

# **NCP\_WIDE.NET**

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

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# Who are Widening NCPs?

- ❖ Established in each MS and AC
- ❖ NCPs mission: spreading awareness, giving specialist advice, providing on-the-ground assistance;

*Minimum Standards and Guiding Principles for setting up systems of National Contact Points under Horizon 2020*



# Services by Widening NCPs



# Find contact to Widening NCPs at the Participant Portal



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

## FIND INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

For guidance refer to the How to participate and Support menus which include:

- **H2020 online manual** leads you through all the processes starting from the proposal preparation and through the entire project lifecycle
- **Horizon 2020 helpdesk** - Questions on participation.

- **Reference documents** page gives you access to the work programmes, legal and guidance documents
- search for your **National Contact Points (NCPs)** or contact additional support networks and helpdesks
- check out the frequently asked questions (**FAQ**)
- contact the Participant Portal **IT helpdesk**

## National Contact Points

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 2020. NCPs are also established in many **non-EU** and **non-associated** countries ("third countries").

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# NCP\_WIDE.NET International Network of Widening NCPs

- ❖ Established in January 2015 until December 2019;
- ❖ Coordination and support Action of the Horizon2020 Programme (G.A. 639034);
- ❖ 17 Members, from Member States and Associated Countries;
- ❖ Associated partners: SL, TR, UK, FR, BE, FO, MT, MD, SK, UK;







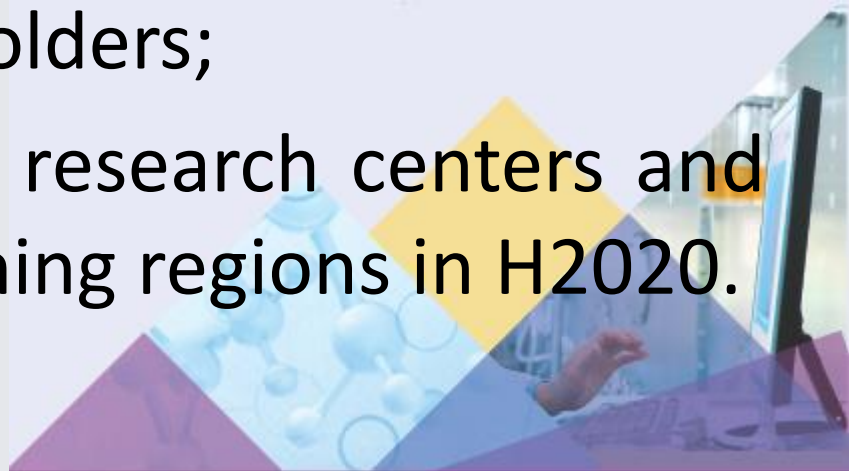
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# NCP\_WIDE.NET's Objectives

- ❖ Creating transnational network of NCPs;
- ❖ Enhance and equal NCPs' services throughout ERA;
- ❖ Delivered expertise on Widening activities to applicants and stakeholders;
- ❖ Support participation of research centers and stakeholders from Widening regions in H2020.





