IDEAL-IST PROJECT
WHO'S WHO GUIDE

This guide contains elements such as:

Internal useful tools → **Values and services** → **Internal procedures** → **WP and task leaders** → **Partner profiles**

+ Acronym dictionary
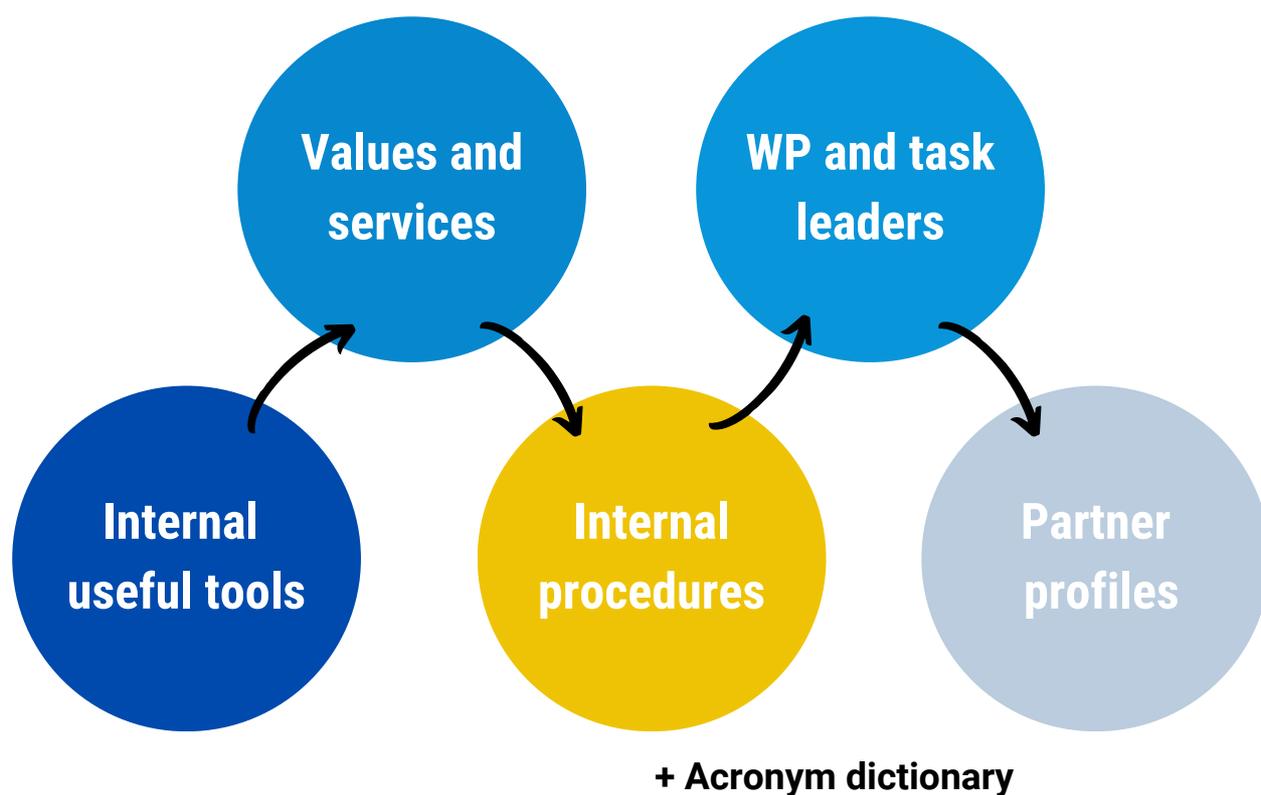
Nevertheless, this is not all. You are also invited to call or send an email for general inquiries to: Dr Angelos Ntantos (antantos@research.org.cy) and Mr. George Christou (gchristou@research.org.cy), Cluster 4 Digital NCPs for Cyprus.

On behalf of all IDEAL-IST Partners, we would like to welcome you on board!

Welcome to Idealist | the Network of Digital NCPs

Dear IDEAL-IST Partner,

You have just joined an international network active since 1996 at the service of the ICT (Digital) research and innovation community.

This network includes more than 65 partners from Member States, Associated Countries, Eastern European Partner Countries (EEPC), Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC), and other countries throughout the world.

Our activities are directed towards two main goals:
- Strengthening the network of Digital National Contact Points (NCPs) for Cluster 4;
- Encouraging and facilitating the participation of proposers in Horizon Europe.

This **Who's who guide** has been prepared to provide you with useful information to ensure a smooth and successful integration into this collaborative project funded under the Framework Programme Horizon Europe for the period 2021-2027 and to help you learn the "ins-and-outs" of this "new" network.

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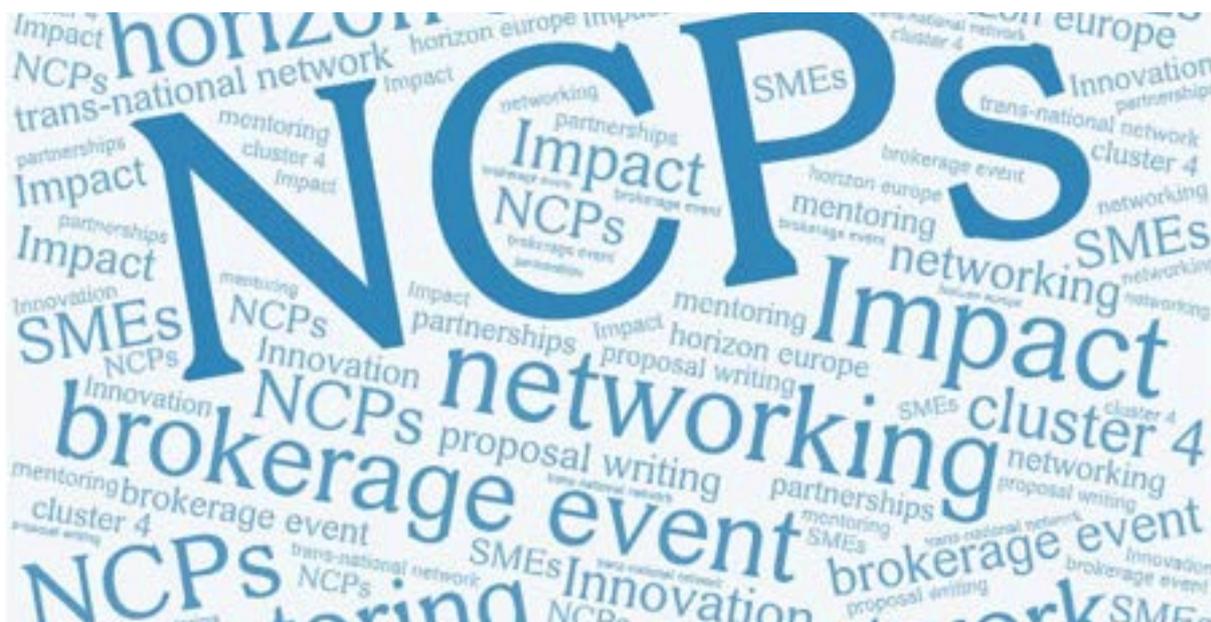
Values and **services**

IDEAL-IST values

At our core, we are a community at the service of:
- NCPs (mainly Digital but not only) and
- Digital research and innovation community.

