



Project 518066

AFRICAN WATER

Supporting African involvement in the EU Framework Programme

Instrument: Specific Support Action

Thematic priority: Integrating and Strengthening the European Research Area

D1.1.1

Africa-specific training material

D1.1.2

Training Powerpoint Presentations

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1. Information and training tools

Raising public participation and awareness through information, training and communication tools has been the responsibility of WP1. The activities described in this report include the development of Africa-specific training material and presentations (D1.1.1 and D1.1.2) for the regional training workshops (D3.2.1).

Three regional training workshops, through which the participants received various levels of training and/or information about FP7, were held. The first was in Pretoria, South Africa (Southern Africa, 31 attendees) in early 2007, after the work programmes and participation rules for FP7 had been finalised and the first call for proposals had been made. The second and third workshops were held in Dakar, Senegal (West Africa, 16 attendees) and in Nairobi, Kenya (East Africa, 19 attendees) in late 2007, before the second call. Lessons learned in the earlier workshop in Pretoria were used to modify the structure and materials highlighted in the Dakar and Nairobi workshops.

Topics covered in the workshops included the EU, FP7 and water-related research opportunities, proposal preparation and consortium building, contracts and finance, support for African researchers, and other opportunities for funding.

- Introduction to EU institutions
- Introduction to FP7
- Water-related research opportunities in FP7
- Proposal preparation (consortium building, proposal writing, proposal submission, etc)
- Discussion of African experiences of participating in the Framework Programme
- Support for African researchers
- Contracts and finance
- Marie Curie Programme
- Opportunities beyond the Framework Programme
- Discussion on institutional strategies for participation

Presentations from all the workshops are available for download from the African Water website. The content is based on materials used by UKRO in their training programmes of liaison officers from UK research and higher education organisations, modified for an African audience, and on material used in briefing of CEH staff regarding FP7 structure, trends and opportunities. This report contains the versions of the presentations from the final training workshop in Nairobi, thereby incorporating all the appropriate Africa-specific information and issues that had been raised in the earlier workshops. All the workshops provided an opportunity for the participants to network amongst themselves and to feedback on the participants' experiences of EU FP and the changes needed to make the FP more "Africa friendly". The Dakar and Nairobi workshops also provided slots for one-to-one discussions with the trainers.

2. Introduction to EU Institutions

Introduction to UKRO and the European Union

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 - Monthly British Council European RTD Insight publication

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The 27 EU Countries



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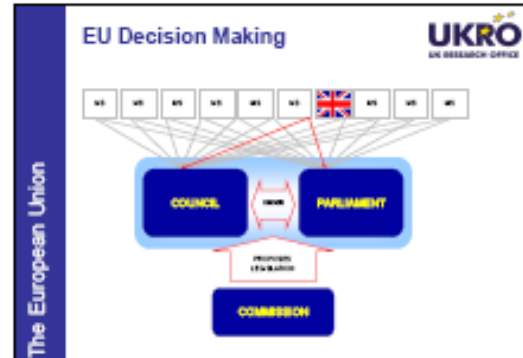
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The EU Institutions

- European Parliament
 - Elected members
 - Legislative, budgetary and supervisory power
- European Commission
 - Proposes legislation
 - Implements decisions/manages programmes
- Council of Ministers (Council of the EU)
 - Represents Member States' interests
 - Rotating Presidency
- Court of Auditors
- Court of Justice

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3. Introduction to FP7

Introduction to the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7)

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What is FP7?

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- The EU funding programme for research and technological development
- 7-year programme (2007 -2013)
- New Calls for Proposal each year
- Total budget of €50 521 million
- Structured into four 'Specific Programmes'
- Designed to complement activities in EU Member States, as well as other Community policies
- **Contains significant international dimension**

FP7 Structure

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Co-operation

- Health
- Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Transport, Infrastructure, Materials and New Production Technologies
- Energy
- Environment (including Climate Change)
- Transport
- Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities
- Security and Space

Plus JRC and Euratom

Capacities

- Research Infrastructure
- Research for the Benefit of Society
- Regions of Knowledge
- Research Potential
- Science in Society
- Activities of International Cooperation
- Cultural Development of Policies

People – Marie Curie

- Marie Curie Training of Researchers
- Marie Curie Leadership and Career Development
- Industry Academic Partnerships and Pathways
- The International Dimension
- Specific Actions

Ideas – European Research Council (ERC)

- Starting-Independent Research Grants
- Advanced Investigator Grants


ICPC Participation

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- Two ways for International Co-operation partners countries to participate in the FP7 themes:
 - In any topic, in addition to the minimum number of participants from Member States (MS) and Associated Countries (AC), if appropriate for the project; and
 - In Specific International Co-operation Actions (SICA) – these require at least four participants: two in MS or AC, two in ICPC
- ICPC countries set out in Annex 1 of each Work Programme
- African countries are classed as ICPC

