



# BioHorizon Newsletter No. 10

## July 2019

### EDITORIAL

Dear Bio-NCPs,

July is the height of the growing season, and the BioHorizon does not slow down either. The first half of the year was a very successful time with interesting trainings and events for Bio-NCPs and SC2 stakeholders. The icing on the cake was the 5<sup>th</sup> BioHorizon SC2 and KET-B Brokerage Event, where together with Bio-community we were building up a network for Horizon 2020 projects. But that is not all, there are also many waiting for us in the next half of the year!

We are pleased to invite you to the **7th Bio-NCP meeting** with the European Commission and **BioHorizon's Final Conference** that will take place on the **21st of November 2019 in Brussels**. Hope to see many of you there. Make a note in your calendars today!

In the 10th (jubilee!) issue of the BioHorizon newsletter you can read also about some of our recent activities and get updates on things that are currently going on in the BioHorizon project. You will find summary and **training materials from the 5th interactive training on 'Impact in Horizon 2020 research proposals'** and a preview of **upcoming webinars**. If you could not attend **BioHorizon SC2 and KET-B Brokerage Event on July 3 in Brussels**, head up! Profiles and offers of our #BioBrokerage participants, all project idea pitches and video recordings of the event are now available.

Lastly this is a reminder BioHorizon offers a variety of services aimed at making your life as a SC2 NCP easier. The extensive **practical guide** gives you an overview over Societal Challenge 2 in Horizon 2020 as well as many other bio-based initiatives. You can read it yourself and share it with your clients and potential stakeholders.

As an NCP you have **access to the project's internal platform**, where you can find recordings of previous webinars and trainings that can benefit you in your daily NCP work.

If you are on **Social Media**, do follow us on Twitter or LinkedIn for the hottest bio-related news and updates.

Together we can DO more!

*Bożena Podlaska (IPPT PAN) – BioHorizon Coordinator*

## HIGHLIGHT

### **SAVE-THE-DATE: 7th Bio-NCP meeting and BioHorizon's Final Conference, 21st of November 2019**

We are pleased to invite you to the **7th Bio-NCP meeting** with the European Commission and **BioHorizon's Final Conference** that will take place on the **21st of November 2019 in Brussels**. We will start this day with the NCP meeting, and afternoon session will be devoted to the final meeting with the all Bio-NCPs fellows.

The conference will be an interactive event and will draw on the experiences of the project and strengthen the connections to the future. Hope to see many of you there!

**Save-the-Date:** 21 November 2019, in Brussels. Venue and more detailed information on both agendas for the NCP meeting and the BioHorizon's Final Conference will be provided after summer holidays.

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## The final SC2 Work Programme has been published!



The **FINAL** Societal Challenge 2 Work Programme for 2018-2020 was adopted and is available on the website of the European Commission!

[Check the document here](#)

# FUTURE BIOHORIZON ACTIVITIES: SAVE THE DATES!

## **5th Webinar on "International Research & Innovation Cooperation: Horizon 2020 and the world - Asia"** **9th of July 2019**



The webinar will provide an overview on “Horizon 2020 – Open to the World” (participation options and funding opportunities) and a detailed knowledge on policy contest and opportunities for Asian organisations within the H2020 Work Programme 2020 for “*Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy*” and “*Information and Communication Technologies*”.

The webinar will be held on **Tuesday 9 July 2019 from 10.00 am to 11.00 am CET** and is organised by the International Cooperation Service Facility in cooperation with BioHorizon and Idealist2020 project.

Here is the [registration link](#), here the [agenda](#) of the webinar.

## **What's new: Webinar on Nagoya protocol**

**27th of September 2019**



Do not miss to sign up the next virtual training in your calendar: 27th of September! BioHorizon together with the network of SC1 & SC5 NCPs - HNN Health NCP Net 2.0 & NCPs CaRE - is organizing an interesting session about the implementation of Nagoya protocol in research projects with a special focus on Horizon 2020 and the new elements introduced into the H2020 Programme following the adoption of the ABS regulation.

The webinar will last 1h starting from 11.00 am to 12.00 am CET  
The invitation will be shared soon.

