

NCP_WIDE.NET

International Network of the National Contact Points (NCPs)
For **Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation**

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Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation at a glance

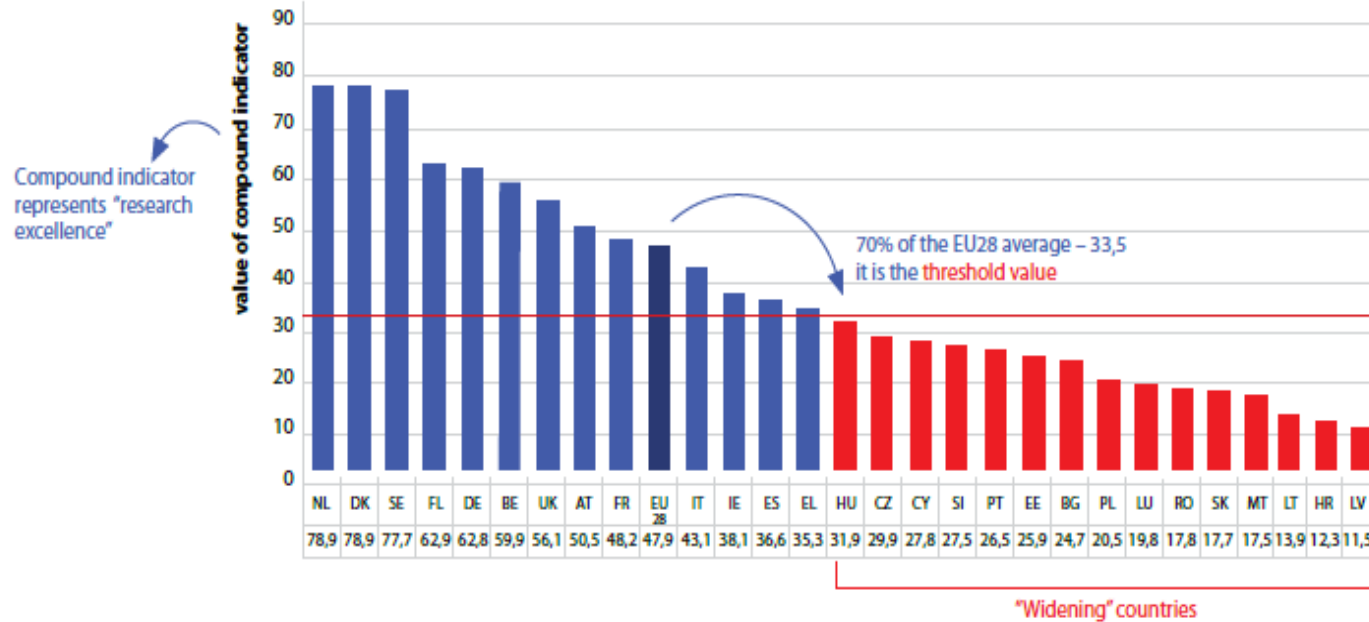
- ❖ **Intervention logic:** disparities in R&I performance, low participation of some countries in FPs and H2020 projects;
- ❖ **Identified barriers:** low expenditure on R&D, lack of synergies between national and EU policies and funds, insufficient internationalisation of science;
- ❖ **Support:** Junker Plan, European Structural and Investment Funds , Horizon 2020



Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation at a glance

GRAPH 2 Performance in the compound indicator "research excellence".