IDEAL-IST values are central and interconnected to the services it provides:
- Inclusion
- Continuity
- Progression

IDEAL-IST services NCPs

In order to support both NCPs and proposers, several services/activities are provided as follows:

01

Training
Good Practice exchange

Training opportunities for all ICT NCPs, including webinars

02

Background information

ICT H2020 topics, EC Briefings, Webinars, Infodays, Statistics

03

Tools

Training Material, Topic tree, Tool box

04

Strategic collaborations

Core partners, cPPP strategy, other NCP networks

IDEAL-IST services
PROPOSERS|

01
Dissemination

Newsletter, Brochures,
Social media, Promotional videos

02
Partners

Face-to-Face meetings, Partner
Search, Quality Check

03
Tools

Proposers Tool box, Pre-proposal
check tool, Topic tree

04
Background information

ICT H2020 topics, Topic tree

05
Events

Idea check, Full proposal check,
Brokerage Events, Workshops for
Proposers

IDEAL-IST ACTIVITIES|

Managing, sharing and perpetuating the IDEAL-IST knowledge base,

during and beyond the adjustment to the new Framework Programme and its dynamic conditions, according to the FAIR principles and in cooperation with Bridge2HorizonEurope for sustainability and strategic decision-making.

Strengthening the sense of community and teamwork among NCPs,

not only applied to those specifically for the digital destinations of Cluster 4, but also extended to other Cluster 4 NCPs.

Offering services specifically designed to support Digital NCPs,

with the possibility to extend their application to other areas of Cluster 4 when appropriate.
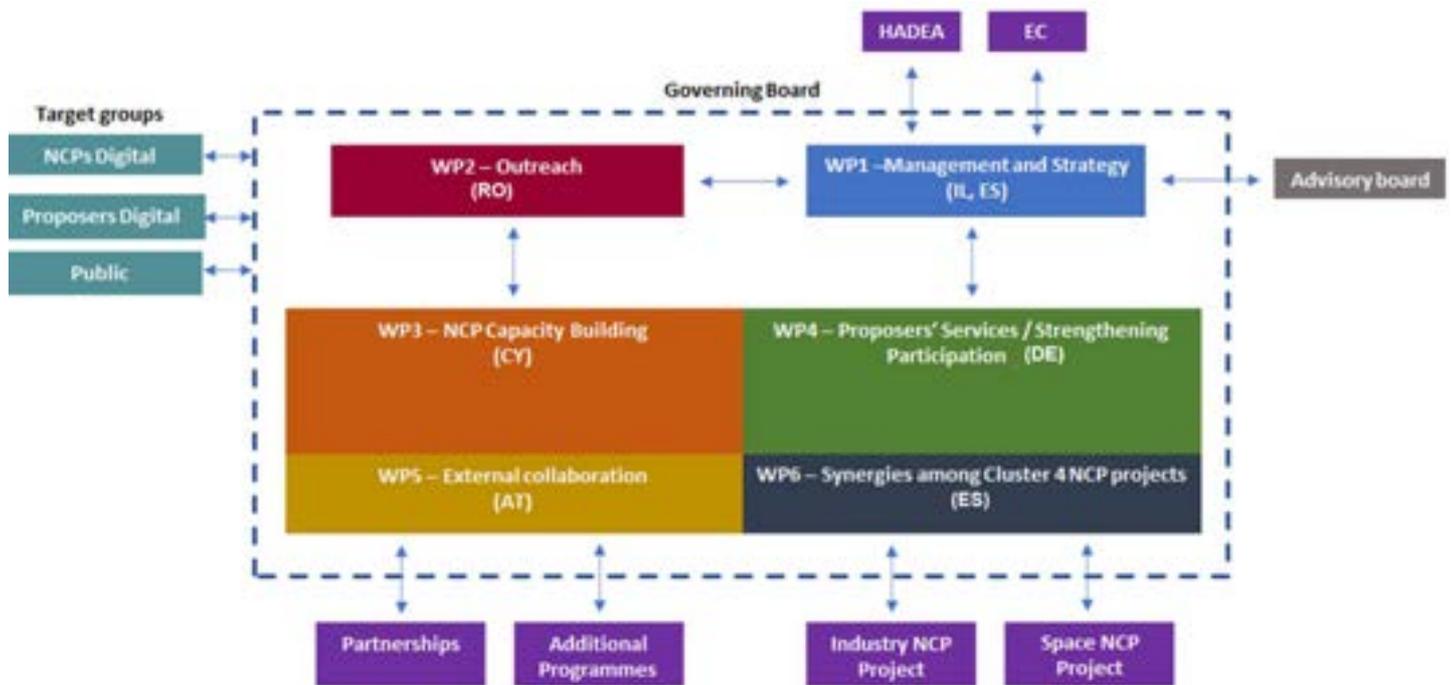
Offering proposer-oriented services,

with a particular focus on the digital parts of Cluster 4, but including the possibility to extend them to other areas when appropriate and in coordination with the NCPs responsible for Industry and Space.

IDEAL-IST
WP STRUCTURE|

IDEAL-IST is built around six (6) interconnected work packages as shown below:

The project activities executed under the six WPs proposed are gathered into these four (4) categories:

1. Managing, sharing and perpetuating the IDEAL-IST knowledge base during and beyond the adjustment to the new Framework Programme and its dynamic conditions, according to the FAIR principles and in cooperation with Bridge2HorizonEurope for sustainability and strategic decision-making.

2. Strengthening the sense of community and teamwork among NCPs, not only applied to those specifically working for the digital destinations but also extend their application to other Cluster 4 NCPs.

3. Offering services specifically designed to support the digital NCPs with the possibility to extend their application to other areas of Cluster 4 when appropriate.

4. Offering proposer-oriented services, again with a particular focus on the digital parts of Cluster 4, but including the possibility to extend them to other areas when appropriate and in coordination with the NCPs responsible for Industry and Space.

IDEAL-IST
WP in details

Each WP will be described in the section that follows, in an effort to answer the following questions:

- Who is in charge?
- Which activity is led?
- How can I participate as a partner?

WP1 - Management and Strategy

Leader: Innovation Auth (Israel)

Management Team

Danny Seker
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Activities

Task 1.1 Project Management and Commission Liaison, Task 1.2 Financial Management, Task 1.3 Internal Communication, Task 1.4 Advisory Board, Task 1.5 Quality and Impact monitoring, Task 1.6 Strategic forecast

	Task 1.1	**Task 1.2**	**Task 1.3**	**Task 1.4**	**Task 1.5**	**Task 1.6**
Participate	Plenary/update meetings	Send reporting	Training Event		Survey	
Contribute	Project Life	Reports	Using the common tools			Feedback on strategic aspects regarding the project.

Focus on:

Our primary emphasis in the IDEAL-IST project's WP1 is on efficient project administration, coupled with strategic reflection to define our desired direction and best address the needs of Digital NCPs and participants. We strive to uphold strong administrative conduct while engaging in thoughtful deliberation to shape the project's strategic orientation.

Something else:

Feel free to contact Judith Bloch judith.bloch@iserd.org.il for any administrative questions related to project management or relations with other partners.

WP2 - Outreach

Leader: ICI Bucharest (Romania)

Management Team

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Activities

Task 2.1 Communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy and plan (ICI Bucharest), Task 2.2 Ideal-ist Website and knowledge platform (WISE) , Task 2.3 Dissemination and communication on social media and other channels (HUB Brussels), Task 2.4 Event support (WISE)

	Task 2.1	**Task 2.2**	**Task 2.3**	**Task 2.4**
Participate	ICI Bucharest	Wise	HUB Brussels	Wise
Contribute	Briefings Open Café hosts	Report problems Updates	Testimonials Retweets	In cooperation with WP4

Something else:

We welcome, urge, beg everyone to contribute to the Outreach Work Package. Needed are tips on events, news, insights, retweets, really everything.

