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TRAINING for Cluster 4 NCPs

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN HORIZON EUROPE

**19 JUNE 2023**

HYBRID EVENT

Online and at the EC Representation in Italy, Rome

This training, organized in synergy by the three Cluster 4 NCP projects (Ideal-ist, NCP4Industry and COSMOS4HE), will be an excellent opportunity to better understand AI in the Horizon Europe context and the related opportunities.

TIMING	TOPIC
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Welcoming and introduction from NCP CL4 projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Serena Borgna, NCP4Industry Coordinator, APRE</i></li> <li>• <i>Vaya Piteli, COSMOS4HE Coordinator, FORTH/PRAXI Network</i></li> <li>• <i>Judith Bloch, IDEALIST Coordinator</i></li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Artificial Intelligence: European strategy and perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Evangelia Markidou (DG Connect)</i></li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:30	<b>Artificial Intelligence in Cluster 4: main lines of funding and opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Elena Angiolini (Hadea Unit B2)</i></li> <li>• <i>Evangelia Markidou (DG Connect)</i></li> </ul>
11:30 -11:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI – hint&amp;tips for the HE template</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Cristina Contero Almagro (Aphaia)</i></li> </ul>
12:30 -13.00	<b>How Artificial Intelligence is evaluated in HE proposals</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rositsa Georgieva (Hadea Unit B2)</i></li> </ul>
13:00 – 13:30	<i>Open discussion and Q&amp;A</i>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Light lunch</i>

**ONLY FOR NCP/NFP**

# Synergies across the EU funding programmes managed by the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA)

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Online and at the EC Representation in Italy

*Local host organisations*



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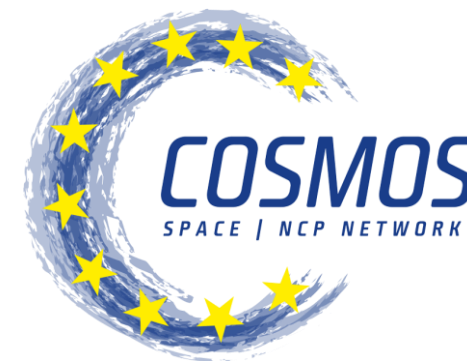
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# INTRODUCTION FROM NCP CL4 PROJECTS

AI training in HE, 19<sup>th</sup> of June - Rome



# National Contact Points – NCPs

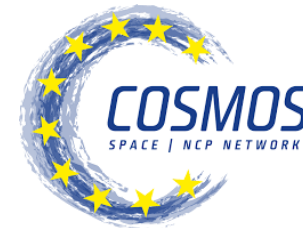
## HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

### 15 NCP network projects under Horizon Europe

The network of National Contact Points (NCPs) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in Horizon Europe.

The European Commission funded **NCP networking projects** in the different Horizon Europe programme areas to support collaboration through specific to address and advise the respective communities better/more specifically.

*The three CL4 networks will promote events, services and tools for the digital, industry and space thematic areas and will foster the circulation of knowledge, good practices and available opportunities among Cluster 4 research and innovation communities*



# Cluster 4 Synergies: Future Activities

- A living agenda regularly updated
- Bi-monthly working group meetings to ensure a regular exchange
- Events both for NCPs and proposers
- Critical topics within HE
- New ideas arising from discussions and survey feedback



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# Draft Calendar 2023

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# Opportunities for Cluster 4 SMEs in HE

- Event for NCPs
- 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 (tbc)
- 2-hour webinar with different talks:
  - EIT Digital and Manufacturing
  - Cassini
  - Cascading grants in Cluster 4
  - EEN for SMEs