Source: NCP_WIDE.NET Project



Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Intervention

- ❖ **Teaming** – institutions building
- ❖ **Twinning** – institutions networking
- ❖ **ERA Chairs** – bringing excellence to institutions

- ❖ **NCPs – communication and support**
- ❖ **Policy Support Facility** – support for R&I policy design
- ❖ **COST** – stimulating cross-boarder science network
 - ❖ **Total budget of approx. 800 milion Euros**



Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Framework

- ❖ Transfer of knowledge,
- ❖ Institutions enhancement,
- ❖ Links with Smart Specialisation, leading role in creating the innovative eco-system;
- ❖ Synergies with ESIF;





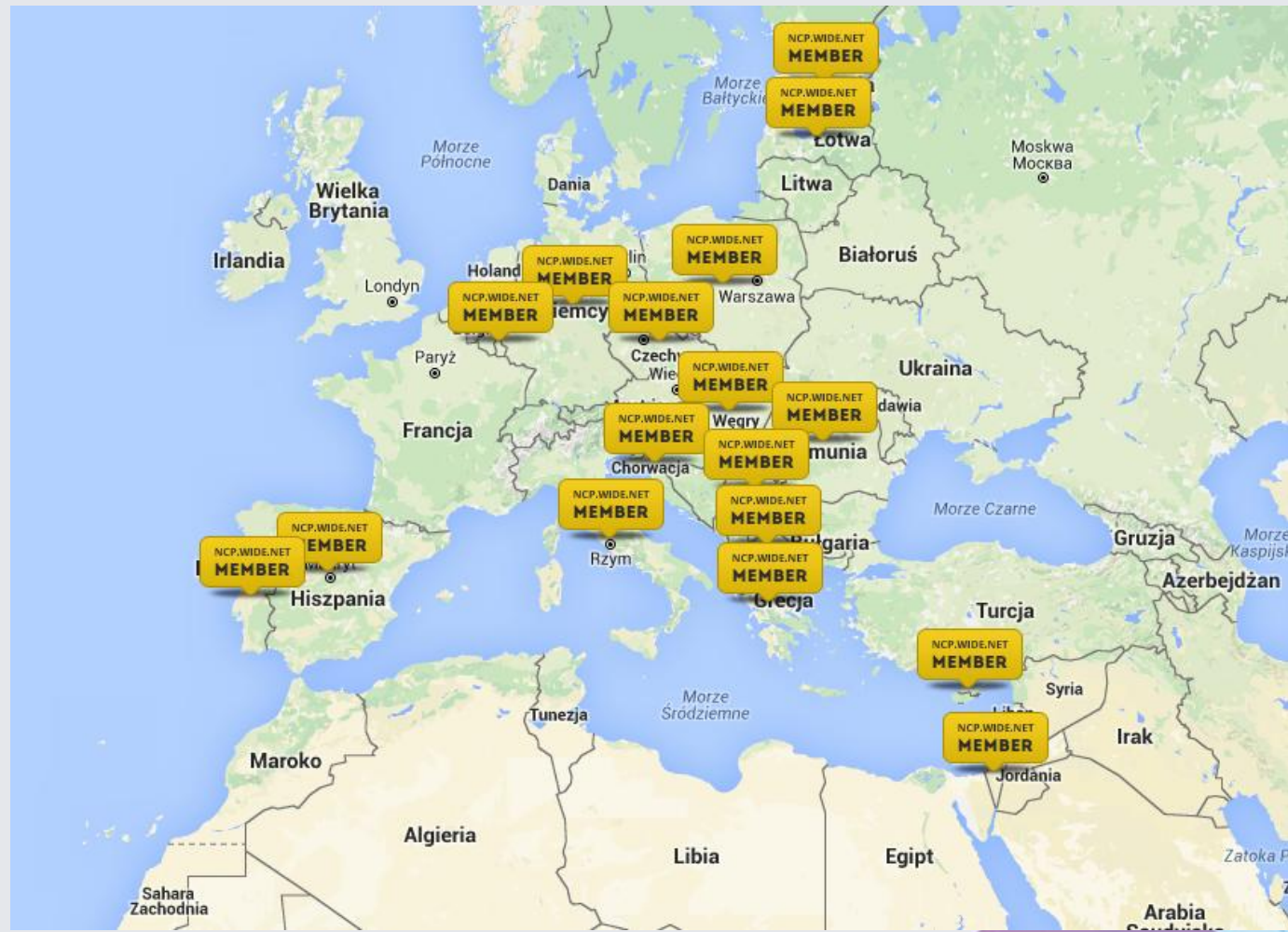
NCP_WIDE.NET International Network of Widening NCPs