## PREVIOUS EVENTS

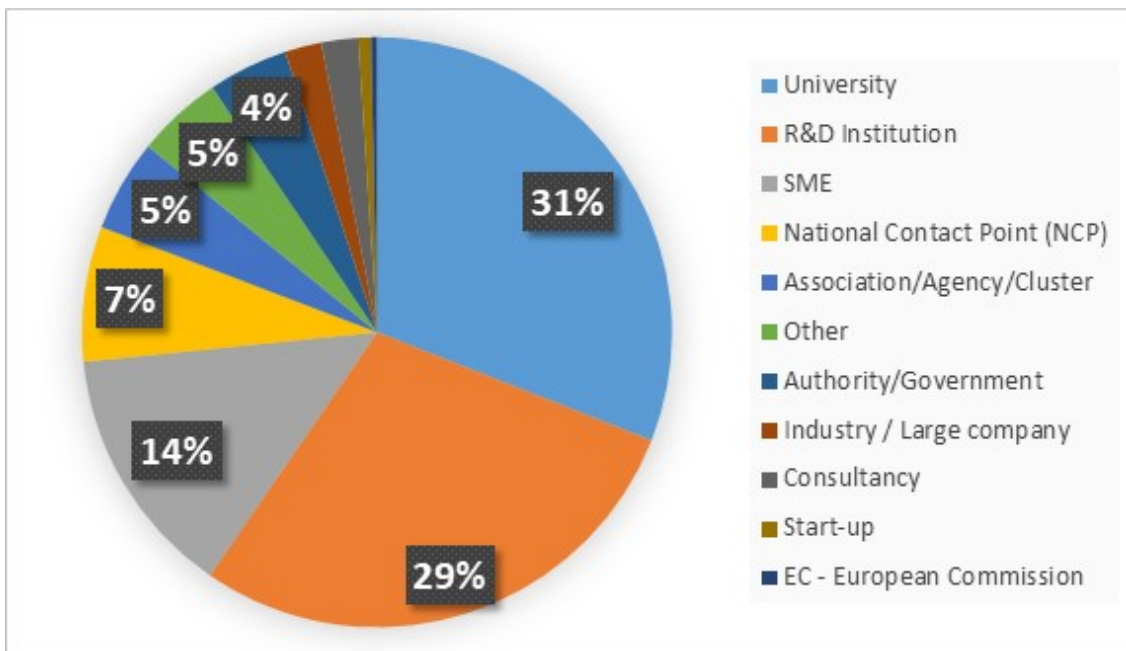
### **5th BioHorizon SC2 and KET-B International Brokerage Event, Brussels, 3 July 2019**



The **5th BioHorizon SC2 and KET-B International Brokerage Event** was dedicated to consortium building to address the 2020 topics in the current work programme for Societal Challenge 2 ‘Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy.’

The main part of the event comprised a series of **pre-arranged bilateral meetings** between people interested in the same call topics.

**262 participants from 34 countries** attended the event and **over 650 pre-arranged meetings** took place. Many spontaneous meetings also happened during the breaks and between sessions. **Nearly 30 project idea pitch presentations** were given in three parallel thematic sessions dedicated to SC2 and KET-B 2020 calls. There was a wide spectrum of stakeholders (**people from universities, research centers, enterprises, government organizations and NGOs involved in research**) who were interested in sharing new project ideas and finding collaboration partners. Among the 3 most numerous groups of people, there were **31% of participants from Universities, 29% from R&D institutions, and 17% entrepreneurs and actors of the industry.**



[Check out the stream from our brokerage event!](#)

## Second Ukrainian infoday with support from BioHorizon



The info day took place on the **9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, in Kiev**. Main organizer was the **University of Life sciences**, where the NCP for the SC2 and KET-Bis are located. The meeting was opened by **Prof. Vadym Tkachuk**, vice-rector for the international development of the University.

The meeting was moderated by **Prof. Liliya Kalachnyuk** – BioNCP from the University of Life sciences. The BioHorizon project was represented by **Bożena Podlaska** (coordinator of BioHorizon, Polish Bio-NCP), **Willemien van Asselt** (Dutch Bio-NCP), **Michaela Pöter** (German Bio-NCP) and **Antoine Kieffer** (French Bio-NCP);

The aim of the meeting was to support the clients and new entrants to H2020 with the last call in H2020 in the area of SC2 and KET-B issues and the BBI JU call. The main focus of the meeting was on **innovation, the SME instrument, and involvement of agri-food and bioeconomy stakeholders in the ERA**. Invited BioHorizon experts advised on concrete project ideas and suggested consortium and partnership building. In the second part of the meeting, our colleague Michaela Pöter explained how to make the most of the brokerage events.