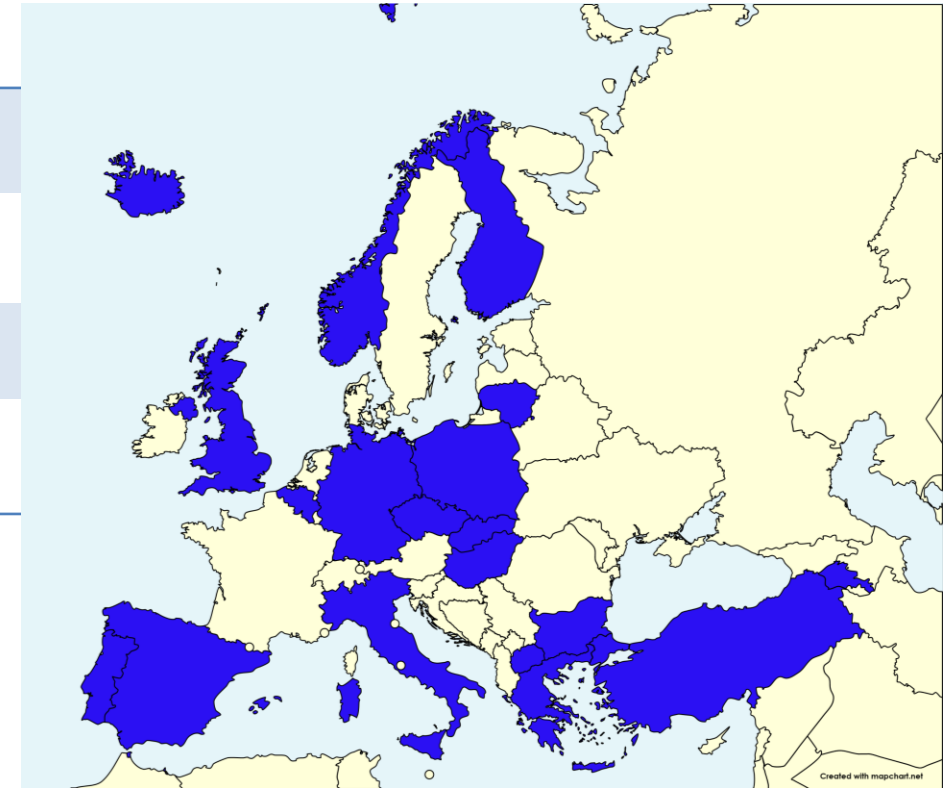




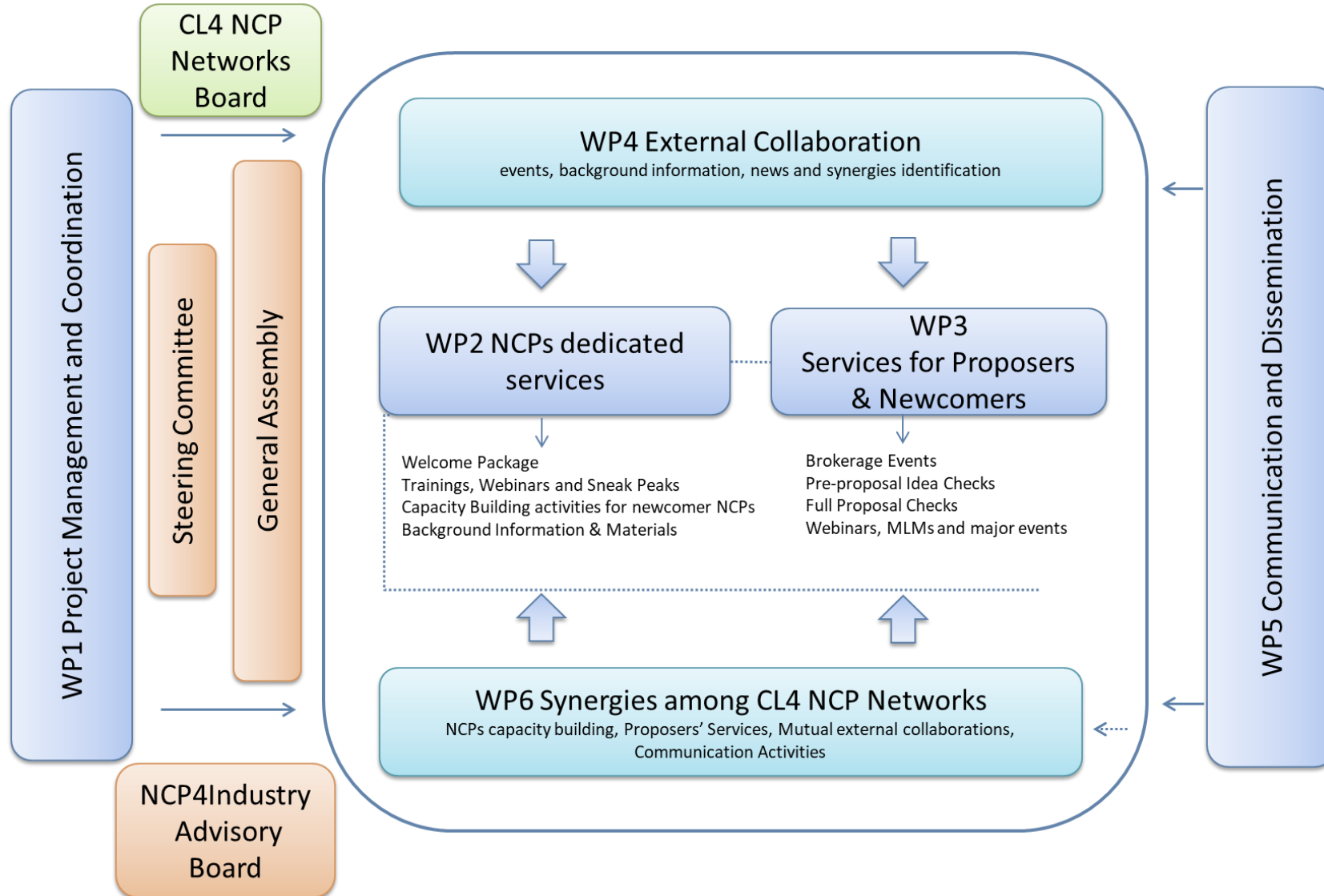
# The European Network of HE Cluster 4 Industry National Contact Points

