



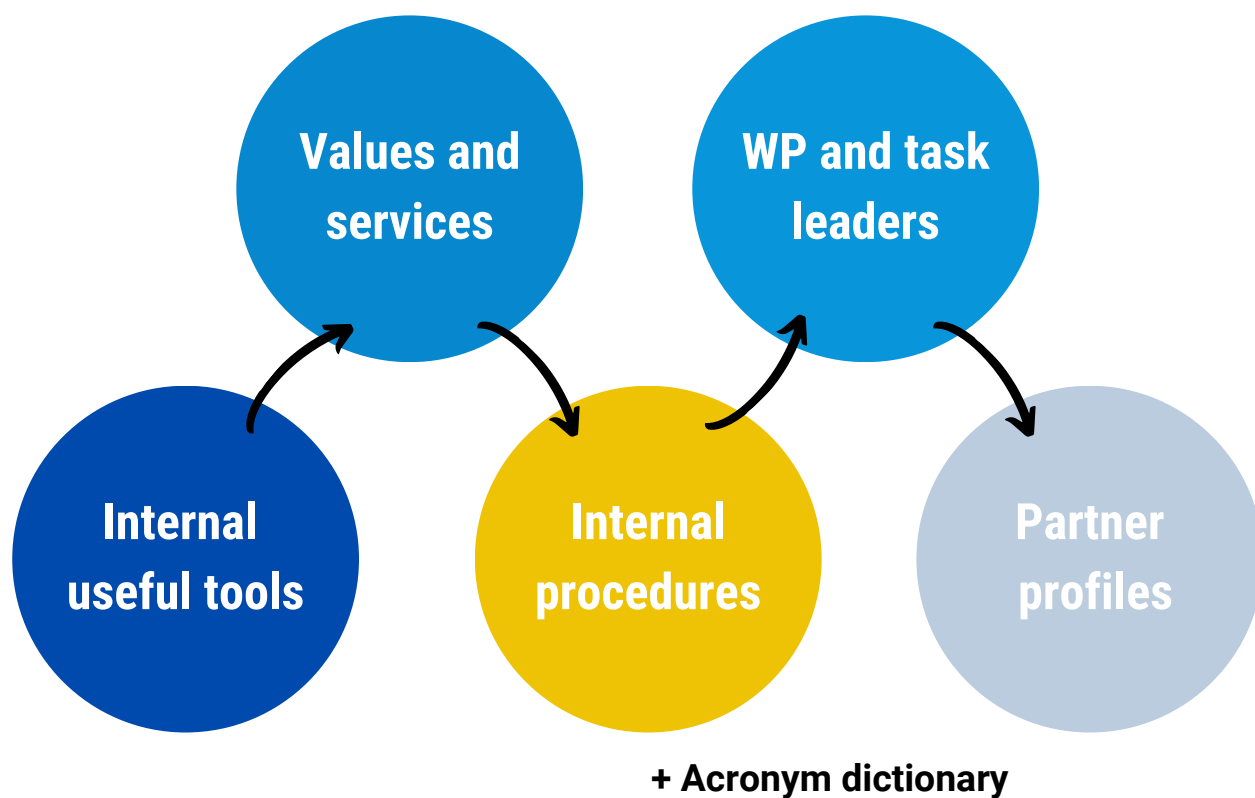
IDEALIST2027 PROJECT

WHO'S WHO GUIDE

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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 Idealist2027 Partners, we would like to welcome you on board!



Welcome to Idealist | the Network of Digital NCPs



Dear Idealist2027 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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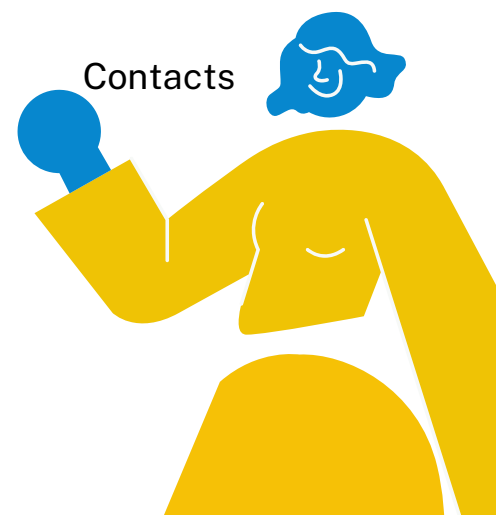
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Values and services

Idealist2027 values

At our core, we are a community at the service of:

- NCPs (mainly Digital but not only) and
- Digital research and innovation community.

