESIF, lessons learnt, best practices.

Is it possible to measure synergies?



Case studies





Lunch break



Session II: Role of NCPs in strategic research and innovation funding; lessons learnt, KPIs and first results



Session II - goals

- ❖ Learn on provisions related to NCP job
- ❖ Re-defin the NCP job

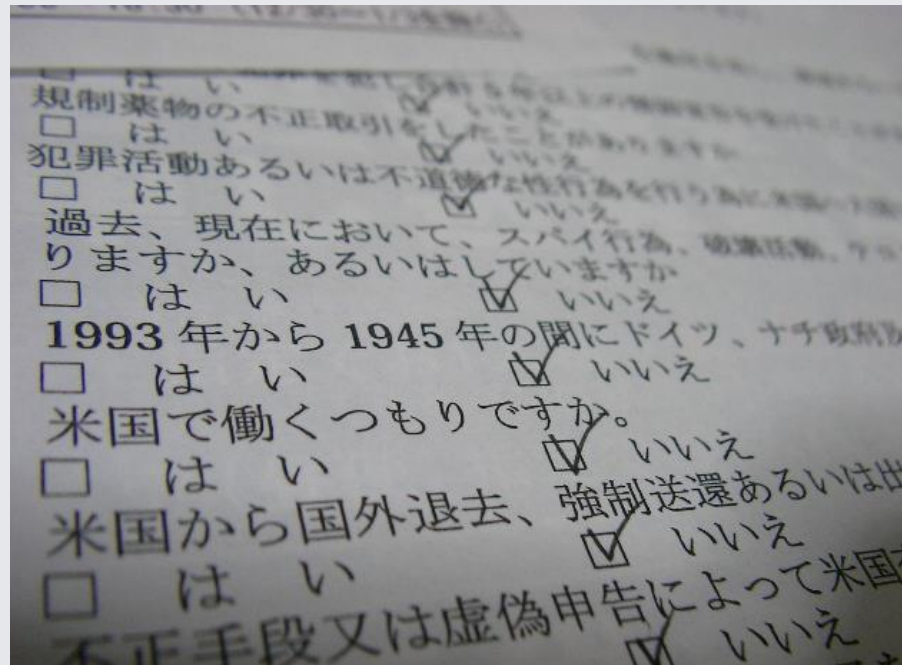


Energizer... 1,2,3



Quiz

How much do you know on NCP job?



規制薬物の不正取引をしたことがありますか
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犯罪活動あるいは不道徳な性行為を行う為に米国へ入国しましたか
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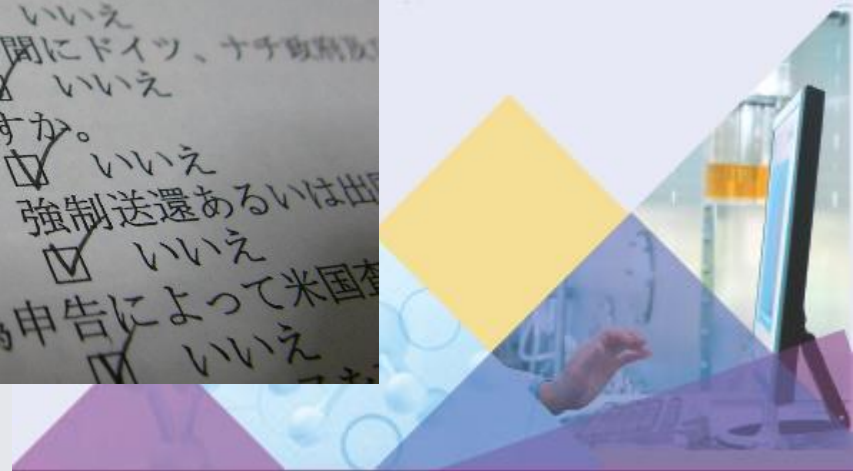
過去、現在において、スパイ行為、破壊活動、テロリズムを行いますか、あるいはしていますか
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1993年から1945年の間にドイツ、ナチ独逸軍に属したことがありますか
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米国で働くつもりですか
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米国から国外退去、強制送還あるいは出国したことがありますか
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不正手段又は虚偽申告によって米国に入国したことがありますか
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Quiz - results

1. Missions, key principles and core functions of the NCP job are defined in (single choice):
- a) *Recommendations* adopted by the European Parliament
 - b) *Minimum standards and guiding principles for setting up of NCP systems under Horizon 2020* by the European Commission
 - c) *Minimum standards for Member States and Associated Countries under Horizon 2020* by the European Parliament
 - d) *Recommendations* adopted by the European Council



