



Preparing for Horizon 2020

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HORIZON 2020

A graphic for Horizon 2020 featuring a globe of the Earth in the center, surrounded by a blue and white light effect. The text "HORIZON 2020" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

Research and
Innovation



Horizon 2020

(3) Support actions

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A large graphic for Horizon 2020. The word "HORIZON 2020" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The letter "O" is replaced by a transparent globe of the Earth. The text is set against a background of a blue sky with a bright sunburst effect behind the globe, and a blue horizon line at the bottom. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and high-tech.

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Support from EC in preparation of H2020

- Preparations for National Contact Points (NCPs)
- Workshop on ERA: update and monitoring progress
- Events and support on promotion on Horizon 2020
- IPA II

National Contact Points (1)

- Minimum standards and guiding principles: discussed with Member States and ACs: attend preparatory meetings (28/1/2013, 21/3/2013);
- New: minimum standards (stronger than guidelines under FP7)
- Scope of NCPs: should be broad/broader than under FP7 and reaching other actors
- Avoid conflict of interest as NCP
- Giving visibility and open door of NCPs and 'one-stop-shop' for newcomers, including SMEs, via national web portals
- Structure: under discussions/linked to discussions on H2020 (comitology).

National Contact Points (2)

- Envisage support for weaker NCPs and improve performance: training; networking, spreading good practice, peer review by other NCPs;
- Important that structure is user friendly/users see what it is about;
- NCP with focus on SMEs; cooperation/link with EEN (and COSME) under discussion;
- Note inviting nominees for H2020 NCP to be sent out soon via Permanent Reps in Brussels to Member States (to associated countries to FP7 under consideration).

Training of NCPs

- Training for National coordinators and Legal and Financial NCPs;
- Focus on crossing-cutting H2020 issues and administrative aspects (instruments, submission process, proposal content, evaluation process, funding rules, model grant, agreement, reporting);
- Training on Horizontal issues: demand driven innovation; gender; SSH; INCO;
- When: October 2013 (tbc)

Workshop on ERA

- Support from DG ELARG/IPA to organise Workshop on *EU acquis*
- Last year (November 2012): on Innovation Union
- 2013 (early November tbc): proposed to update on European Research Area and focus on a number of priorities such as on:
 - competitive funding at national level?
 - preparing for monitoring: self-assessment
 - link ERA and Innovation Union and European Semester

Support Actions on Horizon 2020

- Tender procedure by EC/DG Research and Innovation to organise and provide support for launching and promotion of H2020 (regional for all WBCs and in Turkey open to all enlargement countries);
- Workshop/training on innovation driven proposals; content of proposals, funding rules;
- Beginning of 2014 (in time for first call of proposals WP 2014).

IPA II (2014-2020)

- Ensure that in Country Strategy Paper, R&I is a priority sector;
- Same under Multi-beneficiary programme;
- Requires early programming and planning;
- IPA II: continue support for reimbursement for part (ceiling of 90%) of financial contribution;
- TAIEX conferences on *Acquis*.



**Thank you for
your attention!**