WP3 - NCP Capacity building

Leader: RIF (Cyprus)

Management Team

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Activities

Task 3.1 NCP Widening (depth and breadth), Task 3.2 NCP Training, Task 3.3 Toolbox

	Task 3.1	Task 3.2	Task 3.3
Participate	Surveys, Training Seminars	Surveys, Training Seminars, Webinars	Tell us your needs
Contribute	Defining Topics, Participation, Findings/ Feedback	Defining Topics, Participation, Findings/ Feedback	Develop tools & resources

Focus on:
Task 3.2. Under the framework of this task, a series of webinars and onsite trainings will be organized according to the Digital NCPs needs. Moreover, all training material available from the training seminars and the webinars will be available online.

Toolbox – What helpful resources do proposers need?
What parts of Horizon Europe do your proposers need extra help with? The WP3 and 4 team is happy to develop useful resources (webinars, guidance documents, presentations) to support them. Just let us know your ideas. Do not hesitate to contact Timothy Llewellyn (Timothy Llewellyn@euresearch.ch)

WP4 - Proposers' Services/Strengthening Participation

Leader: DLR (Germany)

Management Team

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Activities
Task 4.1 Horizon Europe Call background information, Task 4.2 Financial Support to Third Parties
Task 4.3 Ideal-ist Topic Tree, Task 4.4 Online course material, Task 4.5 Proposal Checks,
Task 4.6 Events

	Task 4.1	Task 4.2	Task 4.3	Task 4.4	Task 4.5	Task 4.6
Participate						
Contribute						

Focus on:

Something else:

WP5 - External collaboration

Leader: FFG (Austria)

Management Team

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Activities

Task 5.1 Use Synergies with selected digital funding programmes, Task 5.2 European Partnerships, Task 5.3 Link with Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), Task 5.4 Horizon Europe – other Clusters' NCP projects

	Task 5.1	Task 5.2	Task 5.3	Task 5.4
Participate	Focus Cafés, Webinars	Partnership events; Support PS Full proposal Check events	Support joint events	Let us know your good links to other HE NCP networks
Contribute	Input for briefings on DEP, CEF and EDF; Links between HE and Digital Europe in the Topic Tree	Share your knowledge about PS; Act as ambassador for PS	Promote Ideal-ist activities; Identify newcomers for HE CL4 DIGITAL via EEN	Share best practices, identify synergies relevant for DIGITA. Be part of the interdisciplinary network

Focus on:

WP5 will help you as CL4 Digital NCP to gain and share knowledge on digital related funding opportunities. It has a strong focus on Digital Europe, Partnerships, EEN and other NCP networks outside CL4. Cross disciplinarity and sharing of digital related information is the aim-everything we do is in order to better support also your HE clients. As a network and via our ambassadors we try to best collect and share information from Partnerships (EuroHPC, KDT-JU, SNS, ADRA, Photonics, EIT Digital).

WP6 - Synergies among Cluster 4 NCP projects

Leader: CDTI (Spain)

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Activities

Task 6.1 Joint Communication Activities, Task 6.2 Joint Capacity building for NCPs
Task 6.3 Joint Services for Proposers, Task 6.4 New challenges and opportunities

	Task 6.1	Task 6.2	Task 6.3	Task 6.4
Participate	surveys, receive & share content. use single-entry point	surveys, training, widening	surveys, trainings, brokerage	tell us how you feel about CL4 synergies
Contribute	ideas for content & design, feedback	ideas for training content / widening activities, feedback	ideas for training content & other activities, feedback	feedback, conceptual ideas for synergies strategy contacts to other networks

Focus on:

Task 6.1 and Task 6.2.The aim of this WP is to ensure that the three CL4 NCP projects do not duplicate efforts on activities that could be more efficiently carried out together. As the core task of the NCP projects is to help NCPs, this WP focuses particularly on joint NCP training with content beneficial to all NCPs. Outreach is a further bi part of each project and hence a focus here.

How should we approach synergies? We have a conceptual idea of how to interact with the other CL4 NCP project as well as ideas for activities and topics. But perhaps you have other ideas or notice that our concept does not work out because we are not seeing synergies from the point of view of an NCP who is responsible for the entire Cluster 4? If you have ideas/requests/recommendations, please get in touch with Fernando Martin Galende (fernando.martin@cdti.es).

Partner profiles

IDEAL-IST
List of partners|

The network includes more than 65 partners from Member States, Associated Countries, Eastern European Partner Countries (EEPC), Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC), and other countries throughout the world.

The table below includes only the list of the 31 Idealist beneficiaries.

The full list of Cluster 4 NCPs is available on the Funding and Tenders Opportunity Portal here.

IDEAL-IST beneficiaries profiles

AUSTRIA	**GREECE**	**NORWAY**
BELGIUM	**HUNGARY**	**POLAND**
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	**ICELAND**	**PORTUGAL**
CROATIA	**ISRAEL**	**ROMANIA**
CYPRUS	**ITALY**	**SLOVAKIA**
CZECH REPUBLIC	**LATVIA**	**SPAIN**
ESTONIA	**LITHUANIA**	**SWITZERLAND**
FINLAND	**LUXEMBOURG**	**TURKEY**
FRANCE	**MOLDOVA**	**UNITED KINGDOM**
GEORGIA	**NETHERLAND**	
GERMANY	**NORTH MACEDONIA**	

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Digital NCP since 2018

Ideal-ist partner since 2001

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

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NCP for other themes
EDF

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
IoT, 6G, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
AI

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Thomas Zergoi is Head of Unit at the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) in the department for European & International Programmes. His unit covers related EU Programmes in the areas of Digital, Security, Defence and Research Infrastructures (HEU, DIGTIAL,NCC, etc). Therefore he supports several Austrian Ministries with strategic advice in these programmes and other European R&D related issues. Thomas is NCP and national expert in several EU Programme Committees (Horizon, EDF), and Member of Austrian Delegations. Within this job he was involved in and contributed to more than sixteen Framework Programme projects and is also active in several (trans)national RTD initiatives.

THE ENTITY

The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria. As a "one-stop shop" offering a diversified and targeted programme portfolio, the FFG gives Austrian businesses and research facilities quick and uncomplicated access to research and innovation funding.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
WP5 Leader

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NCP for other themes
Digital Europe Programme

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Daniela Hackl is managing the Ideal-ist project at FFG. She is National Contact Point and Programme Committee member for the Digital Europe Programme. In the past she has been National Contact Point for the CIP-ICT Policy Support Programme and Project Manager for several Coordination and Support Actions (e.g. EPISTEP, PRO_NMS, RICH, Ideal-ist). She works for FFG since 2006 and possesses skills in dealing with new target groups of HE like public authorities and close to market projects with pilots and test services.

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Ideal-ist partner since 2006

Role in IDEAL-IST project
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NCP for other themes:
Research infrastructures

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4: --

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe: --

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Manfred Halver is working in the European and International Programmes Department of FFG since 2006. He is NCP and Programme Committee member for the digital part of Cluster 4 in Horizon Europe and for Research Infrastructures as well. Manfred is also member of the States Representatives Group of the Smart Networks and Services JU. Manfred holds a degree in Electronics - Biomedical Engineeringand Computer System Technologies

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Digital NCP since

Ideal-ist partner since

Role in IDEAL-IST project

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Ji-Hyeon KIM VANGUERS is a trained architect with a postmaster's degree in Environmental Management (University of Brussels), with a track record of projects in the field of design, construction and operation of sustainable buildings, energy efficiency and renewable energy. She gained experience on EU project, portfolio and programme management as coordinator and partner in EU funded projects in these fields, and project officer at Interreg North-West Europe. NCP Coordinator, Legal & Financial, SwafS and Widening at NCP Brussels (BE), she used to be NCP Infrastructure and Energy and she had the chance to take the role of ICT NCP ad interim in 2020 until the recruitment of Marion.