- ❖ Established in January 2015 until December 2019;
- ❖ Coordination and support Action of the Horizon2020 Programme (G.A. 639034);
- ❖ 17 Members, from Member States and Associated Countries;
- ❖ Associated partners: SL, TR, UK, FR, BE, FO, MT, MD;





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NCP_WIDE.NET's Objectives

- ❖ Creating transnational network of NCPs;
- ❖ Enhance and equal NCPs' services throughout ERA;
- ❖ Delivered expertise on Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation activities to applicants and stakeholders;
- ❖ Support participation of research centers and stakeholders from Widening regions in H2020.

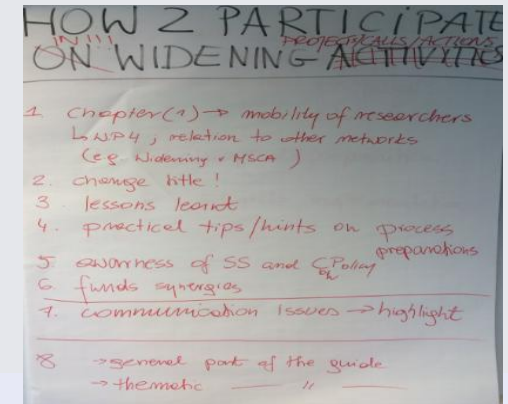
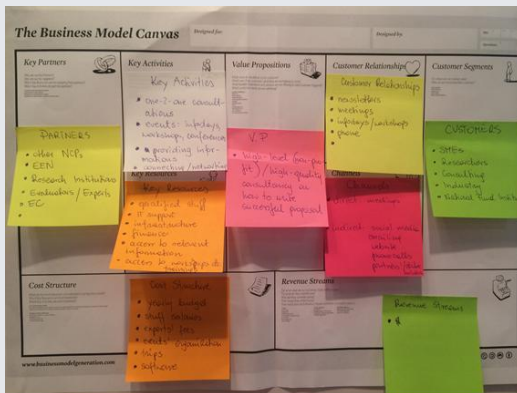


NCP_WIDE.NET Services



Capacity Building

❖ Benchmarking, trainings, mentoring visits



We enhance our knowledge, experience and capacities in order to provide better services to applicants and other stakeholders!



Widening Expertise

❖ Reports, guideliness, sharing of best practices



Benchmark report – Analysis of Centres of Excellence in a view of Teaming and Twinning potential available at www.ncpwidenet.eu

Guide on „How to participate in Widening activities?“
Widening success stories

Widening Expertise

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EXAMPLE OF A TEAMING PROJECT

PlantaSYST

Establishment of a Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology for the translation of fundamental research into sustainable bio-based technologies in Bulgaria

DESCRIPTION
The overall objective of PlantaSYST is to establish a new Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB) in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The specific objectives of the CPSBB are: highest research quality and productivity in the fields of plant systems biology and biotechnology; new vegetable varieties with enhanced tolerance to stresses; improved yield stability; and nutritional qualities; new technologies for plant breeding. The objective of the one-year CSA is to develop a comprehensive business plan for the establishment and sustainability of the CPSBB.

COORDINATOR:
Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

PARTNERS:
Maritsa Vegetable Crops Research Institute, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Institute of Microbiology – Laboratory of Applied Microbiology, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany; Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology, Potsdam-Golm, Germany.

