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The South African Department of Science and Technology (DST) has appointed National Contact Points (NCPs) to provide guidance and assistance to South African participants in the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7). The South African NCP Network consists of 14 contact points - experts appointed because of their knowledge and experience of participation in European research programmes, as well as their understanding of South Africa's research strengths in the thematic areas they are responsible for.

The NCP Network is responsible for:

- Raising awareness and preparing the South African research community for participation in FP7;
- Signposting concerns from the South African research community to the DST;
- Advising, assisting and training South African participants with regard to FP7 rules of participation as well as strategic objectives;
- Marketing South African scientific and technological excellence in other FP7 participating countries; and
- Networking with counterpart NCPs in the European Union to assist South African FP7 participants in finding European partners.



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