THE ENTITY

Hub.brussels has 3 missions:

Supporting companies: The Agency supports the development of Brussels companies, from idea to realization, and facilitates their efforts in this direction. It also supports companies wishing to export outside the region/country, as well as stimulating foreign investment in Brussels. Stimulating the environment: The Agency initiates new dynamics within the Brussels ecosystem and beyond, through innovative projects and actions. It builds connections between private and public actors. Supporting the public authorities: The Agency is a force of proposal to the Government, by its precise knowledge of the Brussels economic ecosystem. Statistical indicators and field practices enable it to carry out enlightening and enlightened monitoring of the sector and the territory, and to judge the actions carried by the Region.

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Digital NCP since

Ideal-ist partner since

Role in IDEAL-IST project

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Marion Perrin (F) has a Master's Degree in European Project Management (2010, University of Cergy-Pontoise, France) as well as several years of working experience with European innovation actors. Prior to becoming an NCP, Marion worked for the European Business and Innovation Centre Network where she was helping business innovation centers to access European funding. Marion has working experience on a number of fields, such as agri-food, maritime and ICT. Marion joined hub.brussels in October 2020 as an NCP ICT, helping mainly SMEs, and also non-profit organisations to identify the right funds and submit a competitive application.

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Digital NCP since

Ideal-ist partner since

Role in IDEAL-IST project

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

SHORT INTRODUCTION

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THE ENTITY

Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar (UNMO) was founded in 1977 as one of the pillars of the development of the Herzegovina region. UNMO mission is to organize a wide spectre of different educational processes and conduct theoretical, applied and development scientific and research and become one of the leaders in the education of young experts necessary for the development of the economy and society and to improve cultural and social development of the region and the country. The University anticipates striving to become a flexible, functional and socially responsible higher education institution in the region recognized by its modern study programmes in all study cycles, opened to cooperation, internationalisation and oriented towards quality. We are active in Horizon 2020, COST, EUREKA. These projects have increased the international dimension of the University and raised awareness in participation in different programme schemes.

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Beneficiary

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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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THE ENTITY

University Computing Centre of University of Zagreb (SRCE) as the major national infrastructural ICT institution in research and higher education in the Republic of Croatia is providing a modern, sustainable and reliable e-infrastructure for research and education community. This includes computing and cloud services, high performance computing (HPC), advanced networking, communication systems and services, middleware, data and information systems and infrastructure.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
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NCP for other themes
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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
IoT, 6G, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
AI

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Within the IDEAL-IST Consortium he is dealing with Training Seminars for Digital NCPs, Mentoring Activities and online training material for ICT NCPs.

THE ENTITY

The Research and Innovation Foundation of Cyprus (RIF, http://www.research.org.cy/), formerly known as Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), is the national research funding institution in Cyprus. Among others, the RIF is responsible for the participation of the country in the Framework Programme, in COST, in JPIs, in Art. 185 Initiatives (AAL, EUROSTARS, PRIMA), in EEN, EURAXESS and other groups.

The RIF hosts all the National Contact Points of Cyprus since 1999, when Cyprus first joined the Framework Programme. At national level, the Cypriot NCPs are very active in providing the Cypriot research community with high quality services such as consultation for the preparation of proposals and customised support in the management of funded projects. Since 1999, the Research and Innovation Foundation has been a partner in a considerable number of NCP projects (Idealist, Net4Mobility, ETNA, SEREN, Net4Society and others) and has therefore gained considerable knowledge and expertise in this respect.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, WP3 Leader

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NCP for other themes
Cluster 1, EIC-EIE-EIT

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
IoT, 6G, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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NCP for other themes
Cluster 3

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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THE ENTITY

The Technology Centre is a key national institution for the research and development infrastructure, and it carries out oriented research in the area of science, technologies and innovations. TC is a source of current information about European research, development and innovation.

The Technology Centre ASCR supports the participation of the Czech Republic in the European Research Area, prepares analytical and conceptual studies for research and development, performs international technology transfers and supports the creation and development of innovation businesses.

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Digital NCP since

Ideal-ist partner since

Role in IDEAL-IST project

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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NCP for other themes
NCP for Digital Europe Programme

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Destinations 3, 4 and 6

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Key Digital Technologies (KDT), Smart Networks & Services (SNS), High Performance Computing (HPC), AI-Data-Robotics

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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THE ENTITY

Business Finland is Finland's official government agency for trade and investment promotion, innovation funding, travel promotion and talent attraction.

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Digital NCP since 2021

Ideal-ist partner since 2021

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

NCP Website
https://www.horizon-europe.gouv.fr

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Digital and Emerging technologies: AI, Robotics, quantum computing, green computing, HPC and Edge/cloud computing

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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THE ENTITY

The French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) draw-up and implements the policy of the Government in the field of higher education, research and innovation. The Ministry prepares the governmental decisions related to allocating State resources in the budget framework for research and innovation. The European and International department for Higher Education Research and Innovation (DAEI) implements the policy of the ministry in the field of EU research and takes part in the European negotiations (preparation of the Competitiveness Council, COREPER, and Research Working Party participation in the HORIZON 2020 programme committees, negotiation of Horizon Europe). The European and International Higher Education Research and Innovation department is responsible for the French NCP Network. Under Horizon Europe, all the NCP coordinators are hosted within the MESR and work closely with program Committee delegates.

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Digital NCP since 2014

Ideal-ist partner since 2021

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

NCP Website
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NCP for other themes
Space

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Robotics, Sharing, Data Space, AI based on trust, and Trusted Internet

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Digital and Emerging technologies: AI, Robotics, quantum computing, green computing, HPC and Edge/cloud computing and Photonics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Digital NCP since 2021

Ideal-ist partner since 2021

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

NCP Website
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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Digital and Emerging technologies: AI, Robotics, quantum computing, green computing, HPC and Edge/cloud computing

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Pr. Smail Niar, Université Polytechnique Hauts-de-France (UPHF) and CNRS, France, received his PhD in Computer Engineering from the University of Lille (France) in 1990. Since then, he has been a professor at UPHF where he is director of the computer science department at the "Laboratory of Automation, Mechanical and Computer Engineering" LAMIH, a joint research unit between CNRS and UPHF. He is a member of the European Network of Excellence (Hipeac), EuroMicro society and IEEE senior. His research interests are AI/ML-based embedded systems, autonomous driving, HPC and edge computing. Since 2021 and in parallel with his research activities, he is NCP for Horizon Europe Calls in Cluster 4-Digital at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France (MESR).

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Digital NCP since 1998

Ideal-ist partner since 1999

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Several Tasks

NCP Website
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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Digital and Industrial networks

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Network of Danube countries under the Danube Lighthouse theme/project

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Dr. Givi Kochoradze is Doctor in Physics and Director of International Center for Advancement of Research, Technology and Innovation; Director of Georgian National Cluster Platform; He is HE NCP in Cluster 4 - Digital, Industry and Space for Georgia. Member of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in Georgia; G. Kochoradze has been involved in the implementation of different international projects such as: EC Framework Programs; TACIS grants; TEMPUS projects etc. (Totally more than 30 projects). G. Kochoradze is author of 57 scientific publications and 2 inventions. At presents he is the local manager of HE currently running IDEALIST, NCP4Industry and EcoDaLLi HE projects.

