

# APRE AND ITS SERVICES

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National Contact Point (NCP)



**APRE is non-profit research organisation** with the objective, set out by the art. 3 of its statute, of promoting national participation to the EU research, development and **innovation** programmes

**APRE was created in 1989 as a “Task Force”** of the Ministry of University and Research



It is supported by numerous members (universities, public and private research organisations, industrial/research associations, others)



[WHAT IS APRE?]

Improve the “Quality”  
of the Italian  
participation in R&D  
European programmes

On behalf of the Ministry of Education,  
Universities and Research (MIUR), APRE aims at  
providing information, dissemination and  
assistance services to public and private entities,  
as well as individuals

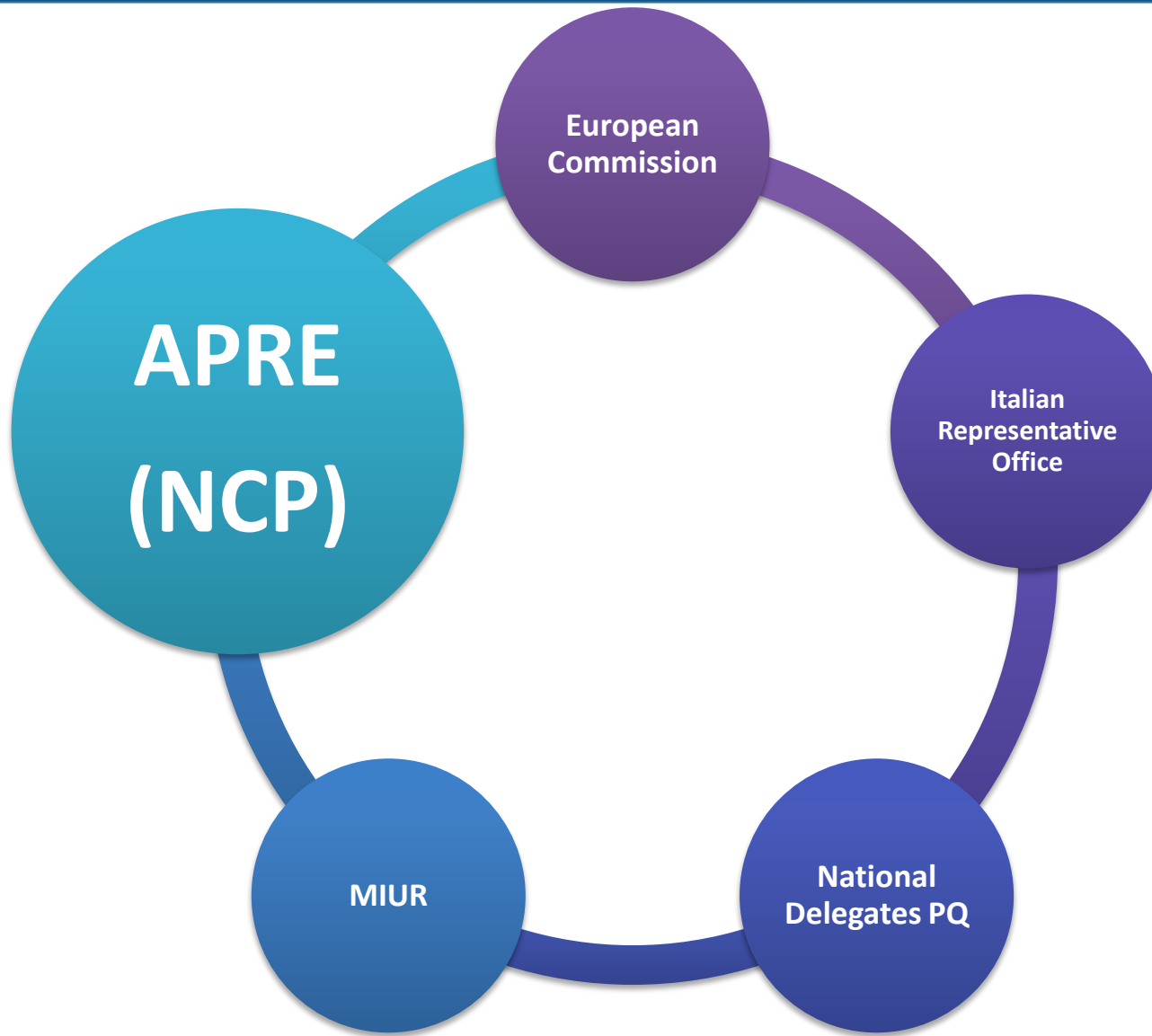
Hosts the National Contact Points (NCP)

Assistance

Training

Information

[MISSION]



[APRE as NCP for FP7]

National Contact Points (NCPs) play a crucial role in FP7 as providers of information and assistance to public and private research, higher education and business organizations, to researchers and managers all around Europe

NCPs inform and raise awareness about the funding opportunities of FP7, advise and assist potential applicants in the preparation, submission and follow-up of grant applications, and offer support during the execution of projects – especially with respect to the management and administrative aspects of projects

[NCPs services]



## 1. Informing, raising awareness activities

Circulate general and specific documentation on the Specific Programme 'People', including on conditions for participation, and on possibilities and conditions for submission of proposals

Organize promotional activities, e.g. infodays, seminars, conferences, web sites, fairs, etc.

Raise awareness for the Community objectives of increasing the participation of women in the Framework Programme, and of strengthening the link between science and ethics and between science and civil society.

[People' NCPs main activities]

## 2. Advising, assisting and training activities

Advise on administrative procedures, financial and legal issues of the 'People' Specific Programme.


Assist the Commission in assuring transparency and equal access to funding by disseminating calls for proposals.

Organize training sessions on 'People' Specific issues for specific target groups or on specific topics.

Assist organizations, in particular new actors and SMEs, with a view to increasing their participation in FP7.

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### 3. Signposting and Feedback



Give feedback to the Commission and REA on any challenges and difficulties in implementing and participating in the Framework Programme.

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## **Get support**

### **Network of National Contact Points (NCPs)**

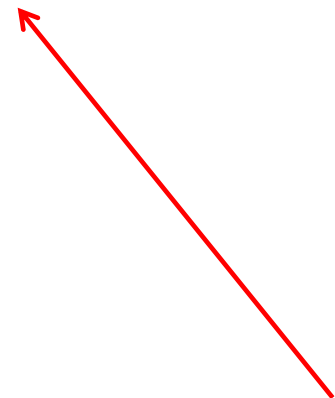
The network of [National Contact Points](#) is the main structure to provide guidance, practical information and assistance on all aspects of participation in FP7.

#### **What is the NCP network?**

NCPs are national structures established and financed by governments of the 27 EU member states and the states associated to the framework programme. NCPs give personalised support on the spot and in proposers' own languages.

The NCP systems in the different countries show a wide variety of architectures, from highly centralised to decentralised networks, and a number of very different actors, from ministries to universities, research centres and special agencies, to private

- [National Contact Points \(NCPs\)](#)
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## WHERE CAN I GET HELP?

[www.fp7peoplenetwork.eu](http://www.fp7peoplenetwork.eu)

- General information about the People Programme
- Information on relevant events & workshops
- Information on People Calls



Thank you for your attention!!!

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