# About NCP4Industry

Project title	The European Network of HE Cluster 4 Industry National Contact Points
Duration	36 Months
Starting date	01/06/2022
End date	31/05/2025
GA No.	101070035



# Project Structure







## Relevant initiatives and stakeholders groups

## R&I communities

## Newcomers and potential new actors



**European Commission**

*Feedback from and to the EC; Bilateral and collaborative approach to R&I communities via additional services and matchmaking opportunities*

# NCP4Industry Target Group



## CL4 National Contact Points

*Welcome Package; Capacity building activities, Trainings, webinars and background information*

## WP2 NCPs dedicated services

**Objectives:** Provision of high-quality services to all NCPs in the industrial part of Cluster 4; support all NCPs in offering the best services in advising clients; special focus on newcomer NCPs and widening

### Tasks:

T2.1 NCP Welcome Package

T2.2 Trainings, Webinars and Sneak Peeks

T2.3 Capacity Building activities for NCPs

T2.4 Background Information

# Services





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**Artificial Intelligence in the  
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# What we did specifically for/with NCPs ?

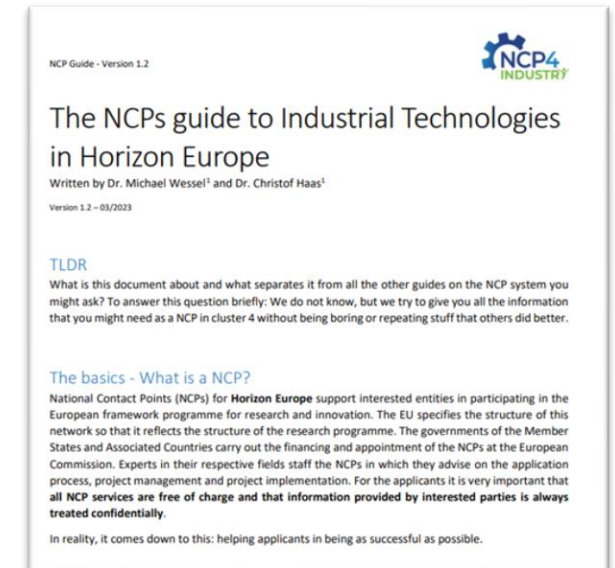
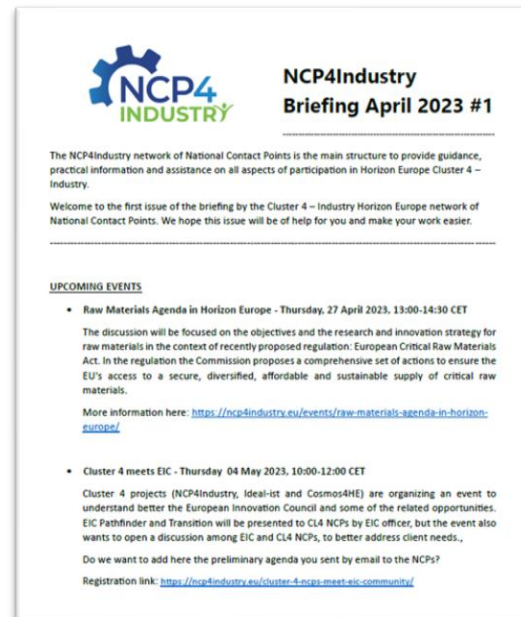
- **CL4 INDUSTRY NCP TRAINING | 22<sup>nd</sup> of Nov** – Online Training on Brokerage Events
- **CL4 INDUSTRY NCP TRAINING | 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb 2023** – [Horizon Europe Cluster 4 Industry NCPs and EIT Community Meet up: Exploring opportunities for collaboration](#)
- **NCPs TWINNING | Twinnings going on: Speed dating and exchange schemes**
- **CL4 NCP TRAINING | 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2023** – “Cluster 4 meets EIC”

# What we will do specifically for NCPs in the coming months?

- **Hadea event on synergy and AI training** – Rome (Italy), 19th of June 2023
- **Event on European Innovation Ecosystems** – Online, July/Sept 2023
- **New Factsheets** – Summer 2023
- **CL4 Industry NCP Training on the Evaluation Summary report for Industrial Proposals** – September 2023
- **Event on Industrial partnership in HE** – Lisbon (Portugal), November 2023

# Materials produced for the NCPs

- **Welcome package: a guide to Industrial Technologies in Horizon Europe**
- **1<sup>st</sup> factsheet: AI in Horizon Europe**
- **Briefings for NCPs**







# Synergies among CL4 NCP networks

# WP6 Objectives

- **Objectives:** manage the collaboration activities with the Cluster 4 NCP Networks, namely Ideal-ist and COSMOS4HE
- **Tasks:**

*T6.1 Synergies on Capacity Building [Months 1–36]*

*T6.2 Synergies on Proposers Services [Months 1–36]*

*T6.3 Synergies on External Collaboration [M1–36]*

*T6.4 Synergies on Communication Activities [M1–36]*

# WP6 Implementation

*T6.1 Synergies on  
Capacity Building*

# Synergies: meetings

- Several Synergies meetings with Idealist and Cosmos are running on different thematic areas: NCP activities, Outreach activities, Proposers activities, synergies, trainings, events, webinars, etc



# Common Visual Identity

*Common logo*

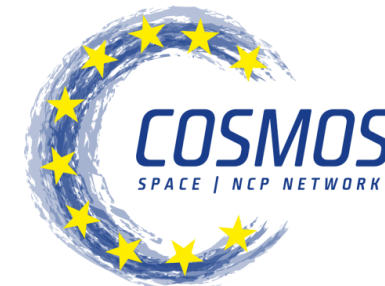
## Creation of a common/shared logo

- to be used on joint activities
- incorporating elements representing the three distinct areas of Cluster 4
- containing three symbols that signify the thematic areas
- colours used represent EU flag as well as the three logos of the networks



