

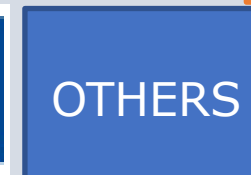
# SPANISH HORIZON EUROPE AGENTS -“THE ROLE OF THE NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS IN SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION”

# HORIZON EUROPE MANAGEMENT IN SPAIN

POLITICAL LEVEL



MANAGEMENT LEVEL



Representatives

Experts

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PARTICIPANT LEVEL



# THE MAIN PLAYERS INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS...

Policy making: MINISTRY



FP management in Spain: OE/CDTI



R&I funding: AEI/CDTI/ISCIII



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**are (almost) all under the same umbrella**

# SOME TIPS ON THE WAY...

- National Contact Points (NCPs) are support structures that have become an essential component in the implementation of successive Framework Programmes. They provide information and on-the ground advice to potential applicants and beneficiaries, through the project life cycle, in their own language, in a manner that would be impossible for the Commission and its Agencies acting alone.



Horizon Europe - The EU Framework Programme  
for Research and Innovation  
Planning Period 2021 to 2027

- You need to know well the guiding principles for NCPs published by the Commission.

**Minimum standards**

**and**

**Guiding principles**

- The Commission Services and Nigerian NCPs communication should be frequent, and with a two-way flow, this is sometimes difficult.

for setting up systems of

**National Contact Points**

(NCP systems)

under Horizon Europe

- It is very important and desirable to be part of the NCP project networks financed by the European Commission under HE.

# OUR NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS STAFF

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**Full-time & Part-time Professionals:** Above 35 people working full-time in Madrid and some in Brussels. All HE functionalities covered, including specialties' by function

**Independence in Management.** No conflicts of interest arising from participation in HE projects (except networks)-Mandatory signature of letter of confidentiality with the Ministry

**Great experience in international & domestic contexts:** A multidisciplinary team with a good knowledge of the national R&I system and the European landscape.

**Openness & Networking:** Service is provided to **all** types of participating entities.

**Offering support - Operational autonomy** supporting specialized services: logistics, information technology, legal, personnel, etc.

# WHAT DO WE DO?

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**Providing advice** to participants throughout the life cycle of proposals: analysis and early detection of opportunities, guidance on the calls, proposals screening, partner search, assistance in the negotiation and implementation of financed projects.

**Selective Promotion** : Organization and participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, infodays, etc.

**Training**: Organization of specific seminars and courses. Participation in postgraduate courses and Masters. Development of guidelines for participants

**Active information dissemination services**: generation of contents for the national website, publications, guides...

**Other measures**: Framework Program Annual Conference, Horizon Europe online launch events in Spanish regions, Annual reception in Brussels for Spanish R&D staff

# NATIONAL STRATEGY

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- ✓ Awareness-raising
- ✓ Building capacities and skills
- ✓ Looking for newcomers and giving support to the proposers
- ✓ Creation and maintenance of participant support structures

# AWARENESS-RAISING

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- **Framework Program Annual Conference**  
(organized by CDTI with support from MCIN)
- **Horizon Europe online launch events** in all regions
- **Annual reception in Brussels** for Spanish R&D staff of the Commission services
- Inhouse Forums
- + + + ... **National and Regional Infodays.**





# BUILDING CAPACITIES AND SKILLS:

## TRAINING OF SPECIALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL R&D PROJECTS



**Specialization Courses:** Courses aimed at managers of Project Offices from RPOs, universities, businesses, public administration, associations, etc.

**Short-term stays in Brussels** (six weeks at SOST-CDTI Office): Aimed at experienced personnel of organizations with special interest in the Framework Programme.

