





A MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Dear Bio-NCP colleagues, we are pleased to present to you the third edition of the BioHorizon newsletter, in which you can read about just some of our recent activities and

get updates on things that are currently going on in the BioHorizon project. In the past few months we have hosted two successful brokerage events, one in Brussels and one Gdańsk, three staff exchanges, an interactive training event focusing on innovation in Horizon 2020 in Bratislava and also some thematic webinars. The project website is well developed at this stage and the Twitter and LinkedIn accounts are receiving ever greater recognition from the outside world. The purpose of all of these measures is to ensure that you, as Bio-NCPs, have constant access to the latest SC2 and KET-B related information. The 2nd BioHorizon advisory board meeting took place recently, in conjunction with the 4th Bio-NCP meeting held by the Commission in Brussels on 8th November 2016. The advisory board meeting represents an annual opportunity to summarise our activities to the Bio-NCP community

and to discuss the direction of developments within the project. As part of programme for the Bio-NCP meeting we also had an award ceremony for the Bio-NCP providing the most interesting insight into best practices in their daily work. On the 9th November 2016 the 1st project review took place. The work done in the first 18 months of BioHorizon was positively evaluated by independent experts and the EC decided to approve the continuation of BioHorizon. We received very positive feedback on the work done so far. I would like to thank and to congratulate all project partners and contributors for their excellent contributions and encourage all Bio-NCPs to join our activities and partake of the opportunities the Thank you for all the constructive feedback you have provided concerning our eff orts to date and for the trust you place in us as representatives of the Bio-NCP community. Your benefit is our priority!

Enjoy this newsletter and please send any comments you may have to info@ncp-biohorizon.net. I wish you a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

Bożena Podlaska (IPPT PAN) – BioHorizon Coordinator



8 March 2017: Webinar on research infrastructures for life sciences in Horizon 2020, a RICH-BioHorizon collaboration, by Dr Gloria Villar Acevedo, National Health Institute Carlos III

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING BIOHORIZON EVENTS

27-28 April 2017, Brussels: Interactive BBI JU training event held in conjunction with the BBI JU open info day (details to follow soon) 17 November 2017: SC2 InfoWeek, Brussels, including a BioHorizon brokerage event

REVIEW OF THE LATEST BIOHORIZON ACTIVITIES

NCP TRAINING IN BRATISLAVA 'INNOVATION IN HORIZON 2020'





Feedback on the training provided by Taisiya Simochko, Ukrainian Bio-NCP: "The training in Bratislava was very interesting. I learned a lot about innovation aspects for consideration in Horizon 2020 project proposals, and received much interesting Information that I can use in my daily work as an NCP. In general, the event was a very good mixture of theoretical and

trainers managed to explain di ffi cult subjects in a way that was easy to understand. Thanks a lot to the BioHorizon team for organising such a useful training event." Contact: Serena Borgna, APRE (borgna@apre.it)

BIOHORIZON STAFF EXCHANGE IN GREECE After the two successful BioHorizon staff exchanges held in Paris and Bonn in May 2016, four more exchanges took place in November and December 2016, in Athens, Lisbon, Prague and

the current activities of Bio-NCPs in Greece.

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"The staff exchange in Athens was a very useful and well organised event; the exchange of good practices is of great benefit for Bio-NCPs. The presentations made by the host institution, the PRAXI Network, were very informative. The introduction was relevant to my needs and the supporting documentation was very helpful. The host colleagues were well prepared for

On 14th and 15th November 2016 the PRAXI Network welcomed Bio-NCPs from France, Georgia, Turkey and Lithuania to Athens and shared with them their expertise and insights into

every aspect of the planning of our staff exchange, and they were very knowledgeable and professional. The staff exchange was extremely well organised, wonderfully managed and top quality throughout. It provided a great opportunity to learn from others (ACTIA, TUBITAK) and to get ideas for changes in our own organisation. Thanks for sharing your insight, knowledge and

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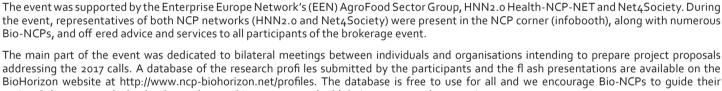
The 2nd BioHorizon international brokerage event took place on 28th June 2016 in conjunction with the bioeconomy infoweek organised by the EC. The event attracted registrations from more than 350 applicants from around the world, far exceeding the participant limit of 250 attendees. The objectives of the event were to provide international research stakeholders insights into the 2017 calls for proposals related to the wider thematic area covered by Societal Challenge 2 and KET-Biotech and to help them find the best consortium partners for their project proposals addressing

