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National Contact Points

How can support you?

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National Contact Points

- National Contact Points are structures established by governments of the EU member states and the states associated to the Framework Programme;
- National Contact Points (NCPs) - are people who excel in their working fields or disciplines and are responsible for articulating and disseminating opportunities and experiences offered by EU for the scientific community;
- and assist participants preparing proposals and managing ongoing projects;

- [www.EC.EUROPA.EU](http://www.ec.europa.eu)
- [www.IDEAL-ist.EU](http://www.ideal-ist.eu)
- ▶ NCPs form the main structure for providing guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in FP7;
- ▶ NCPs give personalized support on the spot and in proposers' own languages;
- ▶ NCPs appointed for the Themes of FP including a Legal & Financial NCP;

NCP skills

- ▶ Be fully capable of communicating competently with their European and international colleagues, and to be already well informed about the nature, objectives and principles of the EU Framework Programmes and the technological areas concerned;
- ▶ Be competent to provide assistance services to different kinds of actors (SMEs, industry, academics, etc);
- ▶ Participate actively in trans-national NCP network activities with a view to seeking continuous improvement of their NCP services and practices;
 - ▶ Have skills in RTD management and financing;

General NCP tasks

I. Informing, awareness raising

- ▶ FP/H2020 promotion;
- ▶ Customer training on FP;
- ▶ Call monitoring;
- ▶ Call promotion;
- ▶ Call results monitoring.

II. Advising, assisting and training

- ▶ Customer attraction;
- ▶ Project / Profile Identification;
- ▶ Clarification of terms;
- ▶ Search drafting (outward);
- ▶ Use NCP tools;
- ▶ (Inward) PS retrieval;
- ▶ Dissemination;
- ▶ Matching.

III. Signposting and Feedback

- ▶ Proposal preparation;
- ▶ Progress monitoring;
- ▶ Negotiations with EC;
- ▶ GPF preparation;
- ▶ “After sales” services.

NCP's can guide you

- ▶ Assist you through the labyrinth of FP7 documentation:
 - Where to find information;
 - How to use it.
- ▶ Assist in the choice of the topic/call;
- ▶ NCP may contact directly the appropriate EC officer in order to double check.

NCP's can advice you

- ▶ On administrative procedures and contractual issues (proposal preparation, contract negotiations, execution of your project);
- ▶ Interpret the meaning of EC concepts and how to reflect on them in your proposal;
- ▶ Provide assistance and information on
 - funding schemes;
 - rules of participation;
 - model grant agreements;
 - financial issues;

Partner Search

- ▶ Targeted to actual calls;
- ▶ Type of information requested:
 - Call identifier, research objective, instrument, evaluation scheme, closure date
 - Proposal – objectives, keywords
 - Partner profile sought – required skills, expertise, work to be carried out, type of partner sought, coordinator sought
 - Your FP experience (participation, coordination)
- ▶ Partner searches should be Quality checked (Ideal-ist project offers Quality check)
- ▶ <http://www.ideal-ist.eu/partner-search/pssearch>

Moldovan FP7 NCP Network

- ▶ 2008 - Moldovan FP7 NCP Network (9 NCPs) was developed and supported by ASM
- ▶ 2011 – ASM officially nominated the Center of International Projects to serve as the **Host-Institution for Moldovan FP7 NCP Network** to coordinate and support its activities
- ▶ 2011 – extension of the Moldovan FP7 NCP Network up to **15 NCPs** and creation of 3 Regional Informational Contact Points. Comrat, Cahul și Bălți.
- ▶ **2012 – Moldovan Association to FP7;**
- ▶ trainings for NCPs in Brussels/ROST, Iasi/Romania, Chisinau
- ▶ 2013 – restructuring of the Moldovan NCP Network according the proposed **structure in HORIZON 2020** and involving them in trainings activities for H2020.

Moldovan Experience

- ▶ Promotional Videoconferences involving experts of the European Commission in the fields;
- ▶ Practical workshops for proposals writing to FP7 program;
- ▶ Information days and Info weeks in R&D institutions (National and international);
- ▶ Consultations for scientists about FP7 funding opportunities;
- ▶ Proposal writing;

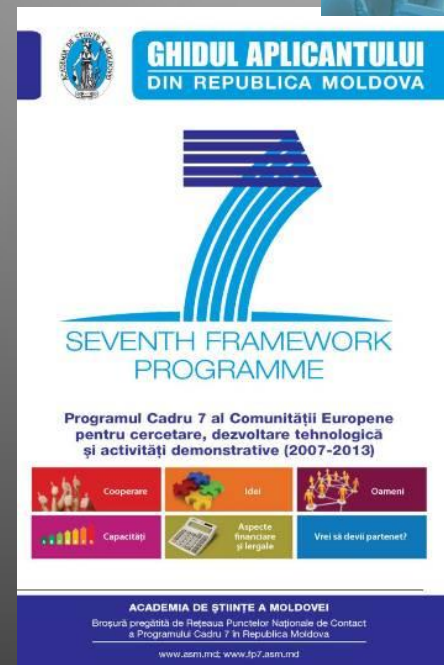
Moldovan Experience (cont)

- ▶ Newsletters;
- ▶ Increase visibility of Moldovan Research Groups and promoting them at the national and international level – Catalogue, web, events;
- ▶ Assistance in partners identification and search;
- ▶ Creating and permanent maintaining web pages: www.fp7.asm.md;
- ▶ Engage with key thematic initiatives nationally (platforms);

Useful information, services

- FP7 Participant portal, ICT programme
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/home>
- Partner search <http://www.ideal-ist.eu>
- Finance Helpdesk <http://www.finance-helpdesk.org>
- IPR Helpdesk <http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>

Publications



Thank you!

- ▶ <http://asm.md/>
- ▶ <http://cpi.asm.md/>
- ▶ <http://fp7.asm.md/>