BUDGET:
Approved: 500,000 EUR for the 1st stage; Planned: 15,000,000 EUR for the 2nd stage

DURATION
1st stage – 12 months; 2nd stage – 84 months

Proposals are evaluated only on the basis of the evaluation criteria

SBT EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	IMPLEMENTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Soundness of the challenge ▶ Progress beyond the state-of-the-art and innovation potential ▶ Added value of networking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Scientific, technological and/or socio-economic impact ▶ Measures to maximize impact ▶ Level of risk and level of potential innovation/breakthroughs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan ▶ Appropriateness of management structures and procedures ▶ Network as a whole
Total Mark for the section: 25 points	Total Mark for the section: 20 points	Total Mark for the section: 20 points
TOTAL MARK AWARDED: 65 points		OVERALL THRESHOLD: 45 points

Proposal Sections

SECTION	GENERAL FEATURES	TECHNICAL ANNEX	REFERENCES	COST MISSION & POLICIES	NETWORK OF PROPOSERS
GENERAL FEATURES	Online tool Mandatory	PDF Mandatory	Online tool Optional	Online tool Mandatory	Online tool Mandatory
TECHNICAL ANNEX	▶ Key Expertise needed for Evaluation	▶ MAX 15 Pages	▶ 500 words	▶ 500 words	▶ Minimum 5 researchers from 5 COST Member Countries and/or Cooperating State
REFERENCES	▶ OECD Fields/Subfields of Science and Technology plus Research Areas	▶ Anonymity	▶ Figures and Pictures-Copyright	▶ Excellence and Inclusiveness	▶ Statistical Information that will be used for evaluation
COST MISSION & POLICIES	▶ International Cooperation	▶ Industrial Dimension			
NETWORK OF PROPOSERS					

Guide – How to participate in Widening activities soon available at www.ncpwidenet.eu

Widening Expertise – benchmark of CoE

	Strenghts/ Opportunities	Weaknesses/ Threats
Finance	High ability to obtain regional/ national funds	Strong dependency on grants
Fame	Internationalisation, modern research infrastructure	Lack of critical mass in regard to international partners and agendas
Framework	External evaluation, interaction with ecosystem; R&I agenda embedded in smart specialisation strategies;	Lack of IP & recruitment strategies, weak branding,
Fuss		Administrative burdens, lack of funding for R&D