Over **60 participants** attended from the academia and industry. After the presentations, the floor was opened for discussion and many issues related to food security and bioeconomy were discussed.

The event was a great occasion to bring together the EU knowledge and to facilitate open discussion on the better involvement of the Ukrainian stakeholders into the European projects.

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[Access the presentations and other relevant materials here](#)

## **4th BioHorizon training: IMPACT writing for Horizon 2020 research proposals. Follow up.**





A two days interactive training, organised by BioHorizon for the BIO-NCPs, was held in Netherlands last 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of May. More than 30 BIO-NCPs from Europe and abroad actively participate in the event, it created a dynamic environment strongly focused on interaction and exchange of knowledge.

Not only an inspiring atmosphere for learning and working, but also an innovative way for interpreting and providing assistance about the **Impact in Horizon 2020 research proposals** was developed for the BIO-NCPs.

The training sessions provided contents and practical hints, to be applied in our daily work as NCPs, with a special attention to the stakeholders analysis and the multi actor approach.

Rondeel Farm hosted the second day of the training, here was organised a the site visits and a fruitful discussion with three Dutch stakeholders active in the Bioeconomy field.

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Below you can read testimonials provided by Bio-NCPs who participated in the Impact training.

## Feedback from NCPs attending the training

- The training was organized very well, dynamically, with explanations and emphasis on the practical application of accumulated knowledge. The informative materials were made available to the participants. Very important is the emphasis on the interactive part.
- Interactive and motivating training, learning environment excellent, success stories were rewarding.
- The event was very interactive and it eased the exchange of knowledge. Many different sorts of exercises helped to practice and assimilate what's been taught.
- The positivity, knowledge, and motivation of the speakers made it easy to think out loud and pose questions. The general vibe in the groups was positive and encouraging.
- Interesting mix and background of presenters and country representatives

[Check the presentations from the event here](#)

**Trilogy recorded for the BioHorizon IMPACT training for national contact points held on 21-22 May 2019. Speaker: Inge van Oost - European Commission, DG AGRI Unit Research and Innovation.**

[BioHorizon | Inge van Oost 1 - Multi Actor Approach & EIP AGRI](#)

[BioHorizon | Inge van Oost 2 - SSH & RRI](#)

[BioHorizon | Inge van Oost 3 - Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Systems \(AKIS\)](#)

## BIOHORIZON TOOLS

### **CHECK OUT THE BIOHORIZON PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR SC2 APPLICANTS, STILL AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Following several requests from BIO-NCPs we have produced a guide specifically designed for SC2 applicants, so they can get a better understanding of the funding opportunities. This guide for applicants is available on the public part of the BioHorizon website.

Also, we remind you that there is a second guide available: the BioHorizon Handbook for Bio-NCPs, which is a practical guide compiling a comprehensive collection of information and guidelines on how to perform the daily work of a Bio-NCP. It consists of three large chapters: (1) Introduction, (2) What you need to know, and (3) NCP activities and covers 21 thematic subsections. The 'What you need to know section,' provides general information about SC2, KET-B and related networks and instruments. The second 'NCP activities' part provides an overview of the most common tasks and challenges encountered in the daily work of a Bio-NCP.

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[Check out the guide for SC2 applicants here](#)

[Check out the Handbook for Bio-NCPs here \(intranet\)](#)

## CHECK OUT THE BIOHORIZON SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR BIO-NCPs

The BioHorizon self-assessment tool was launched at the beginning of April 2018 and is available for Bio-NCPs to complete all year round. Don't miss the opportunity to make use of this self-assessment tool, as it will give you valuable insights into your capacities and the services you provide.

The self-assessment tool comprises two questionnaires, one for all NCPs and one specifically addressing NCPs responsible for Societal Challenge 2 and KET Biotechnology. The exercise is very important, as it gives each Bio-NCP the opportunity to compare their performance and practices with those of other Bio-NCPs and NCPs from other thematic areas. In addition, Bio-NCPs who participated in last years' exercise can assess changes in their performance by comparing their benchmarking results with the results from the previous year.

The questionnaires are short and will take up no more than 10 minutes of your time. So make sure you participate!

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[Checkout our the tool here](#)



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