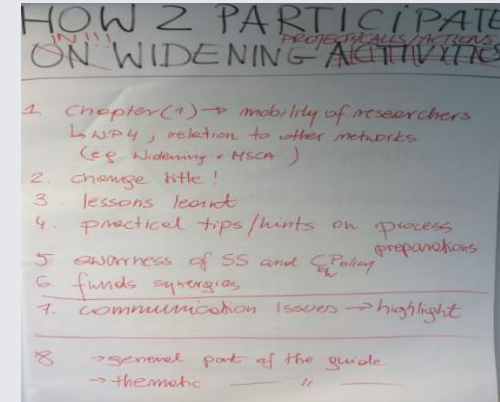
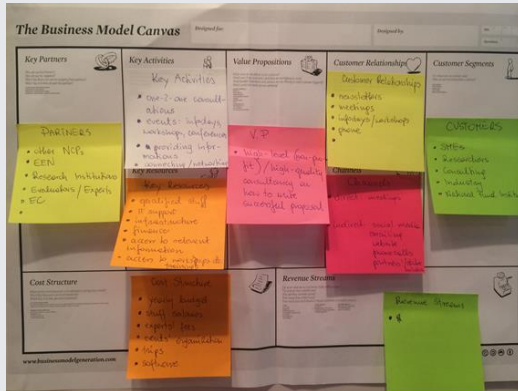
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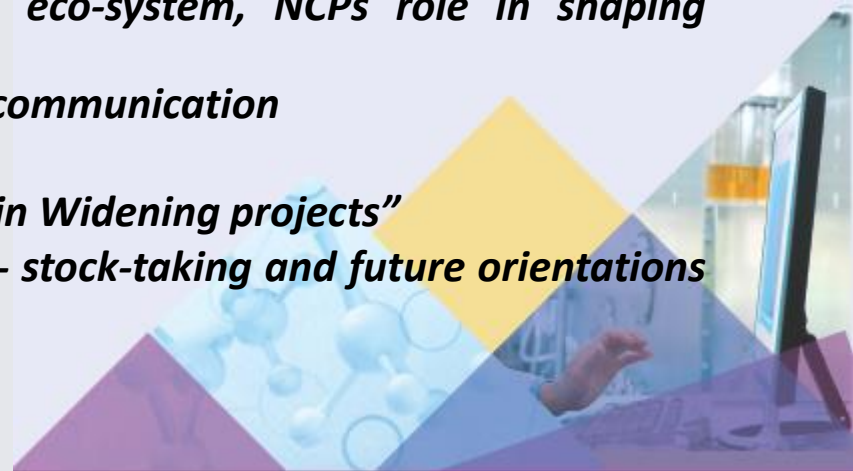


# Capacity Building

## ❖ Benchmarking, trainings, mentoring visits



- ❖ **4 mentoring visits on: NCP practices, Brussels eco-system, NCPs role in shaping synergies process, Widening projects' case studies**
- ❖ **14-15 June 2015 Athens Training on soft skills and communication**
- ❖ **NCP best practices guide**
- ❖ **3-4 March 2016 Seville „Legal and Financial issues in Widening projects”**
- ❖ **13-14 March 2017 Bonn The “Widening” package - stock-taking and future orientations - recommendations**



## ❖ Benchmark report



NAME OF THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE:

### BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF OURENSE -PONTEVEDRA-VIGO (IBI)

**RESEARCH & INNOVATION:**  
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

**DESCRIPTION:**  
The Biomedical Research Institute Ourense-Pontevedra-Vigo (IBI) aims at developing translational biomedical research, relying in the principle that biomedical research must be carried out in contact and collaboration with the health-care system, the teaching system and the research system in order to achieve a harmonic development of biomedical research.

**FINANCE:**  
The IIMCB has gained 5 grants within **Framework Programs**, 3 from **Structural Funds**, 11 from **National Funding** and 53 from **Industry** and 279 from **Other sources**. Total grant budget: 19,83 mln euro.

**FAME:**  
The IBI has 7 **patents** and 12 **patents' applications**, 515 articles published in thematic journals, 60 **young researchers**, 65 **experienced ones** and 2 **recruited researchers from abroad** furthermore there are 5 signed memoranda with foreign institutions. The IBI

participated in the Technology Transfer Summit (TTS global) initiatives and is a member of the Breast Cancer Association Consortium. The IBI is linked to the industry sector through the Galician Biorefinery Platform, BIOGA, that joins all Galician biotech and health SMEs and its flagship project BIOCADS has been disseminated to companies through Spanish and European Platforms, clusters, networks and Innovation Relay Centres, European Networks, ASEBIO.

