



Contacts and Learning Materials

- **National Contact Points** for Horizon Europe with options to filter per country and field

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe. NCPs are also established in many non-EU and non-associated countries ("third countries").

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/ncp>

- **Funding and Tender Portal** - Helpdesk & Support Services

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/helpdesks>

- **Funding and Tender Portal** – Guidance and Manuals

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/manuals>

- **Recent series of webinars organised by the European Commission on Horizon Europe & LIFE**

- **The Funding & Tenders Portal for beginners**, a webinar organised by the Funding and Tenders Portal team, Common Implementation Centre (CIC), RTD: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210527.htm>;
- **Dissemination & Exploitation** in Horizon Europe, a webinar organised by the D&E Team, DG RTD: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210609.htm>;
- **A successful proposal for Horizon Europe**: Scientific-technical excellence is key, but don't forget the other aspects (21 April 2021) – covers issues on impact, gender dimension, do no significant harm principle, Open Science, General Model Grant Agreement - <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210421.htm>;
- **How to prepare a successful proposal in Horizon Europe** (24 March 2021)- covers proposal template, basic principles, evaluation criteria; Model Grant Agreement - <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/other/event210324.htm>

- **Horizon Europe Info Days 2021:** Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture & Environment - <https://www.horizon-europe-infodays2021.eu/event/cluster-6-food-bioeconomy-natural-resources-agriculture-environment>
- **LIFE** Call for proposals 2021: Recorded Info sessions 2021 (covers type of projects, calls, financial side, how to write an excellent proposal) - https://cinea.ec.europa.eu/life/life-calls-proposals_en
- Materials from **BESTPRAC**

BESTPRAC was started in 2014 as a COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Targeted Network that gathers administrative, financial and legal staff at universities and research-driven institutions who are carrying out different tasks to support transnational external competition based (in particular EU funded) research projects.

- Overview **of learning materials for Horizon 2020** (finance ; project management ; ethics ; open data, etc.): <https://bestprac.eu/outputs/learning-materials/overview/>
- YouTube channel with recent recordings of expert meetings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8E6zFT5Zl7FNDYpa6aZKNH8myn02lz1b>
- Page with announcements on various **events** organised by the European Commission services in the field of research and innovation: <https://cutt.ly/xRmLtsK>.
- European Research Executive Agency – Newsletter (information on funding opportunities, EU-funded project results, etc.): https://rea.ec.europa.eu/subscribe-our-newsletters_en

Two useful EU initiatives worth noting:

- **Teaming for Excellence** initiative - https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-widening-participation-and-spreading-excellence/teaming_en; available for applicants in all BE-Rural countries - https://rea.ec.europa.eu/horizon-europe-widening-who-should-apply_en
 - Recording of the most recent Commission **Info session** on Widening Participation and Spreading Excellence (9 July 2021): https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/horizon-europe-widening-participation-and-spreading-excellence_en
- **Seal of Excellence** – quality label awarded to project proposals submitted to Horizon Europe, which were judged to deserve funding but did not get it due to budget limits https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence_en