THE ENTITY

International Center for Advancement of Research, Technology and Innovation (ICARTI) was established in 2008 as nongovernmental not-for-profit organization and was European Commission National Contact Point organization in FP7, H2020 and now in Horizon Europe program for Digital Industry and Space. The main objectives of organization are: to facilitate international cooperation of Georgian R&T organizations and researchers with their foreign partners; assist the integration of Georgia in ERA and international S&T networks; to bridge the gap between research and industry; support innovation and research commercialization processes, to assist of Georgian SMEs to be involved in European new economical schemes, such as Clusters, Smart Specialisation Strategies, Technology Platforms, Technology Transfer Centers, Digital Innovation Hubs, etc. From 2008 ICARTI and its experts were involved in implementation of diverse type international projects with main focus on R&D development, networking, capacity building and awareness raising.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, WP6 Leader

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NCP for other themes
Research Infrastructures

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Key Digital Technologies/ microelectronics, AI, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Digital research infrastructures

DLR-PT

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Dr. Alrun Hauke studied physics at Cardiff University in Wales and holds a PhD from the Technical University in Dresden, Germany, where she worked in the field of organic electronics under Prof. Dr. Karl Leo. After a PostDoc at Philipps-University Marburg, where her field of research was organic solid state physics, Alrun joined DLR Project Management Agency in February 2021, where she is now a digital NCP for Horizon Europe Cluster 4. She is also a nominated NCP for digital research infrastructures and leads the work package 6 "Synergies with other Cluster 4 networks" within the IDEAL-IST project together with Dr. Manuel Spaeth.

THE ENTITY

With around 1,400 employees, DLR-PT covers the broadest range of topics of all German project management organisations. Our spectrum reaches from education and equal opportunities to health, society, innovation, technology, environment and sustainability, as well as European and international cooperation. This enables us to offer every service in an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary manner. Our competence centres for science communication, public relations, and analysis and evaluation round off the professional services offered by the DLR-PT divisions.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, WP6 Leader

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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Key Digital Technologies / photonics, next generation internet

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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Dr. Manuel Spaeth studied biology at the University of Bonn in Germany. He holds a PhD from the same university, where he worked at the Nees-Institute for biodiversity of plants – first as a PhD student and later as group leader of the biomimetics group. Manuel joined DLR Project Management Agency in 2008, where he started as a digital NCP and is now the coordinator for the German digital NCPs for Horizon Europe Cluster 4. He also leads the work package 6 "Synergies with other Cluster 4 networks" within the IDEAL-IST project together with Dr. Alrun Hauke

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, WP6 Leader

NCP Website
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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

I am a theoretical physicist by training. My research focused on supersymmetric aspects of high energy particle physics. Since 2023 I am a German NCP for digital technologies. In addition to my consulting activities for applicants in Horizon Europe, I am a consultant for the German research ministry in regards of technological sovereignty of Germany and Europe. Especially, I assist the activities of the German Council on Technological Sovereignty.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Task 5.3 Leader

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NCP for other themes
Cluster 1, MSCA Actions

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, VR, XR, 5G, Cybersecurity, Smart Ecosystems, IoT, Sensors, Data and Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Marios Roidis has been working as an innovation consultant at the National Documentation Centre in Greece since the beginning of 2021. Marios has been a Greek National Contact Point for Digital, Industry and Space (Cluster 4 of Horizon Europe) since October of 2022. He is also a member of the Enterprise Europe Network and supports businesses and groups active in the commercial and creative & cultural sectors with the aim of achieving international business and research collaborations. He has also participated in the group of the European project StartUp3 whose main objective was the promotion of fledgling entrepreneurship and the maturation of startup companies. He has completed his studies in statistics and actuarial science and most of his work experience comes from the commercial sector, having worked in the financial and creative & cultural sectors.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project:
WP4 - Proposers' Services leader

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NCP for other themes: ---

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4: ---

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe: ---

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Dora Fekete joined the Horizon Europe Unit of the National Research, Development and Innovation Office in 2023. Her position consists of two main roles: Cluster 4 NCP for the Digital field, and research management liaison coordinator. Through a previous occupation in international relations in higher education, she worked with EU-funded programs such as Erasmus+ KA1 and the European Universities initiative. Her 8-year-long first-hand experience provides a solid basis for informing and supporting researchers and academic professionals throughout the life cycle of Horizon Europe projects as an NCP.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

NCP Website

NCP for other themes
Industry

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Machine Learning, HPC

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Renewable energy, social and culture

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Katrin Jonsdottir is a Senior Adviser at the International Division of the Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannis). She is National Contact Point (NCP) for Horizon Europe program: Cluster 4 under Pillar II (Digital, Industry and Space). She participates in two NCP networks, Ideal-ist (ICT network) and NCp4Industry(Network of National Contact Points (NCPs) for Industry). She is also project manager and task leader for communcations in the program Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). She holds a MSc degree in International Business and Marketing from Reykjavik University. Before joining Rannis in january 2021, she was project manager at Innovation Center Iceland with focus on Enterprise Europe Network (EEN). That work will continue at Rannis.

THE ENTITY

The Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannis) is a public organisation that reports to the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture. Its mission is to provide professional assistance to the preparation and implementation of the national science and technology policy.

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Digital NCP since 2022

Ideal-ist partner since 2022

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Coordinator

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Judith Bloch, with almost 20 years of project management experience in the digital and high-tech sectors, currently serves as the coordinator for the IDEAL-IST project at the Israeli Innovation Authority. With a dual Israeli and European (French) cultural background and having resided in Israel for the past 11 years, Judith possesses a strong advantage in effectively navigating the innovation ecosystem and leverages her multilingualism and cross-cultural background to foster collaboration. With a Master's degree in Marketing from the University of Paris Dauphine and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, specializing in Management Sciences, Judith has successfully overseen numerous projects, showcasing strong analytical abilities and adaptability. However, Judith's greatest motivation and passion lie in teamwork.

THE ENTITY

The Israel Innovation Authority is an independent objective public agency responsible for Israeli innovation policy. The Authority strives to advance the innovation ecosystem in Israel and the economy in general. Its role is to cultivate and develop the innovation resource in Israel while creating relevant infrastructures and strengthening the structural foundations that provide the supportive framework for the entire knowledge-based industry.

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Ideal-ist partner since 2016

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Coordinator

NCP Website

NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Danny Seker is Senior Director for Horizon Europe Digital, Industry, Space, New Technologies and Secure Societies programmes at the Israel Innovation Authority-ISERD since early 2017. He have more than 25 years of experience at the Information Technologies and Cyber Security industries at various positions such as CEO of Gita Technologies (acquired by Verint), SPM at Verint Systems and Customers Success Director at Secure Islands (acquired by Microsoft) and at Microsoft. He holds a BSc in Economic and Computer Science from Bar Ilan University and MSc in Business Management from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He like to play golf at his spare time.

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Digital NCP since 2020

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary

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NCP for other themes
Industry

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Task Leader Task 3.2 & T.4.2

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NCP for other themes No

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, digital twins

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
AI, digital twins

APRE
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Diego holds a degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Rome "Sapienza" and a PhD in Nanoscience from the University of Liverpool. After graduating he first worked in industry as had of production in a biomedical device company and then decided to start a career as a researcher, working in UK, then in France and finally in Italy. He joined APRE in 2022 where he deals with the activities related to Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Digital and Industry. He has participated in European R&D projects as a researcher and manager: Horizon Europe and Horizon 2020 projects, Life Programme, Urban Innovation Action, Connecting European Facilities, European Innovation Council.

THE ENTITY

First and unique entity of its kind in Italy, APRE – Agency for the Promotion of the European Research maintains close relations with the most important national institutional actors active in the field of Research and Innovation, with a view to promoting the development and the internationalization of the Italian R&I system, by providing information, training and assistance services.