Quiz - results

2. According to the document stated in point 1 to NCPs core functions belong (multiple choice):

- a) Informing, awareness raising
- b) Assisting, advising, training
- c) Signposting and cooperation
- d) Policy making



Quiz - results

3. Portfolio of instruments on which NCPs should raise awareness and provide information within the NCP's mandate include (multiple choice):

- a) Articles 185 and 187 initiatives
- b) EIT KICs
- c) Innovation activities in Horizon 2020
- d) R&D related parts in European Structural and Investments Funds
- e) COSME, Eureka, COST in the field of research and innovation



Quiz - results

4. NCPs should establish cooperation with (multiple choice):

- a) Enterprise Europe Network
- b) Respective specialists supporting services within European Structural and Investments Funds (R&D related activities)
- c) The network and selection of partners is solely on the side of NCPs and may differ according to the country's specific
- d) Structures and organisations supporting European RTD Programmes



Quiz - results

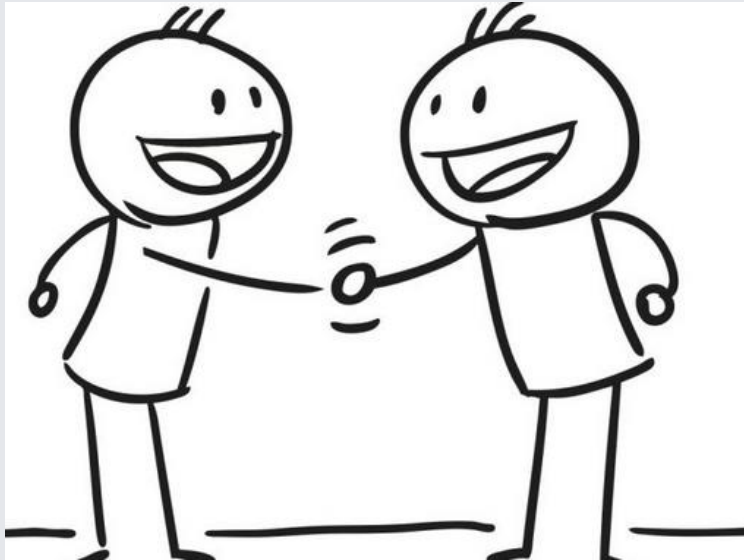
5. In regard to the opportunities provided by related programmes (eg. COSME, ESIF), NCPs (multiple choice):

- a) should at least be aware of
- b) should be familiar with the relevant sources of advice in the country concerned (e.g., Managing Authorities)
- c) should be knowledgeable about all aspects should be fully conversant with the objectives, principles and content



Role of NCPs in the process

NCPs play/can play a meaningful role in supporting and facilitating synergies **process** at the regional and national level, as well as enhancing implementation of smart specialization strategies and in certain cases their reformulation. The process itself is to a significant extent related to **trust between NCPs and MA's** communities as well as other relevant stakeholders creating the eco-system for synergies such as KICs, thematic platforms, etc.



Role of NCPs in the process

EC plays a significant role in delivering a **proper frame for synergies** (i.a. clarification of state aid rules, audits requirements etc.), analysing data, providing knowledge and supporting **tools** (e.g. Stairway to Excellence initiative and Smart Specialisation Platform).



Role of NCPs in the process

Many best practices reflecting **synergies between H2020 and ESIF**, including those based on collaboration **between NCPs and MA's**, in regions can be extracted and therefore should be **further promoted** to show possible solutions and motivations for all communities.



Role of NCPs in the process

The **issue of synergies** is to a significant extent **sector specific**, therefore to create a favorable environment for synergies thematic NCPs should recognize main elements of particular areas as well as build links with main stakeholders. **Thematic platforms** might be a **space for collaboration between NCPs and other partners, exchange of know-how, experience and best practices.**



Role of NCPs in the process

There is a pending need of **exchange experiences between NCP networks** on dealing with synergies process as well as constant capacity building in the topic.



Group work

In groups please analyse the following issue (30 min.)

Re-design the role of NCPs – how and if NCPs can have an active role in strategic research and innovation funding (synergies?)

1. How do you perceive the current situation?

2. What are the possible causes for this?

3. What suggestions are there to improve the situation?

4. Of these, what concrete measures could be implemented immediately?



Group work

Presentations (5 min. per group)





Your NCP Team