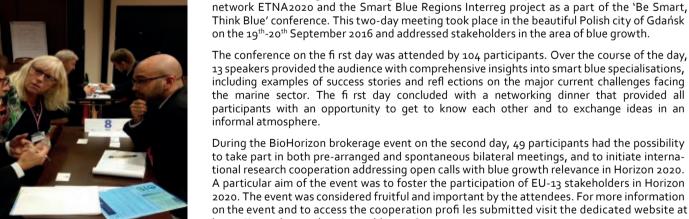
350+ registrations 250 validated profiles 232 confirmed participants

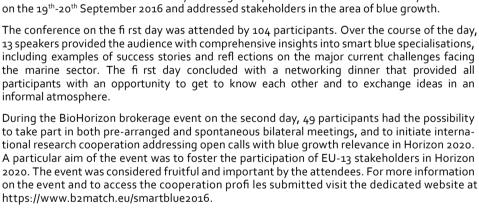
Summary of the community response in numbers:



2ND BIOHORIZON INTERNATIONAL BROKERAGE EVENT, BRUSSELS, 28TH JUNE 2016







The next BioHorizon regional brokerage event will take place in 2017 or 2018, in conjunction with another major event. It will be dedicated to either sustainable food security, bio-based industries, rural renaissance or KET-Biotech. If you are from an EU country and know of an event taking place in your region that you think might benefit from the inclusion of a



The European Commission hosted the 4th Bio-NCP meeting in Brussels on 8th November. This gathering of Bio-NCPs provided the perfect

Saske Hoving and Willemien Van Asselt, Dutch Bio-NCPs and partners in BioHorizon, introduced the BioHorizon practical guide for Bio-NCPs,

Willemien and Saske then organised an interactive good practices session, during which all of the Bio-NCPs present could discuss and share their



The BioHorizon practical guide for Bio-NCPs is a comprehensive collection of information and practical guidelines on how to perform the daily

Services for ICPC Bio-NCPs In many cases the availability and the extent to which BioHorizon activities can be availed of by ICPC Bio-NCPs is not clear to many. It is for this

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BioHorizon provides all Bio-NCPs with access to the project's internal communication platform. This platform offers a shared workspace that Bio-NCPs can use to store, edit and share information. Here you can also find recordings of our webinars and all training materials developed within the BioHorizon project. Access is granted to all Bio-NCPs upon registration. Login and registration: http://www.ncp-biohorizon.net/login.

Contact: Saske Hoving (saske.hoving@rvo.nl) and Willemien Van Asselt (willemien.vanAsselt@rvo.nl) reason that in 2016 we started telephoning ICPC Bio-NCPs directly to explain to them all the benefits they can obtain from BioHorizon. If you are interested in the project, or if you just want some specific information about one of our activities, please do not hesitate to send us an email so that we can set up a phone appointment. Do not forget that a matrix outlining the e-mentoring services offered by BioHorizon is accessible on the website. This matrix will allow you to identify the skills of particular Bio-NCPs and will point you in the right direction if you need support in any particular area: http://www.ncp-bio-

Of course, the telephone and e-mentoring services offered to ICPC Bio-NCPs are available to Bio-NCPs from other countries, too.

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project off ers.

QI-QII 2017: Staff Exchange for Bio-NCPs (dates tbc)

The training was highly interactive and was found to meet the participants' needs and expectations. practical training. Personally the most useful segments were the presentations of Rhonda Smith, Cecilia Tatu and Patrick Hartmann. All of the

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the 2017 calls for proposals.

for more information.

19TH-20TH SEPTEMBER 2016

425 bilateral meetings 9% of participants from SMEs

national clients towards the database when seeking partners to build their own research consortia.



13 speakers provided the audience with comprehensive insights into smart blue specialisations, including examples of success stories and refl ections on the major current challenges facing the marine sector. The fi rst day concluded with a networking dinner that provided all participants with an opportunity to get to know each other and to exchange ideas in an

BioHorizon brokerage event, please let us know.

THE BIOHORIZON AWARD CEREMONY, BRUSSELS, 8TH NOVEMBER 2016



specific national practices;

occasion to host the BioHorizon best practices award ceremony. The ceremony was split into three parts:

which is available on the BioHorizon internal communication platform (see below);

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