Idealist2027 values are central and interconnected to the services it provides:

- Inclusion
- Continuity
- Progression



Idealist2027 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 Horizon Europe topics, EC briefings, webinars, infodays, statistics

03

Tools

Training material, Topic Tree, tool box

04

Strategic collaborations

Core partners, other NCP networks

Idealist2027 services

PROPOSERS |



01

Dissemination

Brochures, social media, promotional videos

02

Partners

Partner search, online matchmaking platform, onsite brokerage events, cooperation profiles and background information on other partner search opportunities

03

Tools

Proposers tool box, Project Idea Check tool, Topic Tree

04

Background information

ICT HE topics, Topic Tree

05

Events

Full Proposal Check, brokerage events, workshops for proposers

Idealist2027 ACTIVITIES|

Managing, sharing and perpetuating the Idealist2027 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.



Idealist2027 WP STRUCTURE

Idealist2027 is built around six (6) interconnected work packages as shown below:

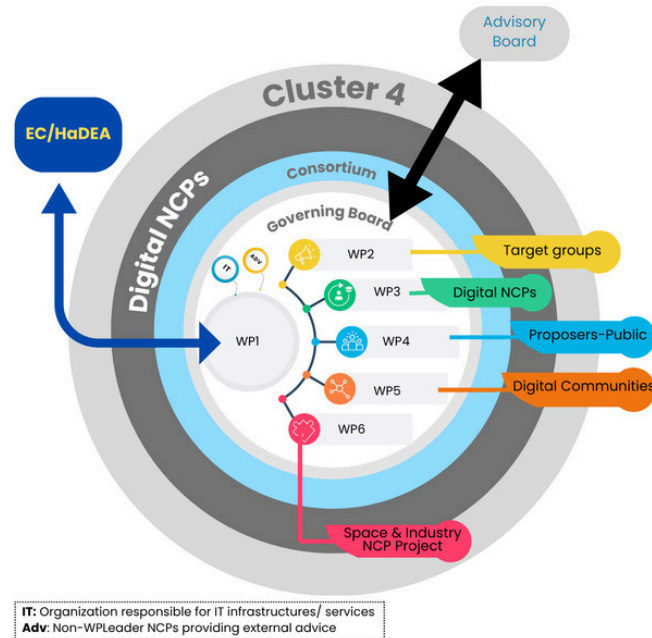


Figure 1. Structure of the project and External Interactions

The project activities outlined across the six proposed WPs are organized into the following five categories:

1. Managing, sharing, and perpetuating the Idealist2027 knowledge base during and beyond the transition to the new Framework Programme, adapting to dynamic conditions in accordance with the FAIR principles ensuring sustainability and inform strategic decision-making.
2. Strengthening the sense of community and teamwork among NCPs, not only for those specifically working in the digital destinations but for all NCPs within Cluster 4.
3. Providing services specifically tailored to support digital NCPs, with the flexibility to extend these services to other areas within Cluster 4 when appropriate.
4. Providing proposer-oriented services with a particular focus on the digital parts of Cluster 4, while extending these services to other areas as appropriate, in coordination with the NCPs responsible for Industry and Space.
5. Equipping NCPs with experiences resulting from former participation through anonymized ESR analysis.

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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



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WP1 at a glance

WP1 ensures the overall management and strategic steering of Idealist2027. It covers project coordination, financial and administrative follow-up, internal communication, quality and impact monitoring, Advisory Board support, strategic planning, and ethics compliance.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Project coordination (T1.1)	Overall management, Commission liaison, legal and administrative follow-up	Judith Bloch (IIA)
Financial management (T1.2)	Budget monitoring, cost statements and reporting	Judith Bloch (IIA)
Internal Communication (T1.3)	Internal communication, project updates, and use of common tools	Judith Bloch (IIA)
Strategic guidance (T1.4, T1.5, T1.6)	Advisory Board input, KPI monitoring, impact steering, and strategic forecast	Fernando Martin Galende (CDTI)
Ethics and AI robustness (T1.7)	Ethical compliance, AI reliability, transparency, data protection, and bias mitigation	Judith Bloch (IIA)

How you can contribute

To make WP1 work smoothly, we rely on all partners to share information on time, follow common processes, contribute to internal exchanges, and provide the necessary input for reporting, monitoring, and coordination. Clear communication and anticipation will make a real difference throughout the project.