**FUSS:**  
Stock of funds on regional and national level



- Analysis of Centres of Excellence in a view of Teaming and Twinning potential: [www.ncpwidenet.eu](http://www.ncpwidenet.eu)



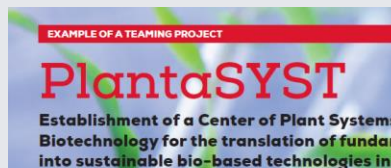
# Widening Expertise – benchmark of CoE

	Strenghts/ Opportunities	Weaknesses/ Threaths
Finance	High ability to obtain regional/ national funds	Strong dependency on grants
Fame	Internationalisation, modern research infrastructure	Lack of critical mass in regard to international partners and agendas
Framework	External evaluation, interaction with ecosystem; R&I agenda embedded in smart specialisation strategies;	Lack of IP & recruitment strategies, weak branding,
Fuss		Administrative burdens, lack of funding for R&D

# Widening Expertise

## ❖ Guide for applicants and participants

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### DESCRIPTION

The overall objective of PlantaSYST is to establish a new Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB) in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The specific objectives of the CPSBB are: highest research quality and productivity in the fields of plant systems biology and biotechnology; new vegetable varieties with enhanced tolerance to stresses, improved yield stability, and nutritional qualities, new technologies for plant breeding. The objective

of the one-year CSA is to develop a comprehensive business plan for the establishment and sustainability of the CPSBB.

### COORDINATOR:

Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

### PARTNERS:

Martisa Vegetable Crops Research Institute, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Institute of Microbiology –

Laboratory of Applied Microbiology, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany; Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology, Potsdam-Golm, Germany.

### BUDGET:

Approved: 500,000 EUR for the 1<sup>st</sup> stage; Planned: 15,000,000 EUR for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage

### DURATION

1<sup>st</sup> stage – 12 months; 2<sup>nd</sup> stage – 84 months

Proposals are evaluated only on the basis of the evaluation criteria

S&T EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	IMPLEMENTATION
▶ Soundness of the challenge	▶ Scientific, technological and/or socio-economic impact	▶ Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
▶ Progress beyond the state-of-the-art and innovation potential	▶ Measures to maximize impact	▶ Appropriateness of management structures and procedures
▶ Added value of networking	▶ Level of risk and level of potential innovation/breakthroughs	▶ Network as a whole
▶ Total Mark for the section: 25 points	▶ Total Mark for the section: 20 points	▶ Total Mark for the section: 20 points
TOTAL MARK AWARDED: 65 points		OVERALL THRESHOLD: 45 points

### Proposal Sections

SECTION	GENERAL FEATURES	TECHNICAL ANNEX	REFERENCES	COST MISSION & POLICIES	NETWORK of PROPOSERS
	▶ Online tool Mandatory	▶ PDF Mandatory	▶ Online tool Optional	▶ Online tool Mandatory	▶ Online tool Mandatory
	▶ Key Expertise needed for Evaluation	▶ MAX 15 Pages	▶ 500 words	▶ 500 words	▶ Minimum 5 researchers from 5 COST Member Countries and/or Cooperating State
	▶ OECD Fields/Subfields of Science and Technology plus Research Areas	▶ Anonymity	▶ Anonymity	▶ Excellence and Inclusiveness	▶ Statistical Information that will be used for evaluation
		▶ Figures and Pictures-Copyright		▶ International Cooperation	
				▶ Industrial Dimension	

Guide – How to participate in Widening activities soon available at [www.ncpwidenet.eu](http://www.ncpwidenet.eu)

# Cross-border Events

- ❖ Brokerage events, joint workshops, collaboration with other partners



- Brokerage events jointly with other Networks
- Workshop on Synergies (2015, 2016)
- Workshops on ERA Chairs and mobility (2016)
- Other events – WIRE VIII, EARMA, all relevant with Widening topic



