

<b>Title of the initiative</b>
Network of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action National Contact Points for the mobile scientific and innovation community (Net4MobilityPlus)
<b>Idea origin (country)</b> The name the country where the inspired practice came from
Poland
<b>Idea origin (institution)</b> The name the institution where the inspired practice came from
Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Sciences
<b>Brief description</b>
The Net4Mobility+ project aimed to strengthen the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) National Contact Points (NCP) network, enhancing its professionalism and visibility. Over 3.5 years, the project focused on improving the network's development through knowledge exchange, good practices, and ensuring equal access to information. The initiative raised the quality of support provided to the global research community. In response to COVID-19, the consortium adapted by transitioning from physical services to an online format, enriching the toolkit to meet the new challenges of virtual support.
<b>Idea focus</b> The focus of the inspired practice was on
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Research management</li> <li>○ Cooperation in research</li> </ul>
<b>Why is it considered an Inspiring Practice?</b>
By offering personalized guidance on funding opportunities, the MSCA network supports researchers and institutions in navigating EU research programs, promoting global talent exchange and fostering innovation. It also encourages strategic partnerships, enhances research capacities, and raises the visibility of MSCA, ultimately contributing to a more interconnected and collaborative scientific ecosystem which drives progress and addresses global challenges.
<b>Relevance of the initiative in its specific context</b> (why was it developed, why is it important in its specific context, what type of change it generated for the target group, relevance at local / national / international)
<p>The Network of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (MSCA) National Contact Points (NCPs) was developed to support the mobility of researchers and foster international collaboration within the European Union's broader strategy to enhance research and innovation. Its creation responds to the need for guidance in navigating the complexities of MSCA funding programs, designed to promote researcher mobility, career development, and knowledge exchange. This initiative is crucial as it provides essential support for researchers and institutions seeking to engage in EU-funded projects, particularly those looking to collaborate across borders.</p> <p>The importance of this network lies in its role in increasing access to funding opportunities and helping researchers overcome barriers to mobility, while also encouraging the formation of cross-border partnerships. For researchers, it offers greater access to resources, career development, and the chance to work in diverse international environments, thus enhancing their expertise. For institutions, the initiative strengthens research capacities and promotes global visibility, leading to more dynamic and competitive research environments.</p> <p>At the local and national levels, the NCP network enables researchers and institutions to connect with European opportunities, thereby increasing their chances of obtaining funding and forming strategic collaborations. On the</p>

international stage, it promotes the mobility of talent and encourages knowledge sharing, contributing to the growth of a more interconnected and innovative global research community.

#### Target Group of the practice

- Academic staff
- Administrative staff
- University leaders

#### Impact

How the initiative produced an impact in its context and beyond

The initiative has had a profound impact by enhancing research mobility, strengthening cross-border collaborations, increasing participation in EU research programs, building institutional capacities, and fostering global knowledge exchange. These effects not only benefit the immediate scientific community but also contribute to global advancements in research and innovation.

#### Transferability of the initiative

Which elements can be adapted and transferred to other contexts/fields

This model of providing personalized support and guidance can be applied to various sectors like innovation, entrepreneurship, and international development, where expert advice is crucial for navigating complex systems. The centralized approach to sharing information and resources can be extended to areas such as social enterprises or public health, ensuring stakeholders have easy access to opportunities. Additionally, the focus on fostering international collaboration and networking is highly transferable, benefiting sectors like business partnerships or NGOs. The network's emphasis on capacity building for institutions can also be adapted to higher education or community development, helping organizations access resources and form partnerships. Moreover, the use of digital tools for global connectivity can be replicated in other industries to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration. Lastly, the MSCA NCP network's strategies for mobility, innovation, and international cooperation can be effectively applied across various fields to drive growth and foster global collaboration.

#### Sustainability of the initiative

The factors favoring the success of the initiative over time

Firstly, the initiative's alignment with broader EU goals of enhancing research mobility, fostering innovation, and building global scientific networks guarantees its ongoing relevance. As long as the EU prioritizes research and innovation, the network will continue to be an essential tool for supporting these objectives.

Secondly, the flexibility of the network allows it to adapt to evolving research landscapes and funding schemes. This adaptability ensures that it remains responsive to the changing needs of researchers and institutions, which is critical for its long-term effectiveness.

Thirdly, the establishment of strong partnerships between national contact points, EU institutions, and international organizations creates a stable foundation for the initiative. These partnerships facilitate resource sharing, knowledge exchange, and collective problem-solving, reinforcing the network's sustainability.

Furthermore, the network's capacity-building role for researchers and institutions promotes long-term success. By helping these groups access funding, expand their collaborations, and develop their capacities, it strengthens the overall research ecosystem, ensuring that the initiative continues to produce lasting benefits.

Lastly, as international cooperation in research becomes ever more important, the MSCA NCP network is positioned to play a central role in driving these efforts forward.

#### Contact and references

Link: <https://net4mobilityplus.eu/>  
<https://www.ippt.pan.pl/>