WP2 - Outreach

Leader: ICI Bucharest (Romania)

Management Team



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ICI



Dorina Harea
WISE



Adrian Besimi
SEEU

WP2 at a glance

WP2 coordinates outreach activities both during and after the project, ensuring that the tools, knowledge, and services developed are effectively disseminated and sustained beyond the project's duration. This work package also emphasizes engaging a diverse range of stakeholders, including new players, to broaden the impact of the project.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy and plan (T2.1)	Establish and biannually update a joint communication and engagement strategy with CL4 NCP projects to share best practices. Focus on coordinated social media activities to maximize outreach and impact for NCPs and proposers.	Monica Barbu (ICI)
IT Tools, website and knowledge platform (T2.2)	Manage the website and knowledge platform as a central hub for AI tools and resources. Diversify target groups to include newcomers and social innovators, while integrating with non-CL4 projects via NCP4HE and APIs.	Dorina Harea (WISE)
Dissemination and communication on social media and other channels (T2.3)	Synchronize CL4 promotional campaigns and events across high-impact social media to maximize reach. Designate network ambassadors to promote activities, supported by monthly internal briefings and collaborative Open Café sessions to streamline NCP outreach.	Adrian Besimi (SEEU)
Event support (T2.4)	Create promotional materials and support project outreach by distributing content and cross-links to CL4 projects through digital channels and events. Coordinate joint WP2 and WP4 efforts at cross-cluster forums to maximize impact.	Dorina Harea (WISE)

How you can contribute

Boost WP2 outreach by engaging with our social media and sharing information on relevant national events. These contributions increase project visibility and ensure results reach the right stakeholders.

WP3 - NCP Capacity building

Leader: RIF (Cyprus)

Management Team



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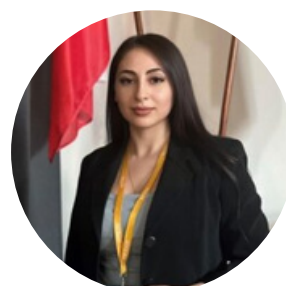
Dorina Harea
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WP3 at a glance

WP3 focuses on enhancing NCP services through updated resources and AI integration. Delivers Europe-wide activities to ensure consistent, high-quality support and improved usability across all member states.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Newcomer Integration (T3.1)	The Newcomer Welcome Package and quarterly meetings help new NCPs acclimate. The annual Who's Who Guide profiles participants to facilitate collaboration.	Dorina Harea (Wise)
NCP Training (T3.2) Webinars (T3.3)	Annual surveys align training with NCP needs, shaping three onsite sessions on EU policy and AI. Standardized feedback ensures continuous improvement and quality.	Angelos Ntantos (RIF) Diego Coglitore (APRE)
Meet&Exchange (T3.4) Twinning Online&Onsite (T3.5)	Interactive peer-learning sessions (Focus Cafés) and twinning activities and workshops, both online and onsite, to promote structured good practice exchange and collaboration between NCPs	Marios Roidis (EKT) Meri Harutyunyan (SIPAC)
Toolbox (T3.6)	Development and maintenance of an online toolbox providing essential resources for NCP daily work, with both public and restricted (NCP-only) access sections	Timothy Llewellyn EURESEARCH

How you can contribute ?

Strengthen capacity building by sharing experiences, providing feedback, and completing surveys.

WP4 - Proposers' Services/Strengthening Participation

Leader: DLR (Germany)

Management Team



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APRE

WP4 at a glance

WP4 strengthens participation through AI-enhanced tools and digital resources. It improves accessibility and service quality to elevate proposal standards across Europe.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Horizon Europe Call background information (T4.1)	Collection of background information on call topics and related initiatives for distribution via Topic Tree and website.	Alrun Hauke (DLR)
Financial Support to Third Parties (T4.2)	Identification and sharing of FSTP opportunities and related information.	Jessica Bonanno , Diego Coglitore (APRE)
Idealist2027 Topic Tree (T4.3)	Maintenance and further development of Idealist2027 Topic Tree.	Sara Gasparoni (FFG)
Proposal Checks (T4.4)	Organisation of project idea checks and Full Proposal Checks for each call round in Cluster 4 digital.	Salko Kovačić (UNMO)
Events (T4.5)	Proposer workshops / webinars, brokerage and representation of Idealist2027 at partnership and EC events.	Jan Hückmann (LXI)

How you can contribute

Contribute by updating the Topic Tree with event insights, assisting at physical events, or facilitating proposal and project idea checks.

