

# Role and Significance of FP7 National Contact Points (NCPs) and the European Network of Transport NCPs



# National Contact Points (NCPs)



Individuals/Organisations commissioned by national authorities to promote the FP and to support researchers in their efforts to become involved.

Typical NCP services include:

- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Clarification of documentation and rules
- Guidance on choosing thematic priorities and instruments
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance in proposal writing
- Assistance in partner search



THE SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME  
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and demonstration (RTD) for the period 2007 to 2013

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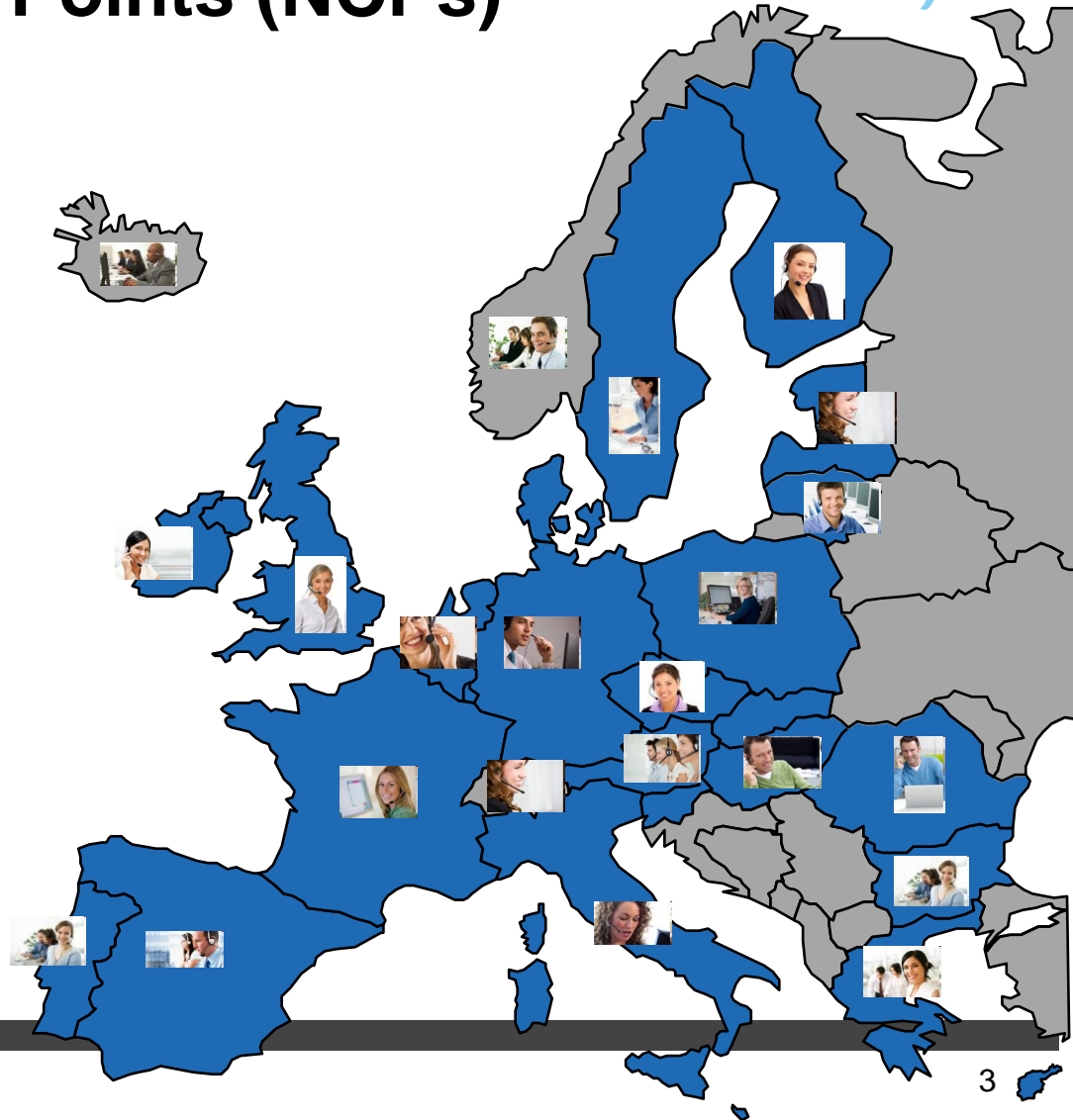
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# European Network of Transport National Contact Points (NCPs)



NCPs can profit from cooperation with and support from their colleagues in other countries, e.g.:

- Expertise
- Resources
- Information
- Access to Contacts in Other Countries



# ETNA – Basic Information



- “European Transport NCP Alliance”
- Project Funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7)
- Coordination and Support Action (CSA)
- Begin: April 2008
- Duration: 54 months (extension to 2013)
- Comprises the entire network of Transport NCPs
- Objective: strengthen cooperation between Transport NCPs and concentrate on the European aspect of the work of NCPs – “Additionality” vis-à-vis national aspect of NCP work

<http://www.transport-ncps.net>

# ETNA – Auxiliary Objectives



Reinforcing the network of NCPs by promoting trans-national cooperation

1. Identification and promotion of best practice
2. Provision of training and twinning measures tailored to the specific needs of transport NCPs
3. Improvement of networking with other networks, organisations and initiatives with the ultimate goal of acquiring and disseminating information
4. Development of tools and practical initiatives which benefit cross-border audiences – in particular for supporting potential participants in the search for project partners

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the ETNA website. At the top right, there are links for 'login' and 'tools', and a search bar with the text 'search...'. Below this is a navigation menu with the following items: 'Home', 'News', 'Partner Search', 'Transport NCPs', 'Events', 'Library', 'ETNA Project', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text '4TH CALL BROKERAGE' and a sub-headline 'Networking and Brokerage Events for Next Round of Calls in the Programme Transport (Incl. Aeronautics)'. To the right of this banner is a smaller section titled 'NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR TRANSPORT ETNA' with a sub-headline '4th Call brokerage' and a 'Welcome to ETNA website!' message. A large red watermark 'www.transport-ncps.net' is overlaid diagonally across the center of the page. At the bottom left, there is a 'YOU ARE HERE:' breadcrumb trail showing 'Home'. At the bottom right, there is a 'READ MORE' button and the date 'Thursday, 12 Aug 2010'.

# Support in Search for Partners



- Exchange of Information ad hoc
- Structured Exchange of Information
  - Standardised Forms
  - Online tools
  - Bi-lateral and Multilateral Activities
  - Sector-relevant Events
  - European Brokerage Events
  - Cooperation with other Networks



Thanks for your attention



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