

Ngā Umanga Whakapā ā-Whenua Horizon Europe – Umanga Whakapā ā-Whenua Māori | Horizon Europe National Contact Point (NCP) – Māori NCP **Role Description**

- Te whakatairanga me te pānui i ngā whai wāhitanga Horizon Europe ki te hapori rangahau me te auahatanga Māori, te āwhina, te tohutohu me te whakangungu i taua hapori kia whai wāhi ki te hōtaka Horizon Europe, ki te whakapakari i ngā hononga i waenga i te Māori me te hōtaka rangahau me te auahatanga tino nui rawa atu o Te Tōpūtanga o Ūropi, ki te whai hua i ngā rawa ā-ao me te mākohakoha hei hāpai i ngā wawata Māori, me te tautoko i tā ngā kairangahau Māori āhei atu ki te mākohakoha rangahau me te auahatanga aowhānui mō ngā whakaarotau paetata.
- Promote and publicise the Horizon Europe opportunities among the Māori research, science and innovation community, assist, advise, and train the community to engage with the Horizon Europe programme, and strengthen connections between Māori in RSI and the European Union’s largest ever research and innovation programme.

Mō Horizon Europe | About Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the European Union’s largest-ever research and innovation programme. Pillar II of Horizon Europe is now open to applications from New Zealand researchers and organisations, and they can join or lead projects and receive funding on equal terms with their European counterparts.

Horizon Europe Pillar II focuses on science and technologies that address major global challenges, such as climate change, energy and health, and addressing the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. It has funding of €53.5 billion (approximately NZD\$90 billion) over the 2021 to 2027 period. Funds are distributed across 6 themes known as 'Clusters', with a number of topic areas known as 'destinations' within each cluster.

A key part of the implementation of Horizon Europe in participating countries is the establishment of a network of National Contact Points (NCPs) to provide information and advice to potential applicants and through the project life cycle. As part of this network, we are appointing NCPs to cover each of the six thematic Clusters of Pillar 2, which are:

1. Health
2. Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society
3. Civil Security for Society
4. Digital, Industry and Space
5. Climate, Energy and Mobility
6. Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment.

In addition to the Cluster NCPs, we are appointing a Māori NCP to provide direct support to the Māori research, science and innovation community. The Māori NCP will work across all the Cluster areas and will operate in concert with the rest of the NCP network to optimise Māori engagement in, and maximise the benefits from, the Horizon Europe programme.



Ngā mahi a ngā NCP – The role of National Contact Points (NCPs)

The mission of NCPs is to promote and publicise the Horizon Europe opportunities among the research, development and innovation community, and to assist, advise, and train the community on the how the programme operates. NCPs provide:

- Guidance on choosing relevant Horizon Europe topics and types of action
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues
- Training and assistance on proposal writing
- Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals etc.)
- Assistance in partner search

New Zealand's NCPs will function as part of a cohesive network to be coordinated by MBIE.

Te tunga NCP Māori – the Māori NCP role

The Māori NCP will be primarily responsible for providing support on engaging on Horizon Europe with the Māori research community. The Māori NCP will work in concert with the broader NCP network to make connections between the Māori research community and Horizon Europe funding opportunities, as well as potential research partners. The Māori NCP will connect with Māori researchers across all Cluster areas and will be supported by Cluster NCPs that have subject matter expertise related to their respective Cluster areas.

The Māori NCP will need to be knowledgeable on general aspects of Horizon Europe. Documentation and training on all of aspects of Horizon Europe will be available to NCPs from MBIE and the European Commission.

Ngā puna rauemi me ngā herenga wā | Resourcing and time commitments

The Māori NCP will be appointed at 0.25 FTE for a period of 24 months, with a possibility for reappointment for another term.

NCPs will need to have flexibility to spread their commitment to meet the varying demands of the role over the annual funding cycle. For example, after an initial training period, the role may at times require whole weeks (e.g., attending a training event in Europe or travelling to meet with stakeholders domestically), while at others it could be only a few hours per week (e.g., responding to email enquiries).

The Māori NCP may be required to travel to Europe 1–3 times per year for training and events. They will also need to travel domestically to carry out their role, such as for networking and events.

Ngā pūkenga me ngā wheako | Skills and experience

The skills we are looking for in this role are:

- A strong understanding of Māori interests and how they influence selection and management of research programmes.
- Proven experience of supporting partnership arrangements and engagement with Māori communities, iwi, hapū and key Māori organisations.
- A credible research background in an area relevant to Pillar 2 of Horizon Europe
- Excellent communication skills and an ability to engage with a diversity of backgrounds
- A commitment to acting on behalf of all New Zealand researchers and organisations



- Previous experience in international research funding systems, particularly in Europe, would be an advantage

NCPs must be able to legally enter the European Union, including being able to obtain any necessary visa if applicable.

Ngā pānga taupatupatu | Conflicts of interest

In all circumstances, NCPs must act to avoid any real or perceived conflict of interest between their NCP activities and the rest of their professional activities and must ensure that they provide equal treatment to all participants. NCPs must be able to act independently, guided by the principles of transparency and equal access to calls under Horizon Europe, and not partial to the interests of individual stakeholders.

The Māori NCP will be precluded from participating in Horizon Europe proposals or projects while acting as an NCP.

