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Support for European and International Cooperation: the French NCP network

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National policy context

Coherence between French and EU R&I strategy

Coherence between FR/EU strategy prescribed by law

- *Loi pour l'enseignement supérieur et la recherche du 22 juillet 2013, art. L-111-6*

National Research Strategy (SNR)

- Organised in the form of Societal Challenges
- Revision every 5 years
- To be published in Spring 2015

« Agenda France Europe 2020 », Action 9

- Priority 8: European cooperation
- Priority 9: International cooperation

Links between EU and FR S&T Policy – *Agenda France Europe 2020*

10 Challenges of the SNR

- Natural resources and climate change
- Energy
- Support to the industry
- Health and well-being
- Food security and demography
- Mobility and sustainable urban systems
- ICT
- Social Sciences and Humanities
- Space
- Liberty and security

Structure of Horizon 2020

- 2nd Pillar:
 - ICT
 - Space
 - SME instrument
- 3rd Pillar:
 - Health
 - Bioeconomy
 - Energy
 - Climate
 - Transport
 - Inclusive societies
 - Security



Proposal 9: Strengthening European and International cooperation

- **Action 1 : Foster the participation in European projects**
 - Bolster the national support structure,
 - Implement incentives and inducement prizes.
- **Action 2 : Develop the international dimension of the response to societal challenges**
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General outline of the French NCP network for Horizon 2020