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Digital NCP since 2018

Ideal-ist partner since 2018

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, Task 4.4 leader

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NCP for other themes
NCP Coordinator

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
AI

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Julija Asmuss holds Dr.sc.Ing. degree in the field of Telecommunications from Riga Technical University. She is Horizon Europe National Contact Point Coordinator and NCP for Cluster 4 in the Republic of Latvia and the National representative in the Cluster 4 programme committee. As well she is a representative of the Republic of Latvia in the Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking (KDT JU) Public Authorities Board (PAB) and Governing Board (GB). Previously she was working as a senior expert in the State Education Development Agency's Research and Innovation Policy Support Unit and as a researcher at Riga Technical University Institute of Telecommunications. In the private sector she gained experience in the implementation of telecommunications and railway projects.

THE ENTITY

The Latvian Council of Science (LCS, Latvijas Zinātnes Padome (LZP) in Latvian) is an institution of direct administration under the supervision of the Minister for Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. The aim of the LCS is to implement the state science and technology development policy, ensure expertise, implementation and supervision of research programs and projects financed from the state budget, as well as from the EU structural funds and other foreign financial instruments. LCS provides the National Contact Point functions for the EU Framework Programme Horizon Europe.

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Digital NCP since 2021
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Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary (contribute to WP3 & WP4)

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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI and Robotics, Key Digital Technologies including Quantum Technologies

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Blockchain, digital skills

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Previously he worked in the Lithuanian Business Support Agency & Agency for Science, Innovation, and Technology as an innovation consultant for European Union investments in the field of R&D, company productivity, export, digitization, eco-innovation, etc.

He is highly motivated to help Lithuanian companies and organizations discover and take advantage of the "Horizon Europe" programme by raising awareness of different destinations and topics, informing about current and future possibilities, calls, and partnerships, and assisting through the process from idea to application finally – advising & training clients.

THE ENTITY

The Research Council of Lithuania is the main national institution providing Research & Development (R&D) funding in the country. The Council oversee research and knowledge exchange functions in relation to universities and institutes. This includes providing block grant funding to the national research and education institutions (mainly universities and research institutes); for research and development; developing and implementing national funding streams; supporting and encouraging academic participation in EU Framework Programmes; overseeing the sustainability of the Higher Education research base in Lithuania; and promoting international collaborations.

The Council aims to develop and sustain an outstanding research and development system in Lithuania that gives everyone the opportunity to contribute and to benefit, enriching lives locally, nationally and internationally.

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Digital NCP since 2023

Ideal-ist partner since 2023

Role in IDEAL-IST project
WP4.5 (FPC organization)
WP5.2 (Ambassadorship)

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NCP for other themes
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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Data, Robotics, HPC, Networks

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Cybersecurity

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Leonardo brings a mix of experiences from industry and academia, where he worked as a software developer and researcher, with formal education in engineering and computer science. He is interested in topics related to machine learning, data, privacy and cybersecurity. Leonardo recently joined Luxinnovation as NCP for the Digital sector after several years as a researcher in human mobility and network systems.

THE ENTITY

Luxinnovation, the national innovation agency, empowers companies to innovate today to be ready for tomorrow and contributes to the development of the economy as a whole by identifying innovation opportunities and fostering collaborative innovation projects that stimulate the development of a sustainable, competitive, and digital economy.

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Digital NCP since 2018

Ideal-ist partner since 2008

Role in IDEAL-IST project
Beneficiary, Task 2.2 and Task 2.4 leader

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NCP for other themes
No

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
IoT, Big Data, Cloud computing

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
e-Health, Digital skills, Digital services

Wise Agile

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Dorina HAREA works at WISE AGILE since February 2022 as an IT and Ideal-ist Project manager. Before joining the WISE AGILE team, she held the position of IT product manager, EURAXESS Network national coordinator, being responsible to several EURAXESS projects management, info days, trainings, conferences organization, and in providing assistance to mobility researchers. She has experience in managing different tasks within FP7 and H2020 projects funded by the European Commission. She has been appointed as Digital NCP since January 2022

THE ENTITY

WISE AGILE is a company that specializes in providing digital product development solutions and business consulting services. The company focuses on helping its clients achieve innovative growth through the use of digital technologies and by embracing digitization.

One of the key areas of expertise for WISE AGILE is digital product development. The company has experience in developing a wide range of digital products, including web applications, e-commerce platforms, and other digital solutions that help businesses improve their online presence and reach their target audience more effectively.

Overall, WISE AGILE is an innovative company that is focused on helping its clients grow through the use of digital technologies and by embracing digitization. With its expertise in digital product development, business consulting, and investment resources, the company is well-positioned to help its clients achieve their growth objectives and succeed in today's rapidly changing business environment.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project:
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NCP for other themes: EIC
Pathfinder, EIC Transition,
Digital Europe, CEF Digital

**Main Digital themes of
interest in Cluster 4:**
Destinations 3, 4 and 6

**Main Digital themes of
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) helps entrepreneurs, NGOs, knowledge institutes, policymakers and organisations to invest, develop and expand their businesses and projects. Both in the Netherlands and abroad. RVO improves collaborations and strengthens positions through funding, kno-how and networks. RVO is a government agency which is part of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. Within RVO, all NCPs work for the Directorate of International Programs. The samedirectorate also deals with trade missions, Eureka clustes, international networks (Enterprise Europe Network) and international development.

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Ideal-ist partner since: 2022

Role in IDEAL-IST project:
Beneficiary, WP5

NCP Website:
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NCP for other themes:
EIC Transition, CEF Digital

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4:
Destinations 3, 4 and 6

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THE ENTITY

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) helps entrepreneurs, NGOs, knowledge institutes, policymakers and organisations to invest, develop and expand their businesses and projects. Both in the Netherlands and abroad. RVO improves collaborations and strengthens positions through funding, know-how and networks. RVO is a government agency which is part of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. Within RVO, all NCPs work for the Directorate of International Programs. The same directorate also deals with trade missions, Eureka clustes, international networks (Enterprise Europe Network) and international development.

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Digital Europe, CEF Digital

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Data, AI, government

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

I am a National Contact Point for ICT at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO). I help ICT researchers, entepreneurs and policy officers navigate Digital Projects within Horizon, Digital Europe, and CEF Digital. Additionally, I occasionally assist with EIC Pathfinder and contribute to establishing a contact point for governments seeking to navigate the tools within the Digital Decade policy programme. My expertise lies in Big Data, and through my background in physics and subsequent work in the government, I have gained knowledge in areas such as neural networks and algorithmic transparency.

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, IoT, advanced computing and Big Data, Academia-Industry collaboration

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Digital Services, Digital Skills

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THE ENTITY

South East European University (SEEU) is private, public, not for profit higher education institution, consisting of faculties, centres and institutes as its integral part, specialized in socio-economic sciences. SEEU Faculties are organizational units within the University and operate through the Faculty Council and University policy framework approved by the University Board or Executive Committee. SEEU has six faculties: Faculty of Contemporary Sciences and Technologies, Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Contemporary Social Sciences , Faculty of Business and Economics, and Faculty of Health Sciences. The Mission of the University is defined in the Statute , it seeks excellence in teaching and research within the higher education system in the Republic of North Macedonia, by offering equal opportunities for all based on impartiality and merit. One of the key elements of the mission of the University includes active cooperation with universities in the Republic of North Macedonia as well as with the international universities. South East European University is ranked third in the national level among 19 universities of the Republic of North Macedonia. This ranking was carried out by the external evaluator, the Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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**Main Digital themes of
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quantum technologies, AI,
Photonics, Sensors**

**Main Digital themes of
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quantum technologies, AI,
Photonics, Chips JU, SNS JU**

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Weronika holds an MSc in Medical Physics and a PhD in Chemistry. Her academic journey revolved around ionizing radiation, radioisotopes, nanoparticles, and a little bit of machine learning. She has extensive experience in various research projects. She has also worked at the Polish Ministry of Climate and Environment, where she was responsible for controlling subordinate units. Since September 2023, she has been an expert at the National Contact Point at the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR). Her dual experience in both scientific research and government roles equips her to provide effective support to beneficiaries, understanding and addressing a wide range of challenges at different levels.