Cross-border Events

- ❖ Brokerage events, joint workshops, collaboration with other partners

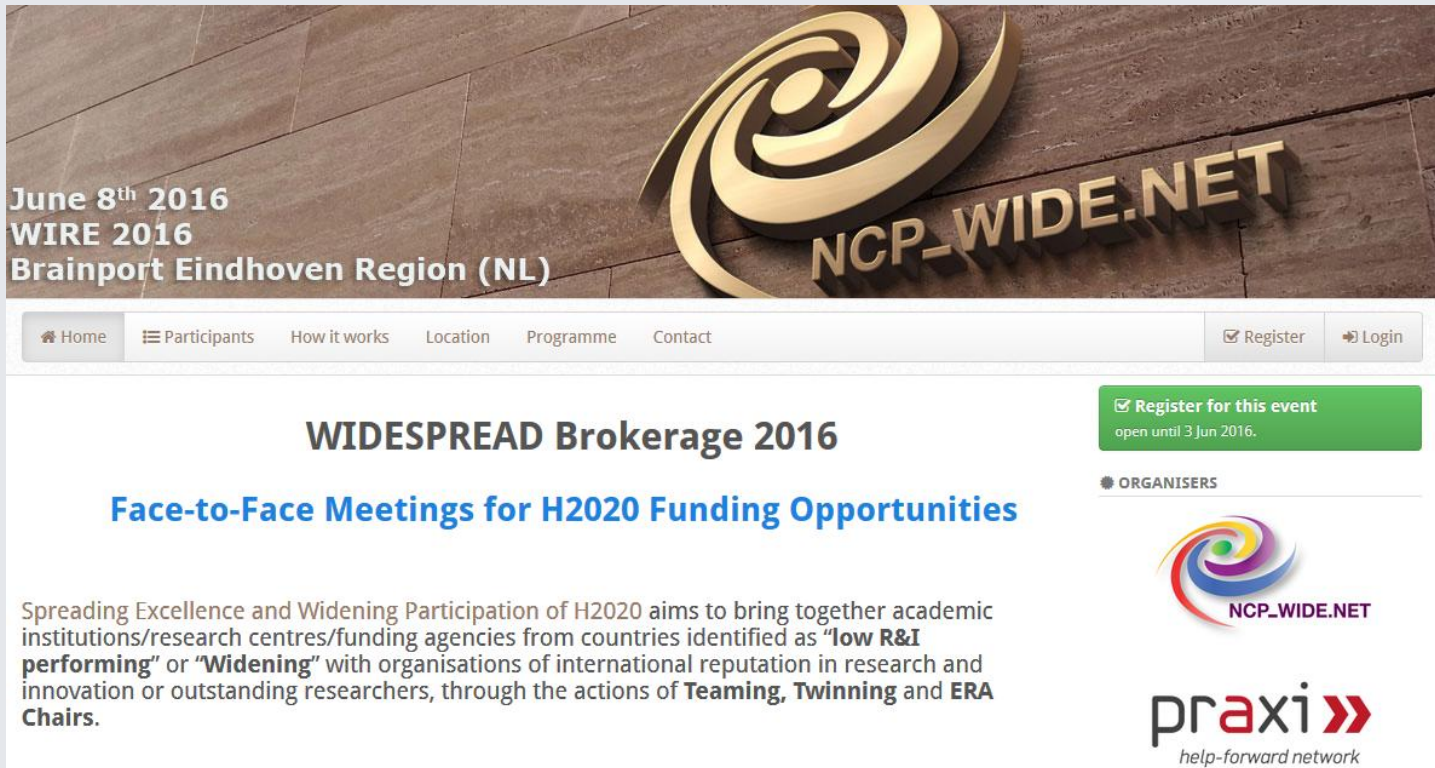


- Workshops on Synergies between H2020 and ESIF – 1st workshop June 2015 in Riga;
- **2nd Workshop on Synergies between H2020 and ESIF in a view of research infrastructures – October 2016, Brussels.**

Cross-boarder Events

- 1st Brokerage events on Widening activities: 8 June 2016
Eindhoven/ Netherlands:

<https://www.b2match.eu/widespread2016>



June 8th 2016
WIRE 2016
Brainport Eindhoven Region (NL)

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WIDESPREAD Brokerage 2016

Face-to-Face Meetings for H2020 Funding Opportunities


Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation of H2020 aims to bring together academic institutions/research centres/funding agencies from countries identified as “**low R&I performing**” or “**Widening**” with organisations of international reputation in research and innovation or outstanding researchers, through the actions of **Teaming, Twinning** and **ERA Chairs**.

☒ Register for this event
open until 3 Jun 2016.