Impact analysis of FR participation at the conclusion of FP7

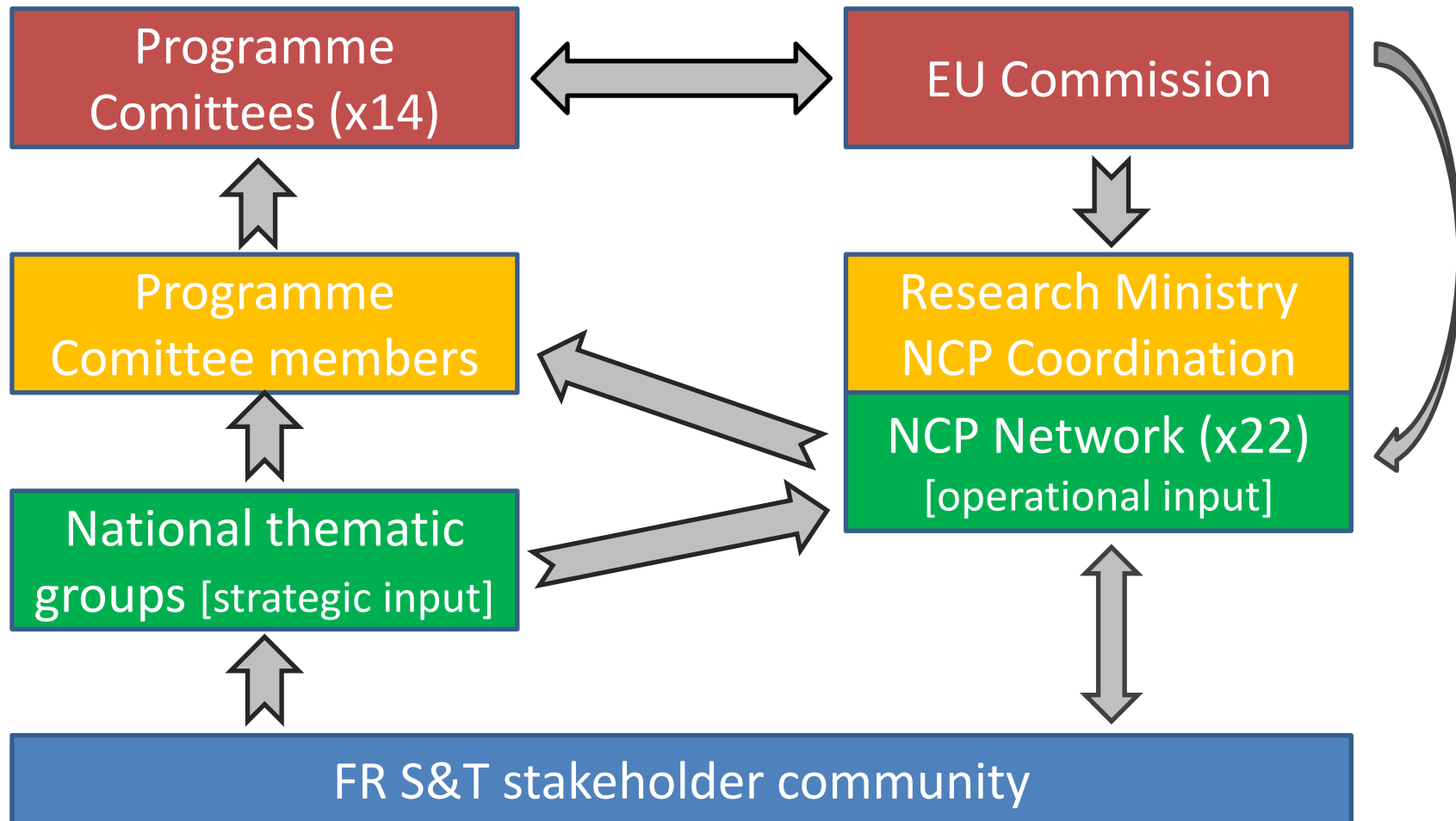
Methodology

- Analysis of FR S&T landscape
- Consultation of 10 FR FP7 NCPs
- Analysis of GP from 5 EU countries (DE, IT, NL, PL, UK)

Among the main findings

- Further professionalisation of the NCPs and recognition of their role
- More involvement of the private sector
- More links between national and regional/local actors
- Greater visibility of NCP action

Horizon 2020 national support structure (France)



Main tasks of the FR NCP for Horizon 2020

In link with the community

- Offer general advice (rules of participation, available tools, etc.)
- Provide guidance regarding concrete project proposals (composition of the consortium, best funding line, critical assessment of proposal, etc.)
- Organise awareness raising events
- Offer training courses

In link with the Members of the PCs

- Help identify national priorities
- Support the coordination of the National Thematic Groups (GTN)

Formalised in a document (« NCP Charter ») to be signed by every member.

Main specifications of the FR NCP

Leadership

- A PCM is leader (or co-leader) of each thematic NCP

Time allocated for NCP function

- Min. **50%** of full-time equivalent (FTE) for the coordinator, **20%** FTE for other members

Composition

- **22** consortia representing **120** members (around **35** FTE)
- Diverse organisations in each consortium: min. 1 university, 1 RPO, 1 SME/innovation actor + the research ministry.

Location

- Spread over the whole territory
- Links with regional networks (Europe Enterprise Network, competitiveness clusters, etc.)

FR web portal designed as a hub

- Francophone web portal
- 20 « mini-sites » (each programme configuration + cross-cutting issues)
- Resources: articles, presentation of open calls, thematic calendars, video presentations of the national sessions, how-to guides, contact info, etc.
- Thematic newsletters;
- Integration of a virtual work space for NCP);
- Statistics: 1 057 648 pages viewed in 2014.

Inducement measures

« Les étoiles de l'Europe »

- Yearly high-profile award ceremony
- 12 research teams selected among projects funded by each H2020 call
- Separate call for proposals
- 3 categories (cf. pillars of Horizon 2020)
- Range of criteria: scientific quality, added value, societal impact, pluridisciplinarity, gender equality, etc.
- Objectives: valorise and reward scientific excellence; provide visibility beyond the circle of specialists.
- [Link to the 2014 edition](#)



Dedicated support for international cooperation within the NCP

International cooperation – Transition from FP7 to H2020

International cooperation as a cross-cutting priority

- General openness of the programme to the world
- Mainstreaming of international cooperation in all 3 pillars