WP5 - Connecting Digital Communities

Leader: FFG (Austria)

Management Team



Sara Gasparoni
FFG



Enrique Pelayo
CDTI



Afonso Duarte
ANI



Bruno Teixeira
ANI

WP5 at a glance

Help strengthen by mapping synergies across programmes, policy developments, and sharing evaluation-based insights from past projects.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Guiding NCPs on synergy programmes and policy landscape (T5.1)	Ambassadors for DEP, EDF, and CEF provide program updates that fuel the Topic Tree, trainings, and Cluster 4 outreach.	Sara Gasparoni FFG
Paving connections towards industry (T5.2)	Ambassadors connect digital initiatives and hubs to SMEs, syncing these efforts with WP4 tools and WP2 dissemination.	Afonso Duarte (ANI)
Horizon intelligence (T5.3)	Experts use AI to analyze and anonymize past Cluster 4 Digital evaluations, creating NCP training materials from identified participation trends.	Enrique Pelayo (CDTI)

How you can contribute

This Work Package enables and enforces the synergies with other programmes like Digital Europe, where there is a thematic overlap of digital topics, At the same time synergies are made stronger with the politically driven partnerships. Digital related policies are considered, together with the evaluations (ESR) of past projects, so as to enlarge the toolbox of the digital NCPs.

WP6 - Synergies among Cluster 4 NCP projects

Leader: CDTI (Spain)

Management Team



Fernando Martin Galende
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Monica Barbu
ICI



Angelos Ntontos
RIF



Alrun Hauke
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WP6 at a glance

WP6 fosters collaboration and synergies across the three Cluster 4 NCP projects covering all six destinations. It establishes the relationships and mechanisms needed to maximize their collective impact.

Main Area	What It Covers	Task Leader
Strategic collaboration and management of synergies (T6.1)	Strategic alignment, definition and monitoring of joint KPIs and knowledge sharing among the three NCP projects in Cluster 4.	Fernando Martin Galende (CDTI)
Joint outreach activities (T6.2)	Joint coordination on communication and user engagement, visual identity and single-entry point, social media campaigns, open cafés, etc. for all C4 NCPs.	Monica Barbu (ICI)
Joint capacity building for NCPs (T6.3)	Coordination on joint capacity building for all C4 NCPs, training and focus cafés, welcome package for new NCPs, NCP Topic Tree, tools, etc.	Angelos Ntontos (RIF)
Joint services for proposers (T6.4)	Share best practices, joint representation and training, and coordinate brokerage events and the public Topic Tree.	Alrun Hauke (DLR)

How you can contribute

NCPs with relevant expertise—particularly those active in multiple Cluster 4 projects—should contribute insights to WP6.



Partner profiles

Idealist2027

List of partners |

The broader Ideal-ist/Cluster 4 Digital NCP network includes more than 65 partner organisations and NCP entities from EU Member States, Horizon Europe Associated Countries and other partner countries worldwide.

The table below only includes the 32 Idealist2027 beneficiaries and 1 associated partner forming the formal project consortium.

The full list of Cluster 4 NCPs is available on the Funding and Tenders Opportunity Portal [here](#).

Idealist2027 beneficiaries profiles

<u>ALBANIA</u>	<u>FRANCE</u>	<u>MOLDOVA</u>
<u>ARMENIA</u>	<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>NETHERLANDS</u>
<u>AUSTRIA</u>	<u>GERMANY</u>	<u>NORTH MACEDONIA</u>
<u>BELGIUM</u>	<u>GREECE</u>	<u>POLAND</u>
<u>BULGARIA</u>	<u>HUNGARY</u>	<u>PORTUGAL</u>
<u>BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA</u>	<u>ISRAEL</u>	<u>ROMANIA</u>
<u>CROATIA</u>	<u>ITALY</u>	<u>SLOVAKIA</u>
<u>CYPRUS</u>	<u>LATVIA</u>	<u>SPAIN</u>
<u>CZECH REPUBLIC</u>	<u>LITHUANIA</u>	<u>SWITZERLAND</u>
<u>ESTONIA</u>	<u>LUXEMBOURG</u>	<u>SWEDEN</u>
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Role in Idealist2027 project Beneficiary

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NCP for other themes

NCP Cluster 4 – Industry, Space

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

IoT, 6G, Robotics, AI, Quantum

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

IoT, AI

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Prof. Assoc. Genta Rexha graduated in Aerospace Engineering from the Second University of Naples in 2007, where she also earned her Ph.D. in Aerospace Sciences and Technologies in 2010. Following this, she worked at the Italian National Research Council's Institute of Motors until June 2011.

