

Partnership Knowledge Hub – MLE



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1. Outline

- Work of the NCP network
- Alignment of rules between national and European funding
 - Examples of good practice, and...
 - ...of not so successful ones

2. NCP network in Czechia - background

- To depart...
 - CZ is a widening country – lower R&I performance
 - Governmental priority – increase the participation in FP
 - Data shows that:
 - => success rate of CZ applicants is around EU average, BUT
 - => absolute number of applications is significantly below EU average
- We are as good as the others, but try our luck less often
- Many root causes, but no easy solutions

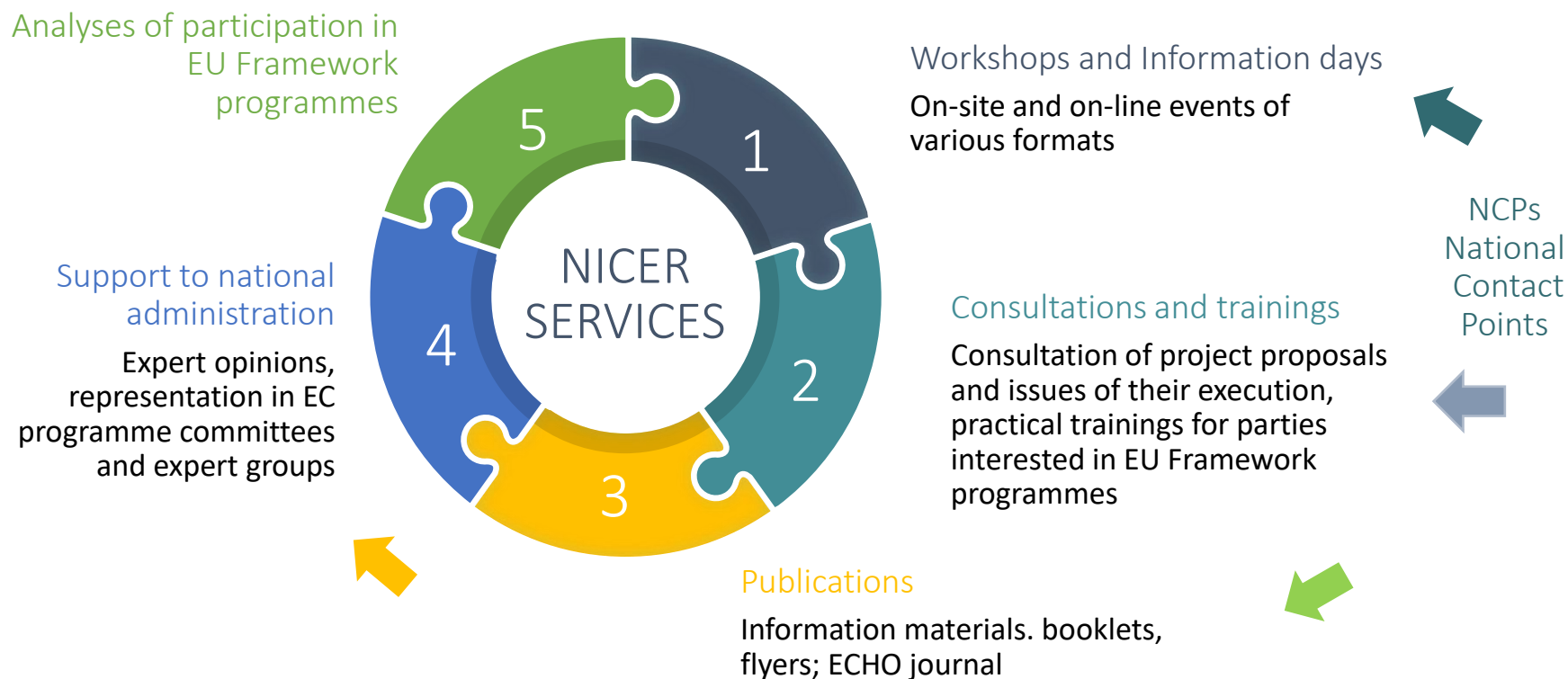
3. NCP network in Czechia

- Technology Centre Prague (www.tc.cz/en)
 - National Information Centre for European Research (NICER)
 - Strategic Studies for Research and Innovation
 - Support the International Competitiveness of Czech Companies
- Funded by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports based on the decision of the Czech government – project CZERA
- Well-respected national information, consultation and training workplace for the issues of EU Framework Programmes, including partnerships and missions
- Main objective: to provide Czech RDI stakeholders a complex portfolio of analytical, information, consultation and advisory services necessary for their involvement into the international research collaboration

4. NCP network in Czechia II.

- A network of thematically-focused NCPs in all pillars, clusters and activities of Horizon Europe
- Provides support also in legal, financial and administrative aspects
- Collaborates with the international network of NCPs

5. NCP network in Czechia III.



6. Alignment of rules between national and European funding

- Challenge – rather fragmented system of national funding providers for RDI => ministries, Technology Agency, Czech Science Foundation, Czech Academy of Sciences => each provider uses a different set of rules
- Experience with tripartite Joint Undertakings
 - Rules for eligibility of costs fully aligned with Horizon Europe
 - No need for submitting too many extra documents, no national screening before the project starts
 - No additional extra requirements – Horizon Europe rules used
- BUT: Two separate funding streams => double reporting
 - No harmonisation in reporting periods (project vs. calendar years)
 - Different rules for currency exchange rates (EU vs. national rules)

7. Alignment of rules between national and European funding

- Co-funded projects experience
 - Different partnerships have different rules and allow different level of flexibility
 - Hard to align international rules with those of all participating states (valid also when there are more funding providers from one country – in case of Czechia, different rules are used e.g. by MEYS and different by TACR)
 - EC top-up contribution – burdensome to administer on the funding provider level (not aligned with timing of the project lifecycle administration)



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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