THE ENTITY

The National Contact Point (NCP) at the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) supports the participation of Polish researchers, research units, enterprises of various sizes, central and regional governments, non-governmental organizations in the current EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation – Horizon Europe. The mission of the National Contact Point is to offer comprehensive services that assist Polish applicants in the effective participation in the Horizon Europe framework. We inform about the EU calls, organize information days, seminars, conferences, prepare statistical analysis, publish articles and booklets on Horizon Europe. We also offer in-depth consulting services online and onsite consultations on the preparation of applications and support on various stages of projects' implementation. Our NCP organisation is a large team of 50 experts operating in 5 units.

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Chips, 6G, AI, Virtual Worlds

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
AI, Data, Data Spaces

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Afonso Duarte leverages 20+ years in life sciences research, R&D funding, project management, coordination, and policy. A biophysics PhD and former research scientist, he is now one of the National Delegate and NCP for Cluster 4 at the National Innovation Agency (ANI). Previously, he was a National Delegate and NCP for the Horizonte Europe Cluster 1 and NCP for the European Digital Programme at the national agency for clinical research and biomedical innovation.

THE ENTITY

Agência Nacional de Inovação SA (ANI), aims to promote collaboration between entities of the Scientific and Technological System and the business environment, moreover ANI ativities focous on strengthen the participation in international programmes by companies and entities of the national Scientific and Technological System, with a view to promoting their capacities, skills and results. Currently ANI holds the national NCPs for Pillar 2 and Pillar 3 of Horizon Europe. R&D and Innovation are fundamental to the long-term development of societies, and ANI 'strategic vision is to take action to connect the science environment and companies. ANI is responsible for promoting knowledge transfer in order to create value for the national economy, establishing priorities and defining indicators focused on supporting the adoption of knowledge and technology by companies and society.

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Cluster 3 / DEP / SNS JU

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Digital & Emerging Technologies, AI, Cybersecurity, Quantum

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Digital & Emerging Technologies, AI, Cybersecurity, Quantum

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Bruno is the National Contact Point (NCP) and National Delegate for European Innovation Programmes in Portugal, focusing on Cluster 4 – Digital and Cluster 3 – Security. With a background as a project manager for a Portuguese company on European Defence Fund initiatives, Bruno has valuable experience in high-stakes European projects. Additionally, he served as a Navy Officer specializing in communication systems and represented Portugal in NATO Working Groups. His diverse expertise spans national and international defence, digital security, and innovation, positioning him as a key contributor to Portugal's strategic involvement in European defence and digital innovation programs.

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Emerging enabling technologies, artificial intelligence, and robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
World Leading Data and Computing Technologies; Human-Centered and Ethical Development of Digital and Industrial Technologies

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Monica Barbu has served as a National Contact Point (NCP) since 2019, initially in the ICT domain for Horizon 2020, and currently for Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Digital. Holding a Ph.D. in Economics, she possesses deep research expertise in e-Government, eServices, resilience, interoperability, and standardization. In 2024, Monica also began leading WP2 - Outreach for Ideal-IST, enhancing her role in the tech and research community.

THE ENTITY

The National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest was established in 1970 and it is the most important institute in the field of research, development, and innovation in information and communication technology (ICT) from Romania. The main activity of ICI Bucharest is the development of scientific and technological research projects in the field of ICT, supporting the development of the information society. ICI's mission is to support excellence in research and innovation, for the development of the knowledge-based economy in Romania, and for better integration in the European research area. Since 1996, it has also served as a host organization for ICT National Contact Points.

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Contributor to T4.5 Proposal
Checks, T5.2 European
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NCP for other themes

**Main Digital themes of
interest in Cluster 4**
AI, robotics, data

**Main Digital themes of
interest in the rest of
Horizon Europe**
EIT Digital

SHORT INTRODUCTION

For more than 10 years he has been working at the Technical University of Košice, where he is involved in the development of international innovation and R&D projects. He is currently working at the University Science Park Technicom as an advisor to the Enterprise Europe Network for EU financial instruments. He founded the online magazine and podcast grantUP, which communicates grant topics in an understandable way. Since 2022, he has been acting as the National Contact Point for Horizon Europe in Slovakia in the field of digitisation.

THE ENTITY

Centrum vedecko-technických informácií (CVTI SR) - CVTI SR is a subsidiary organization (public organization) of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic. CVTI SR is the national information centre for science, technology, innovation and education and specialized scientific library of the Slovak Republic. It coordinates activities and ensures the operation of interdisciplinary R&D centres and national infrastructures for research, development, innovation and education. SCSTI is the host institution of the National Contact Points for Horizon Europe and ensures operation of the Slovak Liaison Office for R&D in Brussels.

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NCP for other themes

**Main Digital themes of
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AI, robotics, data, digital in
manufacturing/industry and
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**Main Digital themes of
interest in the rest of
Horizon Europe**
EIT Manufacturing

SHORT INTRODUCTION

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Big Data, Photonics, Computing Technologies, Quantum Technologies

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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SHORT INTRODUCTION

MSc in Telecommunication Engineering (University of Valladolid). Specialist in Signal Processing applied to digital audio. Two-year experience on basic digital audio research and three-year experience on advanced R&D in the fields of Multimedia and Video over Internet. Joined CDTI and the Idealist team in 2002 as ICT NCP and later as ICTC Delegate.

THE ENTITY

National Innovation Agency under the Ministry of Science and Innovation devoted to the management of national and international R&D programmes, having NCPs nominated and National Delegates and thematic experts in all the Program Committees of Horizon Europe pillar 2. Additionally, it performs evaluation and funding of R&D projects and big innovation initiatives developed at national level.

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Robotics

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Synergies between digital and energy topics

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Eva Bøgelund is the Swiss National Contact Point for Digital and Energy since 2023. Before joining the NCP team, she worked as a project manager for R&I projects in the framework of Horizon 2020. She holds a PhD in astrophysics and participated in multiple international research collaborations.

Euresearch is the Swiss guide to European research and innovation. Euresearch is a non-profit organisation funded by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation SERI. We promote and facilitate the participation of researchers, organisations and companies in Switzerland in European projects and programmes related to research and innovation. Our services are free of charge and provide information and guidance on cooperation and funding opportunities. Our mission is to inform, advise and connect anybody in Switzerland interested in EU Funding Programmes for Research and Innovation. Researchers or any other interested party in Switzerland can request information on funding opportunities tailored to their specific research and collaboration goals or needs. We provide support every step of the way for the whole application process, ranging from your search for research partners and relevant research topics, to writing a proposal and submitting your application to the chosen funding scheme. We advise you throughout the various phases of project management and assist you with any administrative questions. In addition, our advisors offer training sessions and relevant workshops for applicants as well as specific events and services for companies. We connect researchers based in or coming to Switzerland and keep you updated on any upcoming calls for proposals and opportunities within the European research and innovation programmes.

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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Data, AI, Robotics and 5G/6G

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
Application of Digital Technologies in Energy and Mobility

TÜBİTAK

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Erencan was born in 1997 and completed his elementary and high school education in his hometown, Edirne. He studied mechanical engineering at TOBB University of Economics and Technology, which was followed by a master's degree in business administration. After his graduation in 2019, he was employed by TÜBİTAK to support Turkish R&I actors to pursue common projects with European stakeholders. He is fluent in English and German. His areas of interest include plastic modeling and athletics.

