

Hungary as a new Member State in Framework Programmes – Development of the Hungarian NCP system

*Enhancing Ukraine's Competitiveness in R&I on
the Way to the Association to Horizon 2020*

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Architecture of a Professionalised NCP System:

- One National Contact Point for each priority (Health and ICT: 2 NCPs)
- + 1 NCP coordinator
- Quadruple helix of the support system:
 - PC
 - NCP
 - Expert
 - Liaison office
- Strong cooperation

The Hungarian Case

- Public responsibility : **Governmental agency based NCP system**
- Centrally organised
- Embedded into the government's office
 - National Committee for Technology and Development (OMFB; till 1999)
 - Ministry of Education (OM; 2000 – 2003)
 - National Office for Research & Technology (NKTH/NIH; 2004-2014)
 - **National Office for Research, Development & Innovation (NKFIH; from 2015)**
- **Key role: responsible for science, technology & innovation policy planning and implementation**

The Hungarian Public Agency Based NCP System in FP6

- 16 NCPs; 13 civil servants (NKTH)
- Advantages of the governmental agency based system
 - good distribution of **information** across the NCPs;
 - higher opportunity to create **critical mass** of NCP expertise in developing services & tools;
 - services provided **free of charge**.
- Open questions raised:
 - need for stronger participation of **non-government organisations** was recognised;
 - the reorganisation of the NCP-network has started but legal **difficulties** have **emerged**.

FP7 and Horizon 2020

- No significant changes
- 24 NCP tasks covered by 19 persons (including coordinator)
- Two NCP activities at one person:
 1. Legal and Financial aspects + Access to risk finance
 2. Future and Emerging Technologies (FET) + Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 3. Joint Research Centre (JRC) + Health, demographic change and wellbeing
 4. Climate action, environment, source efficiency and raw materials + Spreading excellence and Widening participation

Engagement / Statistics

- Civil servants: 17/19
- Working in the **National Office for Research, Development & Innovation (NKFIH)**: 15/19
- Researcher: 1/19
- Budget: ca. EUR 200,000

<http://www.nih.gov.hu/international-activity/horizon-2020/national-contact-points>

Guidelines - Services provided

- **Organisation of info days**, road shows, workshops
- Delivering **presentations about actual calls**, work programmes, novelties
- **Giving advice** on how to choose a topic, proposal writing, administrative procedures, contractual issues.
- General **trainings** for a wide audience
- Tailor-made **assistance**/training in small groups
- One-to-one assistance via e-mail, phone and in person
- **Partner search**
- **Collecting the experiences** of FP7/H2020 evaluators
- **Publishing** regular newsletters, **disseminating** information via targeted e-mails, use of e-mail lists, info days, etc.

The Hungarian Liaison Office for Research and Innovation (HUNOR)

- Mission
 - To create interest in and provide services for supporting Hungarian participation in European research, development and innovation programmes.
- Clients
 - Universities and research institutions
 - Innovative SMEs
 - Research organisations and networks
 - Hungarian public sector
 - Researchers
 - Industry

Services provided by HUNOR

- providing **up-to-date information** on European RDI programmes and calls
- **contacts** to institutions and umbrella organisations of the Hungarian RDI sector
- contacts with EU institutions, IGLO member offices and regional representation offices in Brussels
- **presenting and disseminating** Hungarian RDI results and institutions in Brussels
- **organising** meetings and workshops in research specialist areas in Brussels
- maintaining a web page to **provide** relevant **information** for the Hungarian RDI sector
- **partner search** in Hungary and in Europe

**Thank you for your
attention!**

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