**Specialized Seminars** for European projects advisors

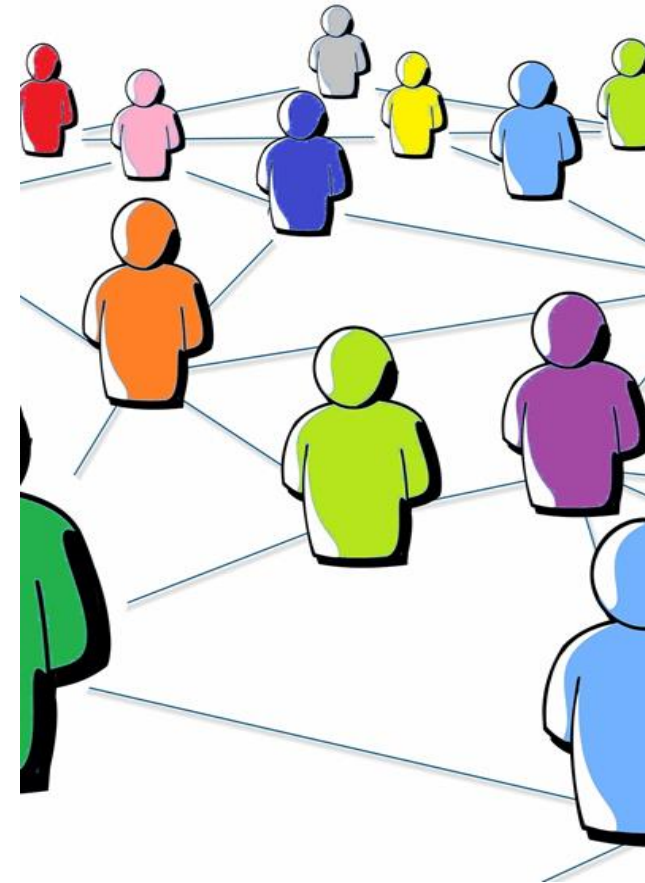
*These low-cost measures have created an important community of European project managers.*

# LOOKING FOR NEWCOMERS AND GIVING SUPPORT TO THE PROPOSERS

- Financial assistance for FP proposals preparation (APCs)
- European Projects Offices: Expert consultancy services were contracted for the preparation of European projects.

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*A “market” of experts in FP has been developed*



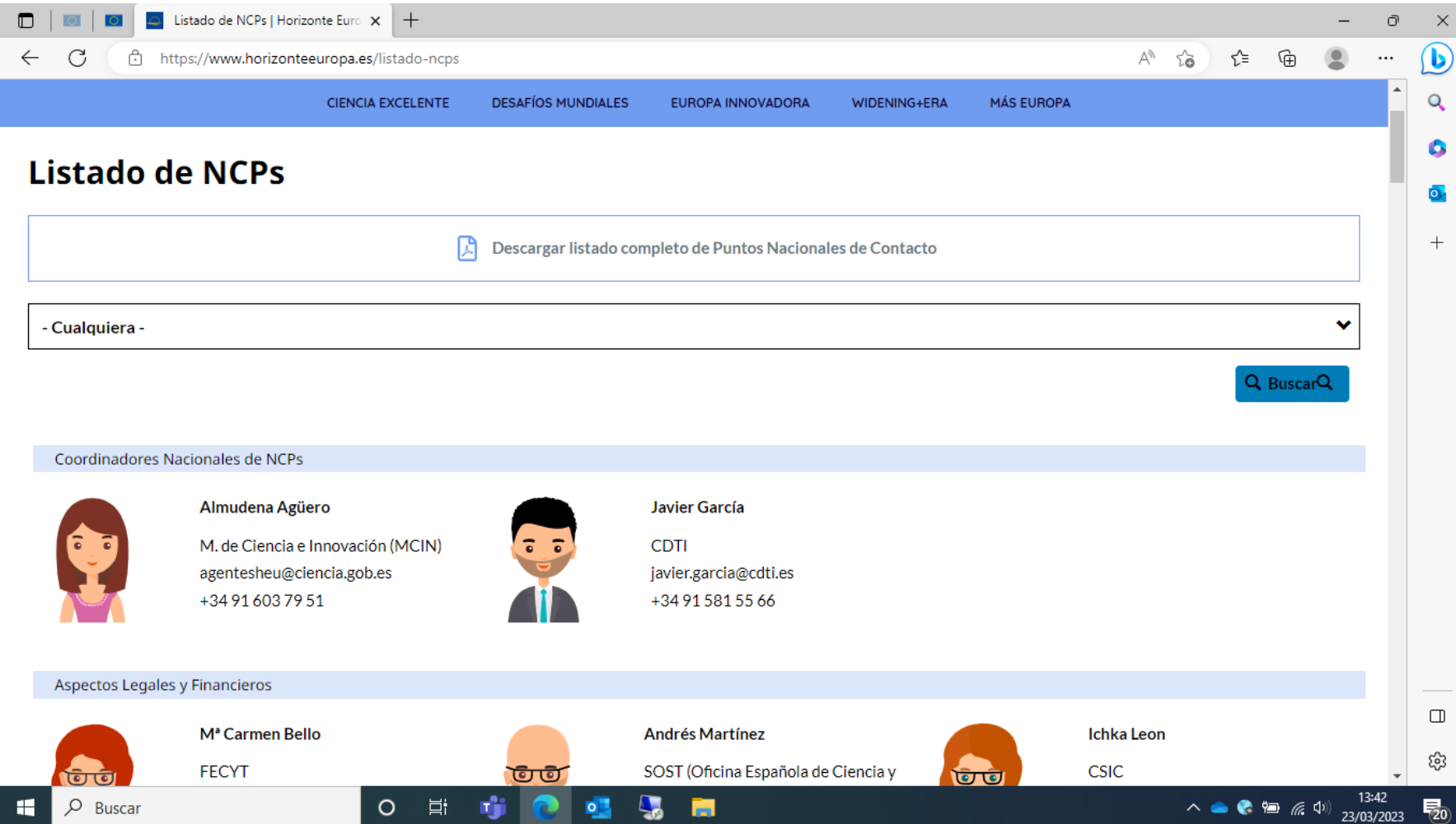
# CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARTICIPANT SUPPORT STRUCTURES