ORGANISERS



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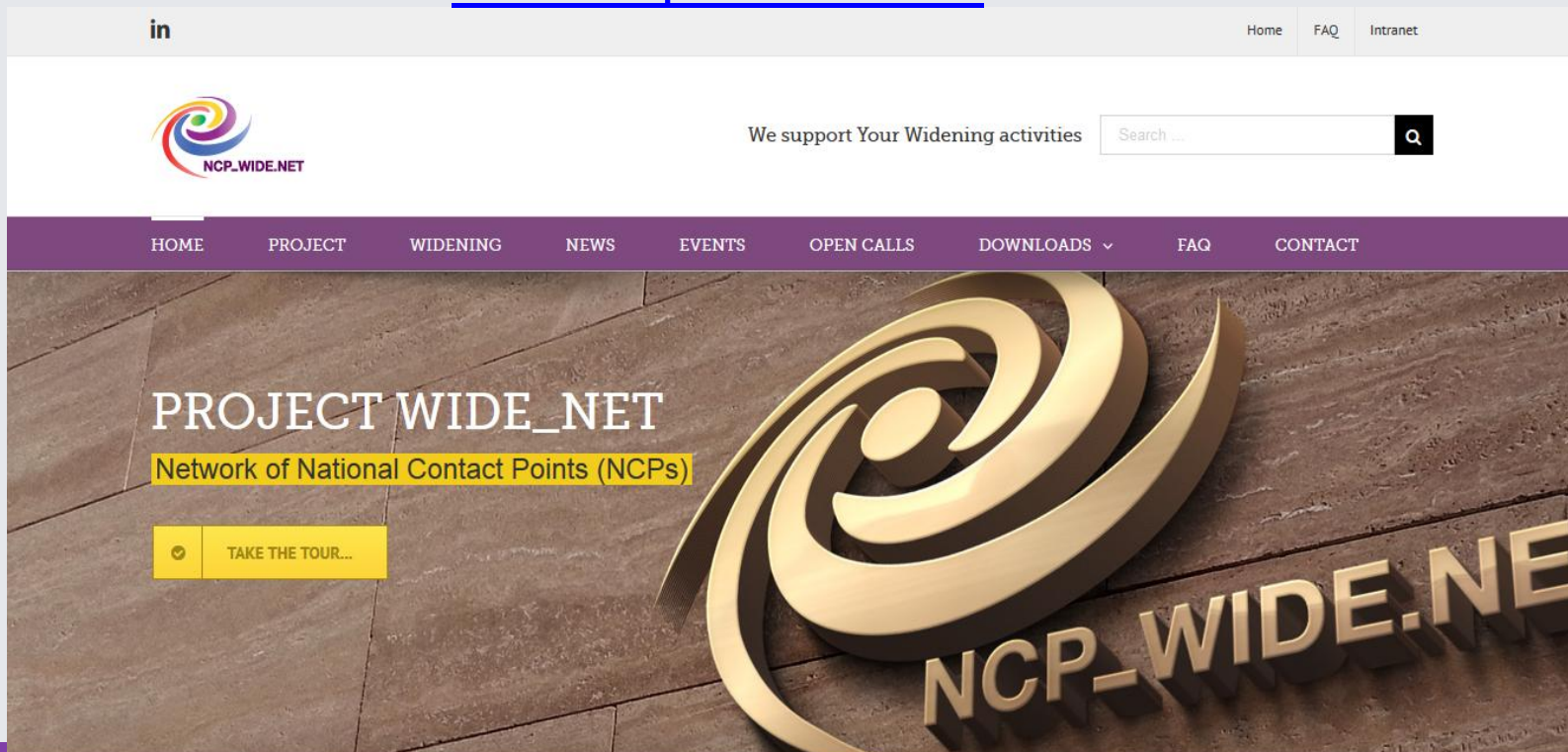


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Dissemination & Communication

- ❖ Project portal – one stop shop on Widening activities
- ❖ Promotional materials, social media

www.ncpwidenet.eu



Project Portal

- ❖ Information on the network and the project;
- ❖ Latest news related to calls and events;
- ❖ Project and other publications;
- ❖ Synergy between H2020 and other funds for supporting Widening;
- ❖ **NCP_WIDE.NET Newsletter**



Your NCP Team



Who can Benefit?

Member States (MS): Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Associated Countries (AC): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

How does it work?

Through cooperation with leading R&I performing EU Member States & Associated Countries.

Cooperation is established through several actions: "Teaming", "ERA-Chairs", "Twinning", "Cost" and more.

Important documents

- ☐ Work Programme
- ☐ Guide for Applicants (GfA)
- ☐ Self-evaluation forms
- ☐ EC Web streaming sessions
- ☐ FAQs of the different actions



About NCP_WIDE.NET

NCP_WIDE.NET is a transnational network project, aiming to help National Contact Points (NCPs) improve the services they provide and increase awareness of the "Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation" programme funding possibilities, under Horizon 2020.

Among NCP_WIDE.NET's services:

- Brokerage Events
- Workshops
- Newsletters

HORIZON 2020 IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Find YOUR NCP and explore your possibilities

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Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation Programme

Enhancing economic growth and competitiveness in Low Research & Innovation (R&I) Performing Countries.

Strengthening Research organisations

- Facilitating access to networks and partnering opportunities
- Providing technical assistance and expertise
- Increasing efficiency of the national research and innovation systems
- Improving Research & Innovation policies

FUNDING FOR 3-7 YEARS