Since 2011, she has taught and conducted research at various Albanian universities. In 2019, she became an external evaluator for the Quality Assurance Agency in Higher Education, and in 2021, the Polytechnic University of Tirana awarded her the title of Associate Professor.

Her research focuses on nanomaterials, IoT, UAVs, and AI. She is committed to internationalization and has participated in numerous national and international projects involving capacity building, academic exchange, and scientific research.

THE ENTITY

Polytechnic University of Tirana (UPT) is Albania's sole polytechnic institution, comprising seven faculties and one research institute. It maintains a strong record in international research and EU-funded projects through collaborations with academic and industrial partners.

The Faculty of Information Technology (FTI) is a central unit specializing in computer, electronic, and telecommunication engineering. Offering degrees across all cycles, FTI hosts active research groups and contributes to major European programs like Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+.



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Role in Idealist2027 project Beneficiary

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NCP for other themes

EIC, EIT, EIE, Cluster 3, and NEB

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI, robotics, IoT, Cybersecurity 6G

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

biotechnology, digital health, and space technologies



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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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THE ENTITY

The Scientific and Innovation Partnership Assistance Center (SIPAC) was established in 2017 by the Armenian Science Committee to provide consultancy and expertise in science, education, and innovation. SIPAC conducts policy studies and facilitates international cooperation, specifically helping Armenian researchers participate in European Framework Programmes. It also serves as the Erasmus+ Office in Armenia.

SIPAC staff have participated in numerous international science and technology projects, such as EURAXESS, Enterprise Europe Network, Horizon Europe NCP_WIDERA.Net, and the ERA Talent Platform.



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Digital NCP since 2018

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Role in Idealist2027 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

SHORT INTRODUCTION

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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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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: --

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 Engineering and Computer System Technologies



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Digital NCP since 2024

Ideal-ist network partner since 2024

Role in Idealist2027 project

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NCP for other themes: None

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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NCP for other themes--

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Digital transformation, Cloud services and AI

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Widening, Cybersecurity, HPC, DEP



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SHORT INTRODUCTION

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A graduate of UNMO's Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Mr. Kovacic has served as the university's National Contact Point (NCP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2006. He has participated in various COST, Horizon, Erasmus+, and Digital Europe projects, and has successfully managed multiple national ICT projects.

THE ENTITY

UNMO, established in 1977, is a public institution central to the Herzegovina region's development through diverse study cycles and development-oriented research. The University focuses on educating professionals to drive regional growth as a modern, socially responsible institution with high-quality standards and active international cooperation. Its extensive experience in programs like Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and Digital Europe has significantly strengthened its research capacity and collaborative profile across Europe.



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**Ideal-ist network partner
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**Role in Idealist2027
project**

Partner

NCP Website --

NCP for other themes

Cluster 4 Industry

**Main Digital themes of
interest in Cluster 4****Main Digital themes of
interest in the rest of
Horizon Europe --**

SHORT INTRODUCTION

Irina Vassileva holds a Master's in Computer Science and is a PhD candidate in AI. With over 35 years in IT, she is a certified specialist in e-governance, project management, and business analysis.

She is a lead consultant for public administration ICT projects, focusing on system audits, process re-engineering, and service implementation. An international ISO auditor (9001, 20000, 27001) and lecturer, she actively contributes to the field's academic and professional standards.

Her leadership roles include the Parliamentary Committee on E-Government, the IIBA Bulgarian Chapter board, and the ICT Community Advisory Council to the Minister of E-Government. She has authored 19 articles on AI and e-governance in international journals and conference proceedings.

THE ENTITY

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION is founded to carry out research and development activities for the development of innovative ideas and systems to support enterprises and organizations in the field of business and technology. ITR assists national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations in developing policies and strategies for new innovative technologies. The Foundation has participated and is participating in numerous national and European projects. The Foundation participates as a partner in a number of international consortia of the European programs for scientific and technical cooperation.



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NCP for other themes -

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, High Performance Computing

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Health; Climate, Energy and Mobility; Agriculture & Environment



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Experienced in project management across private and public sectors, focusing on the preparation and coordination of EU-funded projects including Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and Digital Europe.

A Master of Informatics from the University of Zagreb, specialized in EU project implementation. Currently Head of International Cooperation at the University Computing Centre (SRCE), where he contributes to Idealist2027 activities through outreach and NCP capacity building.