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*Cluster 4 Networks logos*



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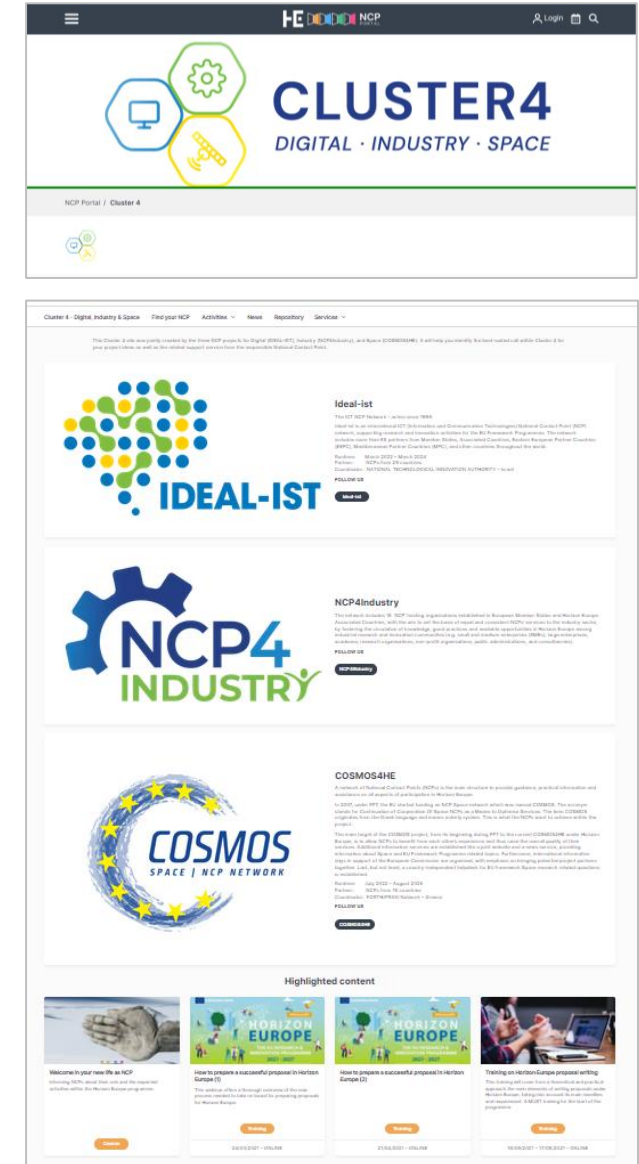
IDEAL-IST/NCP4INDUSTRY/COSMOS4HE Meeting with  
the experts

# Single entry point

<https://horizoneuropencncportal.eu/cluster-4>

## Creation of a common webpage

- Hosted on NCP portal (the website created by Bridge2HE project, also hosting other NCP projects)
- Provides direct links to three Cluster 4 projects' websites
- Offering a first and easy-to-find guidance to find responsible Cluster 4 NCP projects
- Common website promoted broadly by all NCPs
- Further elements and data will be added once the portal will be technically improved by the new project NCP4HE
- Separate website for each Cluster 4 NCP network is also maintained



# Short survey on NCP network projects in Cluster 4

## Background and preparation

- Reaching the first year of the projects' collaboration, the idea of asking NCPs for their feedback came up
- Coordinators and WP Leaders on Synergies collaborated to prepare the survey
- Questions about the status of each NCP (e.g. thematic focus)
- Questions about projects services and activities
- Feedback on the future of the Cluster 4 NCP networks

## Promoting the survey

- The survey was sent to all Cluster 4 NCPs asking for their feedback
- Reminders were sent to gather as many answers as possible
- Overall, 80 NCPs from 34 countries answered
- ✓ Results will be presented in the last presentation

# Training activities for NCPs

## Trainings are open to

- All Cluster 4 NCPs regardless if they are beneficiaries of the projects or not.
- The three Cluster 4 NCP networks invite each other's NCP communities to trainings.

## Joint trainings are organised

- For topics of common interest / relevant to all Cluster 4 NCPs regardless their thematic focus (Digital, Industry, Space)

## To avoid duplication

- A common list of planned trainings and webinars is being maintained
- Planned: Calendar of training opportunities for Cluster 4 NCPs (even NCPs from other areas of HE).

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# Promotion of Info Days and Brokerage Events

- Common presentation and participation at the EU Info Days as for the WP 2023 edition
- Reciprocal promotion of brokerage events for the coming calls
- Brokerage events will not overlap, as for the WP2023





# Mentoring of New Associated Countries

- Identify experienced NCPs
- Match mentors and mentees based on the CL4 areas of expertise (digital, industry and space)
- Develop a common mentoring framework within the CL4 projects
- Organize training sessions and capacity-building activities for new NCPs (onsite and online)
- Facilitate peer learning and networking opportunities among NCPs
- Evaluation and feedback

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