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- Creation and operation of International Project Offices in businesses associations, universities, RPOs etc.
- Involving Regional Administrations in supporting participation in FP



# USEFUL TOOLS: NATIONAL WEB, INFO, NEWS, EVENTS...



https://www.horizonteeuropa.es/listado-ncps

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## Listado de NCPs

Descargar listado completo de Puntos Nacionales de Contacto




- Cualquiera -

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### Aspectos Legales y Financieros

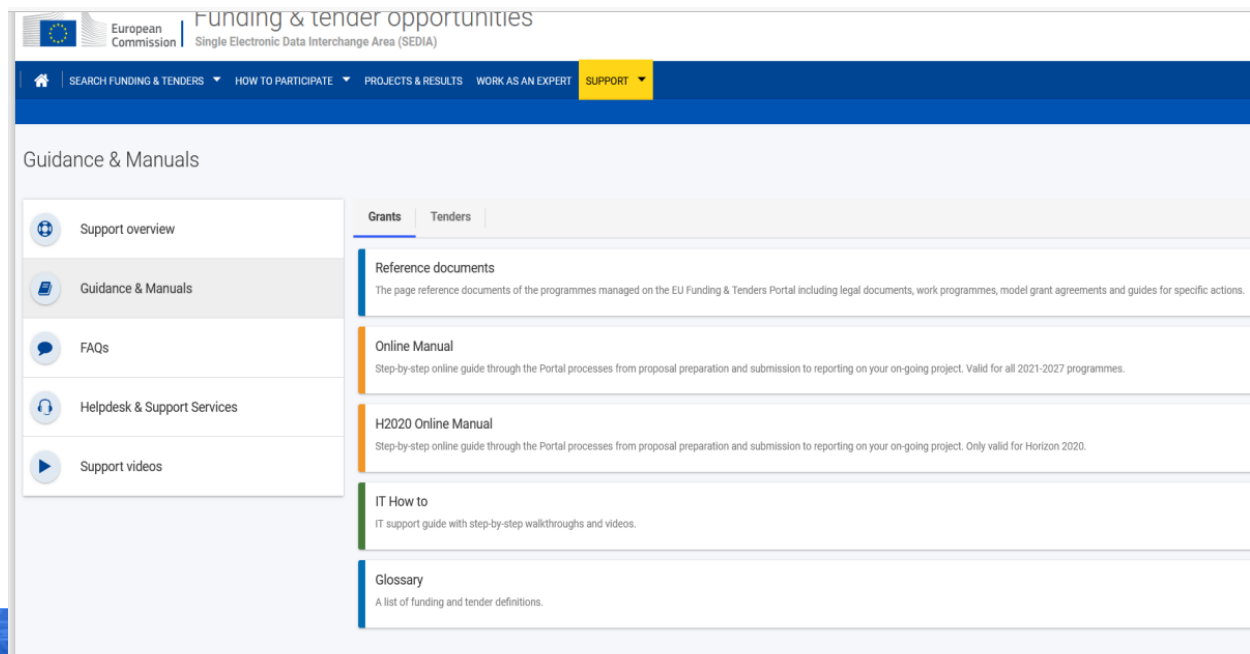
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# USEFUL TOOLS: FUNDING AND TENDERS' PORTAL