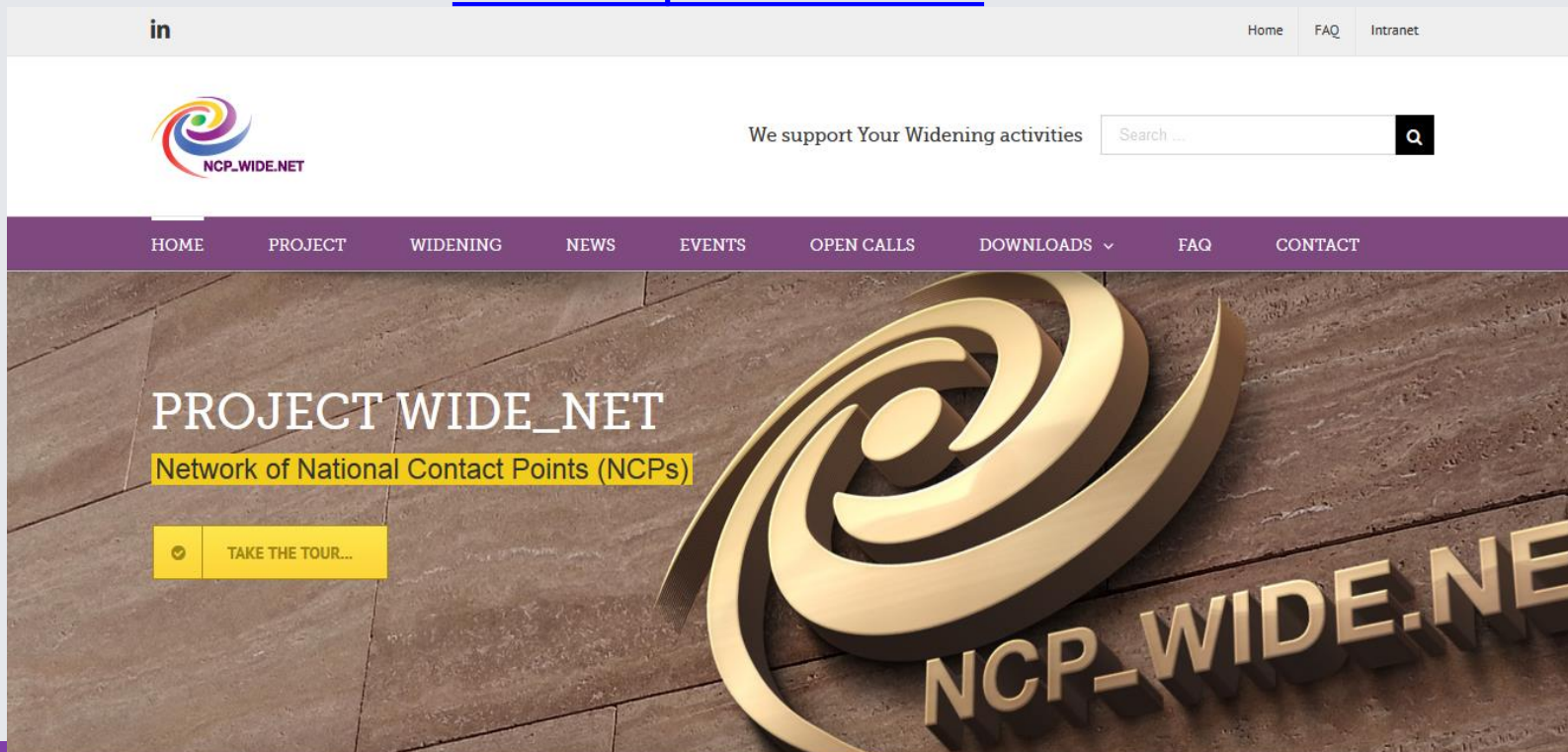




# Dissemination & Communication

- ❖ Project portal – one stop shop on Widening activities
- ❖ Promotional materials, social media (Twitter, LinkedIn)

[www.ncpwidenet.eu](http://www.ncpwidenet.eu)







# Project Portal

- ❖ Information on the network and the project;
- ❖ Latest news related to calls and events;
- ❖ Project and other publications;
- ❖ Synergy between H2020 and other funds for supporting Widening;
- ❖ **NCP\_WIDE.NET Newsletter** 😊





# Collaboration with other NCP Networks

## ➤ NCP Academy – module on synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF



Training on “Framework for synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020 on WIDENING activities”.19-20 October 2015

On 19th and 20th October 2015 the training on synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020 on WIDENING activities took place. The aim of the event was to deliver expertise to WIDENING NCPs on Synergies between [...]