THE ENTITY

The University Computing Centre of the University of Zagreb (SRCE) is Croatia's central ICT infrastructure institution for research and higher education. It is the key architect of the national e-infrastructure, providing sustainable services including cloud computing, High Performance Computing (HPC), AI platforms, and high-speed networking.

As a leader in digital transformation, SRCE coordinates the development of national data-driven research and digital services. It serves as the central computing hub for the University of Zagreb and integrates Croatian research into the European Research Area through its participation in global initiatives.

SRCE also coordinates the Croatian National Competence Centre for HPC (NCC HPC), supporting the adoption of advanced data analytics and AI across academia, industry, and the public sector. Through continuous training and capacity-building, SRCE strengthens digital competencies and supports a competitive, connected research ecosystem.



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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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Within the Idealist2027 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.

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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

AI

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Cluster 3

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
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Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe
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Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe



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THE ENTITY

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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
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Services (SNS), High
Performance Computing
(HPC), AI-Data-Robotics

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4
Telecom, Internet Stack

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

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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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NCP for other themes

Research Infrastructures

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Key Digital Technologies/
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Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Digital research infrastructures



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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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NCP for other themes

Cluster 1, MSCA Actions

**Main Digital themes of
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AI, VR, XR, 5G,
Cybersecurity, Smart
Ecosystems, IoT, Sensors,
Data and Robotics

**Main Digital themes of
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THE ENTITY

EKT (National Documentation Centre) serves as Greece's national infrastructure for research, innovation, and digital transformation. We manage the entire knowledge lifecycle, from preserving digital scientific content to producing official national statistics for Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI).

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Cluster 1, MSCA Actions

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI, cybersecurity, Sensors,
Satellite Communications,
Drones, Robotics

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of

Horizon Europe Earth
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NCP for other themes:

Cluster 3, CHIPS JU, Quant-ERA

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
interest in Cluster 4 --

Main Digital themes of
interest in the rest of
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Judith Bloch, with almost 20 years of project management experience in the digital and high-tech sectors, currently serves as the coordinator for the Idealist2027 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

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NCP for other themes

Cluster 3

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Artificial intelligence, Digital
Twin

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Smart Mobility, Smart City,
Sustainability, Precision
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NCP for other themes

Space, Civil Security, EIC Pathfinder

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Artificial intelligence, Digital Twin

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Smart City, Sustainability, Cyber Security, Sustainability

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Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

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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

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AI, cybersecurity, Smart
Mobility

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

AI, cybersecurity, Smart
Mobility

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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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NCP for other themes

Horizon Europe Cluster 3
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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI/Data/Robotics; Photonics;
Quantum and high-
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Semiconductors.

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

AI, Photonics, Data



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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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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 primary national body for R&D funding, overseeing research and knowledge exchange across universities and institutes. Its responsibilities include managing block grants, implementing national funding streams, and encouraging participation in EU Framework Programmes. The Council also works to ensure the sustainability of the national research base and promote international collaborations.

The Council's mission is to develop a research system that allows for broad contribution and benefit, enriching lives on local, national, and international levels.



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NCP for other themes
Cluster 3

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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- Horizon Europe Cluster 3,
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- the Digital Europe Programme.

Previously, he worked for 6 years at DG CNECT of the European Commission on European research and deployment initiatives regarding artificial intelligence and robotics. Before the Commission, he advised as a public policy expert European and global technology/media firms on EU Digital Single Market developments for close to 5 years in Brussels.

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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NCP for other themes --

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



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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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Since 2021, he and his team have supported Dutch organizations on European digitalization opportunities. They provide guidance on instruments like Horizon Europe Cluster 4, Digital Europe, and CEF Digital, including national co-funding strategies.

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 clusters, international networks (Enterprise Europe Network) and international development.



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**Role in Idealist2027
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NCP for other themes:

Digital Europe Programme,
IPCEI CIS, IPCEI AI

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

Destinations 3, 4 and 6

**Main Digital themes of
interest in the rest of**

Horizon Europe:

Cluster 1 Health

SHORT INTRODUCTION

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NCP for other themes

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, entrepreneurs 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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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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Prof. Dr. Adrian Besimi is a Computer Science Professor at South East European University and former Vice-Rector for Academic Planning & Digitalization. His research focuses on Artificial Intelligence, Data Analytics, Digital Transformation, and AI integration in higher education. His specializations cover Generative AI, AI governance, business intelligence, and digital innovation.