The F&T Portal is the central reference point for all official documents related to calls for proposals

- ✓ Horizon Europe legislation
- ✓ Horizon Europe Work Programmes
- ✓ Grant agreements and contracts
- ✓ Templates and forms
- ✓ Guides
- ✓ Online manual



The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' portal. The header includes the European Commission logo and the text 'Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)'. A navigation bar contains links for 'SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS', 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'WORK AS AN EXPERT', and 'SUPPORT'. The main content area is titled 'Guidance & Manuals' and features a sidebar with links to 'Support overview', 'Guidance & Manuals', 'FAQs', 'Helpdesk & Support Services', and 'Support videos'. The main content area is divided into two tabs: 'Grants' and 'Tenders'. Under the 'Grants' tab, there are sections for 'Reference documents', 'Online Manual', 'H2020 Online Manual', 'IT How to', and 'Glossary', each with a brief description of the content.


# USEFUL TOOLS: HORIZON EUROPE NCP PORTAL ...



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https://horizoneuropencportal.eu



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NEW LINK TO A DATABASE WITH FUNDED PROJECTS

## Interreg Programmes 2023

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### ACADEMY

Academy offers you access to training resources for Horizon Europe, including online and onsite training, courses and workshops

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### STAGE

Stage provides you access to key events relevant to Horizon Europe, like info-days and brokerage events

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### STORE

Store offers you tools and services developed by NCPs that are useful for participating in Horizon Europe

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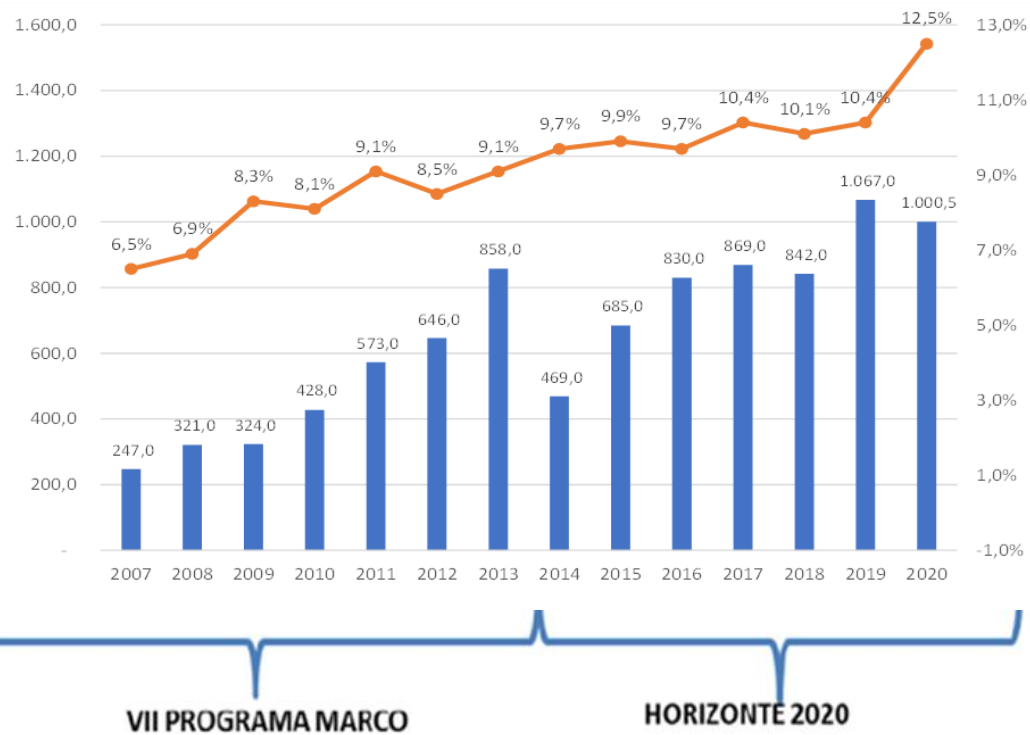
### NCP CORNER