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### Framework for synergies between ESIF and Horizon 2020 – 17 FEB 2016

**Date:** February 17 2016

**Organiser:** IPPT Pan

**Event Categories:** Training

#### Concept & Aim

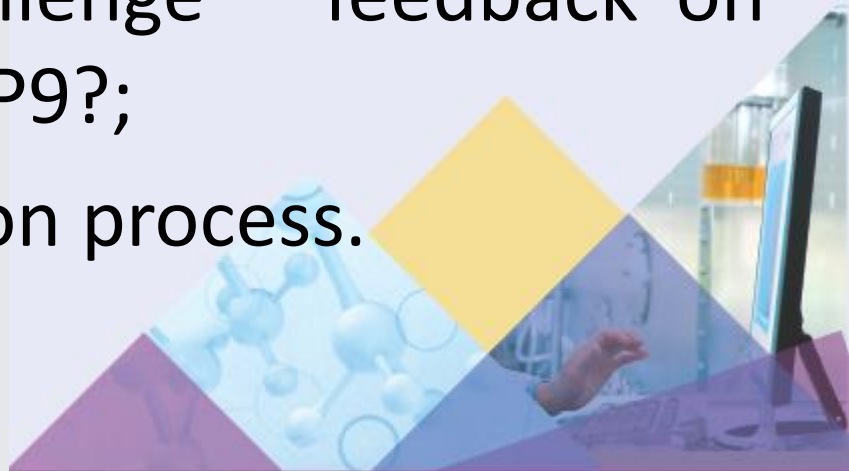
The training delivered a general overview on Synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF. It focussed on an introduction to the issues in the context of smart specialization strategies, models and rules and synergies in practice with an emphasize on the Pilot Seal of Excellence. Trainers included representatives of the European Institutions and experts and comprised of interactive exercises, exchange of information and best practices.

#### Target Group

Thematic and horizontal NCPs, both experienced and less experienced, who wanted to improve their knowledge in the field of synergies between Horizon 2020 and ESIF.

# Further steps

- ❖ Elaboration of the Widening success stories guide;
- ❖ Dissemination and communication of success stories;
- ❖ Focus on Widening challenge – feedback on Widening package and FP9?;
- ❖ Support in communication process.



# Your NCP Team



## Who can Benefit?

**Member States (MS):** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Associated Countries (AC):** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

## How does it work?

Through cooperation with leading R&I performing EU Member States & Associated Countries.

Cooperation is established through several actions: "Teaming", "ERA-Chairs", "Twinning", "Cost" and more.

## Important documents

- Work Programme
- Guide for Applicants (GfA)
- Self-evaluation forms
- EC Web streaming sessions
- FAQs of the different actions



## About NCP\_WIDE.NET

NCP\_WIDE.NET is a transnational network project, aiming to help National Contact Points (NCPs) improve the services they provide and increase awareness of the "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" programme funding possibilities, under Horizon 2020.

## Among NCP\_WIDE.NET's services:

- Brokerage Events
- Workshops
- Newsletters

## HORIZON 2020 IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Find YOUR NCP and explore your possibilities  
[www.ncpwide.net](http://www.ncpwide.net)



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## HORIZON 2020 IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

### Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Programme

Enhancing economic growth and competitiveness in Low Research & Innovation (R&I) Performing Countries.

## Strengthening Research organisations

- Facilitating access to networks and partnering opportunities
- Providing technical assistance and expertise
- Increasing efficiency of the national research and innovation systems
- Improving Research & Innovation policies

FUNDING FOR 3-7 YEARS