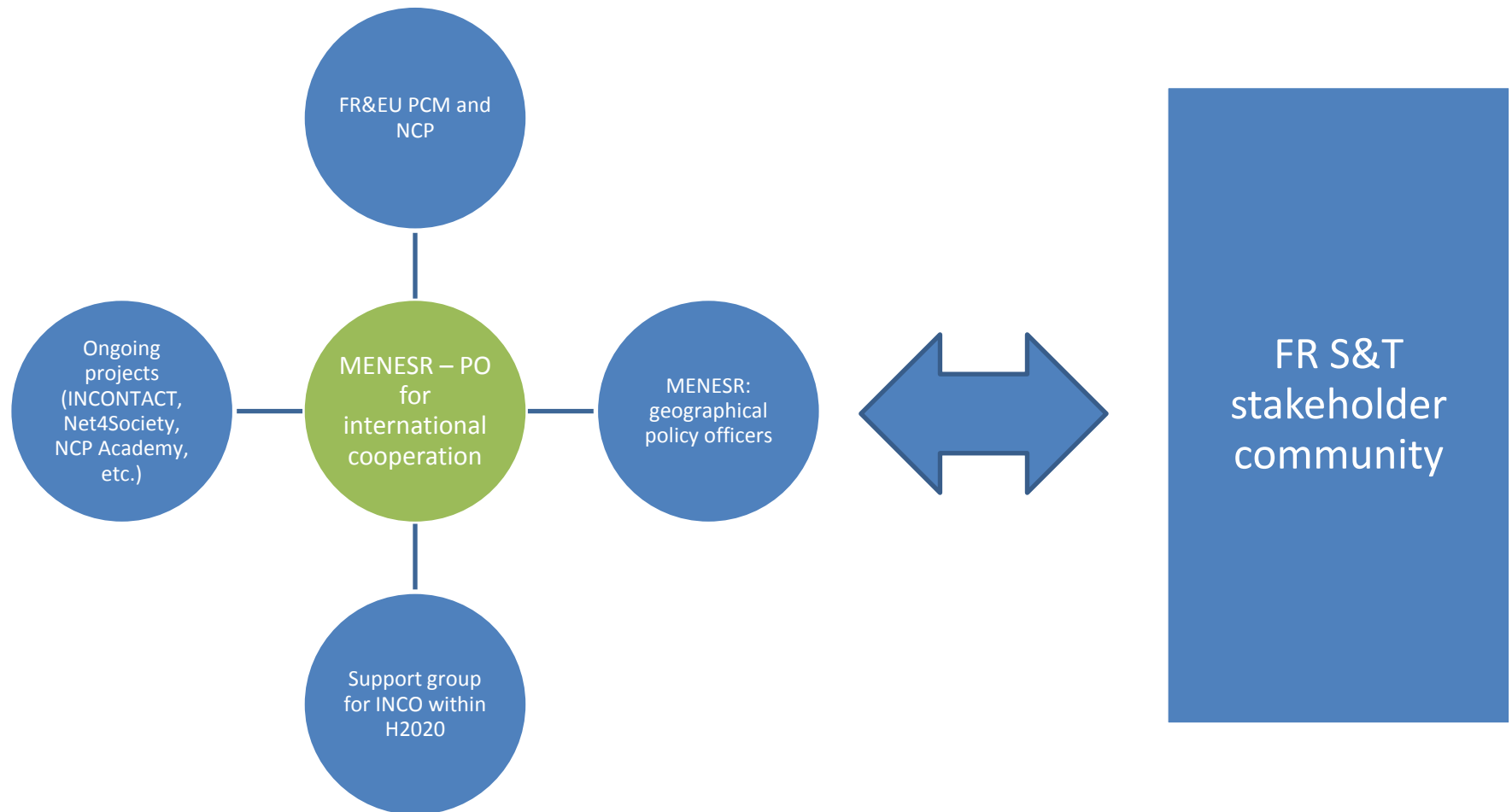
Consequences in terms of structure

- No dedicated programme committee (PC)
- No dedicated national contact point (NCP)
- In case of FR: no official National thematic group (GTN)

Potential risks for international cooperation within H2020

- Less visibility for the opportunities offered to third countries
- No clear points of contact for questions related to international cooperation
- Less third country participation due to changes in the financial eligibility rules

Dedicated support for international cooperation in Horizon 2020





Ideas for the future

Food for thought

On EU level

- Further increase NCP cooperation (i. e. through networking projects: NCP academy, Net4Society, etc.)

On a national level

- Bring Horizon 2020 to new publics (quantitative)
- Help existing users to achieve better results (qualitative)

Greater focus on cross-cutting issues

- Network of POs for international cooperation (WP 2016-17)
- Thematic NCP training on other cross-cutting issues

Better use of statistics

- PAPESR: user-friendly access to eCorda databases
- Link between EU and FR stats

Selection of ressources

Policy context

- [Agenda France Europe 2020](#)

FR National Portal for Horizon 2020

- [Main page](#)
- [« Etoiles de l'Europe » award](#)

FR National Portal for Horizon 2020 - INCO

- [Section dedicated to international cooperation](#)

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