The NCP corner provides officially nominated NCPs access to documents and services to perform their work better

[Go to NCP Corner](#)

# EVOLUTION OF SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN FP

**Absolute and relative participation of Spanish entities in the Framework Programs**

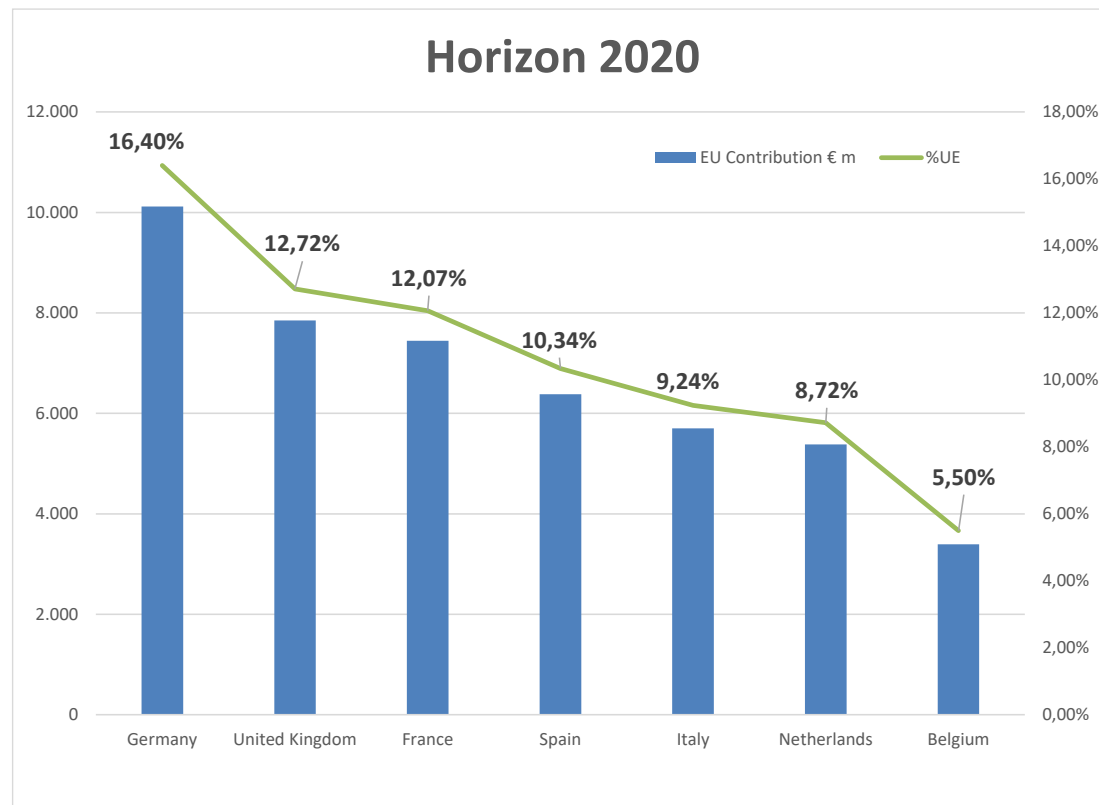


**Leadership rate of Spanish entities in collaborative projects**

<b>Framework Program</b>	<b>%</b>
FP3	4,9%
FP4	5,1%
FP5	7,5%
FP6	6,3%
FP7	10,7%
H2020	17,0%