He serves as National Contact Point for Horizon Europe Cluster 4 – Digital, Industry & Space, and co-coordinator of the DigitMak European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) in North Macedonia. He has contributed to numerous international projects in AI, cybersecurity, digital education, and enterprise digitalization.

THE ENTITY

South East European University (SEEU) is a private-public, non-profit institution specialized in socio-economic sciences. It consists of six faculties: Contemporary Sciences and Technologies, Languages, Cultures and Communication, Law, Contemporary Social Sciences, Business and Economics, and Health Sciences.

The University's mission focuses on excellence in teaching and research within North Macedonia, providing equal opportunities based on merit. SEEU emphasizes active cooperation with both local and international universities. Ranked third nationally among 19 institutions, SEEU's standing was confirmed by external evaluator Shanghai Jiao Tong University.



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quantum technologies, AI, Photonics, Sensors

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Quantum Technologies, AI, Photonics, Chips JU, SNS JU

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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 Polish researchers, enterprises, and government bodies in the Horizon Europe program. Its mission is to provide comprehensive services assisting applicants in effective participation.

NCP experts inform stakeholders about EU calls, organize seminars and conferences, and publish statistical analyses and booklets. The team also offers online and onsite consultations regarding application preparation and project implementation support. This organization consists of 50 experts operating across five specialized units.



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Role in Idealist2027 project
WP3, WP4

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NCP for other themes --

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Photonics/Photonics21, SNS JU, Cloud-Edge-IoT, the 3C initiative), and the Chips Joint Undertaking.

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Digital solutions for vertical sectors and advanced digital applications

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Malgorzata Szolucha is a dedicated expert supporting international research cooperation of Polish entities in EU Framework Programmes, with 25 years of experience.

Since 2002, she has been working in the National Contact Point (NCP), for EU Research Programmes which in November 2020 became part of Poland's largest research and innovation funding agency – the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR).

Over the course of her career, she has gained extensive knowledge of the functioning of EU Framework Programmes, including FP6, FP7, CIP-ICT PSP, Horizon 2020, and Horizon Europe. She currently serves as an expert for the Programme Committee for Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space under Horizon Europe, a member of the States Representatives Group for the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU), and a Public Authority (PAB) and Governing Board (GB) member for the Chips Joint Undertaking (Chips JU).

With passion and commitment, she supports Polish innovators and research teams in achieving success in European projects, actively fostering international research collaboration in the field of digital technologies.

From the very beginning of her professional career, Malgorzata has been actively involved in every edition of the NCP cooperation within the Idealist project.



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NCP for other themes --

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 activities focus 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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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

Chips, 6G, AI, Virtual Twins, HPC, advanced manufacturing

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

AI apps, data spaces, digital for green transition, smart systems



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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Silvia Alina Buriac is one of the PT NCP and Delegate for Cluster 4 – Digital & Industry at the National Innovation Agency (Agência Nacional de Inovação, ANI). With a background in Environmental Engineering (MSc), she has experience in Horizon Europe, including a one-year traineeship in Cluster 6 – Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment. She is currently focused on digital and industrial priorities, contributing to strengthening the interface between these domains and supporting the uptake of digital technologies across industrial ecosystems.



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NCP for other themes

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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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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Role in Idealist2027

WP2 Leader,
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NCP for other themes --

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

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

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 Idealist2027, enhancing her role in the tech and research community.

THE ENTITY

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Role in Idealist2027 project

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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



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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

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NCP for other themes --

**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 --**

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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Role in Idealist2027 project

Contributing to WP6

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NCP for other themes

Industry (cluster 4), EIT

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI, virtual worlds, High Performance Computing, semiconductor, 6G

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Gender Equality, Social Sciences and Humanities, start ups



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Jeannette is working as National Contact Point for Horizon Europe, EU's funding programme for research and innovation, where she covers the digitalization, industry and space cluster. At Vinnova, the Swedish Innovation Agency, she is also engaged in activities connected to digital transformation and international collaboration. Jeannette has previously worked as an engineer in a start-up company providing solutions for wind simulations using High Performance computing. She holds a Master of Science degree in mathematics from ETH, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, and a PhD in numerical analysis from KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden.

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Vinnova is Sweden's innovation agency, a state public authority under the Ministry of Climate and Enterprise. Vinnova is the national contact authority for the EU's framework programme for research and innovation and also the government's expert authority in the area of innovation policy.