THE ENTITY

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) is the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Türkiye. It was established in 1963 with a mission to advance science and technology, conduct research and support Turkish researchers. TÜBİTAK is responsible for promoting, developing, organizing, conducting and coordinating research and development in line with national targets and priorities. Furthermore, TÜBİTAK funds research projects carried out in universities and other public and private organizations, conducts research on strategic areas, develops support programs for public and private sectors, publishes scientific journals, popular science magazines and books, organizes science and society activities and supports undergraduate and graduate students through scholarships.

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Role in IDEAL-IST project
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NCP for other themes

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
AI, Data, Robotics, 6G, Electronics, Sensors, Photonics, Quantum

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
IoT, Digital Twin

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Originally from a technical background (Electronics, Optoelectronics) I have been a National Contact Point on Framework Programmes since 2007 (previously NMP/NMBP, now as the UK Digital NCP). I've worked on business support and collaborative R&D programmes for over 25 years including the setup, running, monitoring and evaluation of national and international programmes. Current areas include ICT, electronic systems & photonics

THE ENTITY

Innovate UK is part of UK Research and Innovation, a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK government. An "arms-length" government agency, supporting business led collaborative R&D, we also host most of the UK's Horizon Europe National Contact Points and have responsibility for the EEN. Innovate UK is an organisation of over 500 staff, drawn mainly from business. With a strong business focus, we drive growth by working with companies to de-risk, enable and support innovation. Since 2007 we have committed over €2 billion to innovation, matched by a similar amount in partner and business funding. We have helped 8,000 organisations with projects estimated to add more than €18 billion to the economy and create nearly 70,000 jobs.

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What should I do first?

WP1 – Management and Strategy

As a newcomer, we suggest you contact the Coordinator Judith Bloch (judith.bloch@iserd.org.il) and Dorina Harea (dh@wiseagile.md) to be included in the IDEAL-IST project mailing list and be granted an access to the IDEAL-IST website portal administration side.

Would you like to find out more about the project's Advisory Board and monitoring processes? Please contact Fernando (fernando.martin@cdti.es).

If you have questions on the travel reimbursement policy, please consult the Work Package Leader in charge of the activities you wish to participate in.

WP2 – Outreach

Do you want to understand the IDEAL-IST promotion strategy, use the best dissemination channels, have access to various promotional materials and information?
Information through regular briefings sent out to NCPs will be made available for the ICT NCPs by the WP contributors.
Please contact Monica Barbu (monica.barbu@ici.ro).

WP3 – NCP Capacity building

Would you like to participate in training activities, get customized support from the network in specific technical and structural areas, find useful online material from training and other activities?
Please contact Angelos Ntantos (antantos @research.org.cy).

WP4 – Proposers' Services / Strengthening participation

As NCP, your job is to support proposers. As an IDEAL-IST partner you have the opportunity to (i) access a rich, interactive knowledge base on Horizon Europe Cluster 4 topics, (ii) use resources addressing the full project participation life-cycle, from idea generation to the use of results and (iii) benefit from a pre-proposal check support together with partner search.
Please contact Alrun Hauke (Alrun.Hauke@dlr.de).

WP5 – External collaboration

Do you want to access to the Topic Tree, understand and participate in the overall strategy for collaboration with identified partners and be involved in cooperation activities?
Consult the process available via the IDEAL-IST website and look at existing Partnership on our website: http://www.ideal-ist.eu/partnerships.
Please contact Daniela Hackl (daniela.hackl@ffg.at).

WP6 – Synergies among Cluster 4 NCP projects

Are you interested in keeping up with developments about the next NCP network projects and the synergies between the existing Cluster 4 NCP network projects?
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IDEAL-IST internal useful tools

Mailing list
Several mailing lists are available inside the project:

Mailing list name and address	Who can use it?
Digital NCPs digital.ncp@ideal-ist.eu	All Cluster 4 Digital NCPs to spread information to Digital NCPs
ID.GB id.gb@ideal-ist.eu	Only to be used by GB members for internal discussions
ID.Benef id.benef@ideal-ist.eu	Only to be used by beneficiaries to send information

Internal IT tool
TEAMS for file storing, editing.
Any question, please contact Elena Zamsa (ez@wiseagile.md).

Pre-Proposal Check Service
IDEAL-IST propose methodology/guidelines for pre-proposal check to NCPs.
NCPs will provide the pre-proposal check service to their national research community
through a simple form that can be downloaded from the IDEAL-IST website.
Please check here for more details: https://www.ideal-ist.eu/pre-proposal-check
Any question, please contact Judith Bloch (Judith.Bloch@iserd.org.il).

Proposers' toolbox (http://www.ideal-ist.eu/toolbox)
A toolbox for proposers and beyond. Information, tips, background documents, links, etc.
Promote it to your clients to get the most out of it!
Any questions, please contact Edina Nemeth (edina.nemeth@ist.hu) or Timothy Llewellynn
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IDEAL-IST Handbook (https://www.ideal-ist.eu/handbook-home For NCPs by NCPs)
Online training material and information helping NCPs and especially newcomers in their
daily work. Any question, please contact Angelos Ntantos (antantos@research.org.cy).

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The Topic Tree

The Topic Tree is a visual tool illustrating connections between closed, open and forthcoming Horizon Europe topics related to Digital Technologies plus Digital Europe Call Topics.. It helps you to identify historical and future links to call topics and offers you background information provided by Ideal-ist and EC Participant Portal.

Two versions exist:
Public for all: Topic tree public (see tutorial) Private only for C4 Digital National Contact Points (registered on the Ideal-ist webpage)Ideal-ist partners
Any questions, please contact Daniela Hackl (Daniela.Hackl@ffg.at)

Ambassadors

Due to the fact that access to information from partnerships is difficult for individual NCPs, IDEAL-IST as a network makes an effort to get the right links to be early informed about any development of the respective partnership.

Relevant information is made available to all Digital NCPs via the internal communication channels. The ambassador contact should pave the way for collaboration between IDEAL-IST and the partnership. The ambassadors are the main IDEAL-IST contact persons for the partnership. Furthermore, the ambassadors have a good knowledge about the partnership (e.g. SRIA, roadmaps, links to WP).

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EIT Digital	Tomáš Pavlik (SK) George Megas (GR)

IDEAL-IST
acronym dictionary

A

AB: Advisory Board
AC: Associated Countries (to an EU programme)
AP: Associated Partner

C

CPPP: Contractual public-private partnerships
DMP: Data Management Plan
DoA: Description of Action (previously DoW Description of Work)

E

EC: European Commission
EoI: Expression of Interest - submitted in response to an event call or a partner search
ERA: European Research Area

F

F2F: Face-to-Face
FM: Future Match brokerage event series organised by EEN and supported by Idealist2020

G

GA: Grand Agreement
GB: Governing Board

I

ICPC: International Cooperation Partner Countries

K

KOM: Kick Off Meeting
KPI: Key Performance Indicators

M

MPC: Mediterranean Partner Country
MS: Member States

N

NCP: National Contact Point
NE: National expert

O

OKR: Objective & Key Result

P

PA: Plenary Assembly
PAB: Public Authority Board
PM: Person month
PO: Project officer
PS: Partner Search

Q

QA: Quality Assurance
QT: Quality team
QM: Quality manager/management
QL: Quality label

R

RI: Research and Innovation
RO: Research Objectives
RTD: Research and Technology Development

S

SAB: Strategy Advisory Board
SB: Steering Board

W

WP: Work Programme
WP: WP followed by a single digit number refers to IDEAL-IST Work Package
WPL: Work Package Leader

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