# HORIZON 2020

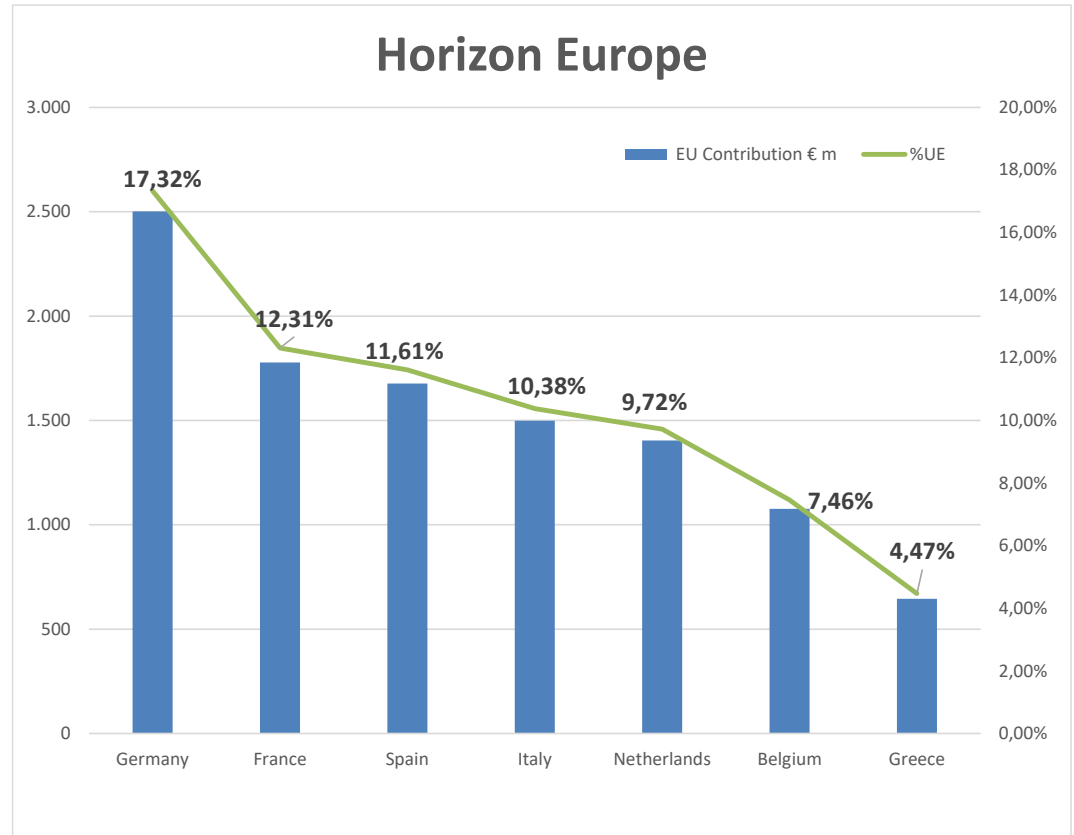
Country	EU Contribution € m	%TOT	%UE
Germany	10.118	14,81%	16,40%
United Kingdom	7.848	11,49%	12,72%
France	7.445	10,90%	12,07%
Spain	6.381	9,34%	10,34%
Italy	5.700	8,34%	9,24%
Netherlands	5.381	7,88%	8,72%
Belgium	3.393	4,97%	5,50%
Switzerland	2.426	3,55%	-
Sweden	2.317	3,39%	3,75%
Austria	1.956	2,86%	3,17%
Denmark	1.764	2,58%	2,86%
Greece	1.718	2,51%	2,78%
Norway	1.711	2,50%	-
Finland	1.537	2,25%	2,49%
Israel	1.282	1,88%	-
Ireland	1.204	1,76%	1,95%
Portugal	1.153	1,69%	1,87%
<b>TOTAL UE</b>	<b>61.701</b>		





# HORIZON EUROPE

Country	EU Contribution € m	%TOT	%UE
Germany	2.501	15,97%	17,32%
France	1.778	11,35%	12,31%
Spain	1.677	10,71%	11,61%
Italy	1.499	9,57%	10,38%
Netherlands	1.404	8,97%	9,72%
Belgium	1.077	6,88%	7,46%
Greece	645	4,12%	4,47%
Norway	539	3,44%	-
Sweden	535	3,41%	3,70%
Austria	501	3,20%	3,47%
Denmark	458	2,93%	3,17%
Finland	452	2,88%	3,13%
Portugal	377	2,41%	2,61%
Ireland	336	2,14%	2,33%
Israel	275	1,76%	-
Poland	217	1,39%	1,51%
Czechia	191	1,22%	1,32%
TOTAL UE PROV	14.439		



# CONCLUSIONS

- The management model of the Framework Program in Spain is centralized in an almost completely decentralized country.
- However, the Regions (Comunidades Autónomas) also play an important role in the awareness and financing.
- The strategy pursued includes raising of awareness; training; direct support to proposers, and structures creation
- The results are very positive in terms of participation increase and success rate.



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