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Role in Idealist2027 project Advisory

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Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI, data, advanced computing, human-centric innovation, emerging technologies

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Cybersecurity, civil security (cluster 3), EIC



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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Johan has a M Sc. in electrical engineering, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm, Sweden. Researcher on signal processing within the Telecom sector, working in EU-research projects funded from the 4:th & 5:th framework programme. Joined the Swedish NCP-team late 2002 for the launch of EU:s 6:th framework program and have been at the Swedish innovation agency (Vinnova) since the beginning of 2006. Currently working with Horizon Europe and Digital Europe Programme.



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NCP for other themes

Civil Security for Society, EIC Pathfinder & Transition

Main Digital themes of interest in Cluster 4

AI, Virtual Worlds

Main Digital themes of interest in the rest of Horizon Europe

Synergies with health topics



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Before joining the NCP team, she worked as fundraiser and project manager for several Swiss startups, co-founded a deep-tech startup, and supported the Swiss innovation ecosystem advising companies on non-dilutive funding strategies. With a background in biomedical engineering, she holds a PhD in microtechnology and an MBA.

THE ENTITY

Euresearch is the Swiss guide to European research and innovation. A non-profit funded by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), we facilitate the participation of Swiss researchers and companies in European projects. Our free services provide guidance on cooperation and funding opportunities.

Our mission is to inform, advise, and connect anyone in Switzerland interested in EU funding programs. We offer support tailored to specific research goals throughout the entire application process, from finding partners and writing proposals to submitting applications. We also advise on project management and administrative questions. Additionally, our advisors offer training sessions, workshops, and specific services for companies. We connect Swiss-based researchers and provide updates on upcoming calls for proposals within European innovation programs.



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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

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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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Role in Idealist2027 project

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AI, Data, Robotics, 6G, Electronics, Sensors, Photonics, Quantum, Virtual Worlds

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SHORT INTRODUCTION

Eleni is a UK National Contact Point for Digital in Horizon Europe at Innovate UK (UKRI), helping researchers, businesses, and public organisations navigate funding opportunities in digital, data, AI, and emerging technologies. My background spans planetary science, robotics, and photonic engineering, so I understand both the excitement of discovery and the challenge of turning ideas into real-world impact. I care deeply about connecting people and sectors, opening up opportunity, and making complex funding systems feel clearer, more easier to navigate, and more inclusive.

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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 Idealist2027 project mailing list and be granted an access to the Idealist2027 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 Idealist2027 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

Would you like to use the Topic Tree as an NCP and help add information to it, get to know more about Idealist2027 activities at European events and our various online services for proposers?

Please contact Alrun Hauke (alrun.hauke@dlr.de).

WP5 – Connecting Digital Communities

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 Idealist2027 website and look at existing Partnership on our website: <https://www.ideal-ist.eu/partnerships>

Please contact Sara Gasparoni (sara.gasparoni@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?

Please contact Fernando Martin (fernando.martin@cdti.es).

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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 id2027.beneficiaries@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

Idealist2027 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 Idealist2027 website.

Please check here for more details: <https://www.ideal-ist.eu/project-idea-check>

Any question, please contact Alrun Hauke (alrun.hauke@dlr.de).

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 Timothy Llewellynn (timothy.llewellynn@euresearch.ch)

Idealist2027 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 Idealist2027 and EC Participant Portal.

Two sections exist in the Topic Tree: a public one accessible directly via the link, and a private one only for nominated digital NCPs in Horizon Europe or Digital Europe (accessible only with an invitation code which you can get from the Topic Tree admins, see tutorial).

Any questions, please contact Alrun Hauke (alrun.hauke@dlr.de)

Ambassadors

Due to the fact that access to information from partnerships is difficult for individual NCPs, Idealist2027 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 Idealist2027 and the partnership. The ambassadors are the main Idealist2027 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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Idealist2027 acronym dictionary

A

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

C

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

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 Idealist2027 Work
Package
WPL: Work Package Leader

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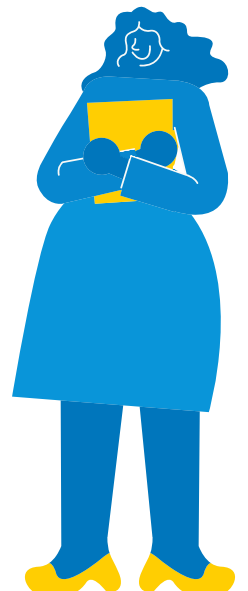
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