

COSMOS

Cooperation Of Space NCPs as a Means to Optimise Services

JOINING FORCES TO BETTER SERVE FP7 APPLICANTS

The National Contact Points (NCP) for Space from 32 countries now work together in the project COSMOS. The support action aims at making it easier for applicants to the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7) to find international partners and to exchange good practices.

Cosmos means an orderly or harmonious system. It originates from the Greek meaning "order, orderly arrangement, ornaments", and is the antithetical concept of chaos. Yet cosmos also defines the idea underlying the COSMOS support action, which is to bring about an orderly arrangement for the service of NCPs including **dissemination of information about the FP7 Space theme** in a varied context comprising some 32 countries across Europe and the Near East.

COSMOS - Cooperation Of Space NCPs as a Means to Optimise Services - **aims at building a network of Space NCPs.**

With the introduction of space as an independent topic in EU Framework Programmes for Research, which contribute to the implementation of the European Space Policy (ESP), NCPs for Space have been set up in almost all EU Member States and Associated Countries,

as well as in certain Third Countries. Whilst some countries have a long history and proud legacies in space activities, others are discovering new opportunities dealing with Space in FP7.

Against this backdrop, **NCPs participating in COSMOS will identify and exchange good practices**, elaborate and conduct training courses for staff, and gather and provide up-to-date information on space and space relevant topics for the benefit of citizens.

Moreover, **COSMOS will contribute to improving project partner search**, making it easier for FP7 applicants to find international partners. The aim is to ensure a more balanced and high quality NCP service for the benefit of new as well as experienced FP7 applicants, whilst raising awareness of the opportunities space represents for European businesses and organisations - both public and private, and large and small alike.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What do you want to achieve with this project?

National Contact Points (NCPs) for Space support researchers interested in applying for funding in the FP7 topic Space. Within COSMOS these NCPs discuss, evaluate and optimise their services. This will lead to an improved overall quality of service for the benefit of the researchers.

Why is this project important for Europe?

By helping to improve the quality of FP7 proposals the COSMOS network supports the development of the European Research Area (ERA). Via the partner network it is further ensured that all FP7 participating States get their chance to become part of and contribute to the ERA.

How does your work benefit European citizens?

Supporting European researchers means ensuring a sustainable development and innovation of space based services like weather forecasting and telecommunication. This is basis for a competitive European industry depending on a leading position in leading-edge technology.



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