

HORIZON 2020 NCPs



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Presentation Overview

- Basic principles of NCP networks
- SA H2020 NCP responsibilities
- Key deliverables
- Standard documents used by SA NCPs
- DST funds eligible items





Basic Principles

- SA H2020 NCPs are appointed by the Director-General of the DST. The appointments will be for three years with possibility of extension until 2020.
- There will be annual review of each NCP to ensure effectiveness of the NCP network.
- Establishing, financing, nominating, supervising and monitoring of NCP systems is undertaken by national government, while the Commission services provides the necessary information and training and acts as moderator for the trans-national networking.
- liaison between the NCP systems by trans-national activities (networking, benchmarking, partner search, staff exchange etc.) will be an important element in harmonising quality of service.
- Only approved NCP activities will receive financial support from the DST and reports required post each activity.
- NCP activities to be aligned with DST priorities.





NCP responsibilities

Information and awareness raising

- Circulate general and specific documentation on the H2020 and other EU funding programmes and networks
- Co-organise local and international promotional activities of the EU programmes as approved by the DST (e.g. information sharing days, brokerage events, seminars, workshops).
- Raise awareness and promote SA participation in H2020 and other EU programme to general and targeted audience





NCP responsibilities....

Advising and support

- Explain the scope and the modalities of the whole spectrum of funding schemes to be used in H2020.
- Advise on administrative procedures and legal issues (e.g. role and responsibilities of participants in a consortium, costs, rights and obligations of participants, respect of ethical rules. L&F NCP to share presentation with all NCPs
- Assist in partner search activities
- Organise workshops or specific target groups
- Assist the DST in assuring transparency and equal access to H2020 calls by all SA research communities.





NCP responsibilities....

Signposting and Feedback

- Provide feedback to the DST on challenges on implementing NCP responsibilities and by participants in the Horizon 2020 Programme.

Other special requirement

- NCPs may on occasion be requested to perform tasks specifically associated with H2020 funded NCP-specific support / coordination actions.
- Such activities may be considered additional to the required NCP responsibilities and additional funding (which may cover man hours) may be provided.
- The DST reserves the exclusive right, at its sole discretion, to negotiate any such activities with an NCP, and/or utilise other experts/persons other than an NCP to undertake such activities.





Key deliverables

- Participation in minimum of two international trips (one must be an NCP meeting by the EC European Commission, and one organised by the NCP to market South African expertise).
- Organisation of two sets local workshops (information session and a call analysis).
- Attendance of bi-annual NCP meetings organised by DST.
- Attend working group meetings to be organised at the DST to analyse each call
- Submission of a short report after each activity, and a detailed annual activity and financial reports highlighting activities undertaken, financial details for such activities and provision of copies of all associated invoices (as per the template provided by the DST).
- Preparation of a thematic presentation with DST guidance targeting local audiences.

Other matters

- Business cards
- Ntombi to assist with NCP activities
- Use templates for approval of activities, reporting, annual reporting and business plan
- All marketing and printing done by DST





DST funds eligible costs

- Air (economy) and ground transport costs.
- Accommodation.
- Subsistence as per Government rates.
- Other reasonable and eligible costs associated with hosting and / or attendance of workshops.
- NCPs may be able to claim time spent on NCP activities in NCP networking projects.
- DST will enter into a binding contract with the NCP host institution which will be responsible for the management of the NCP funds.





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