ICPC Countries

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European Countries

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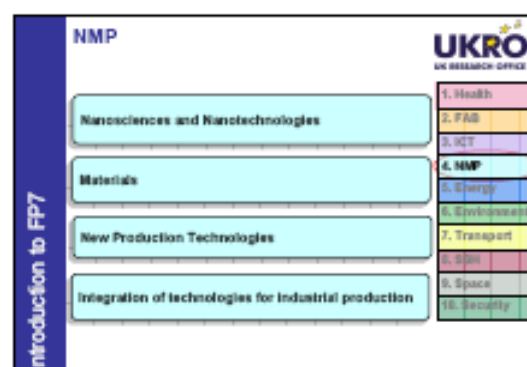
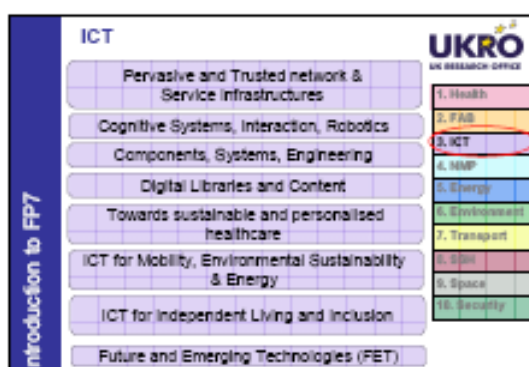
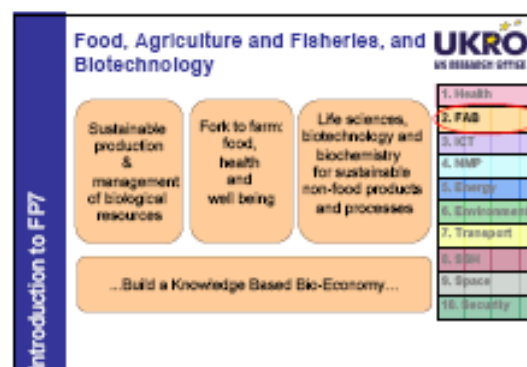
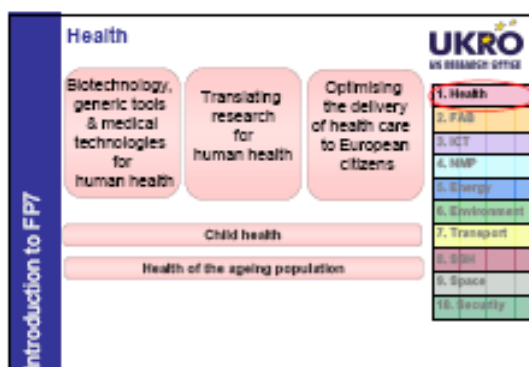
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK

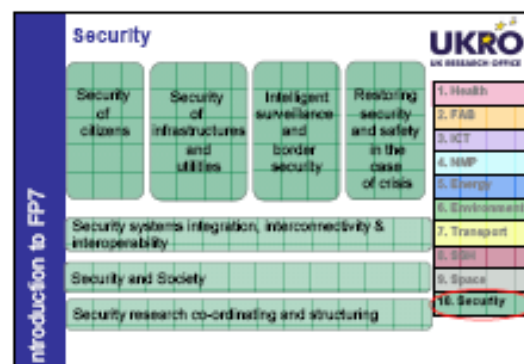
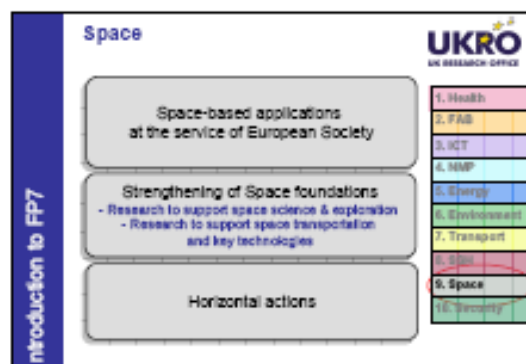
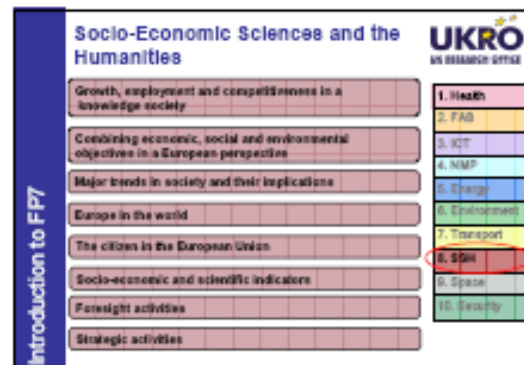
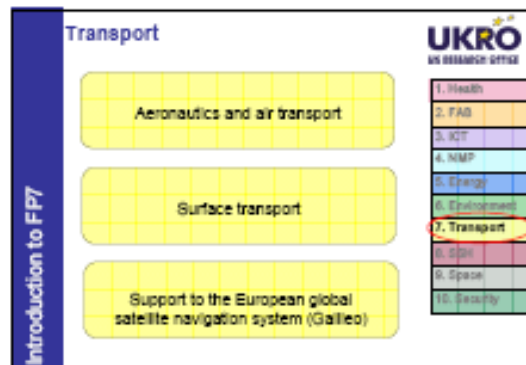
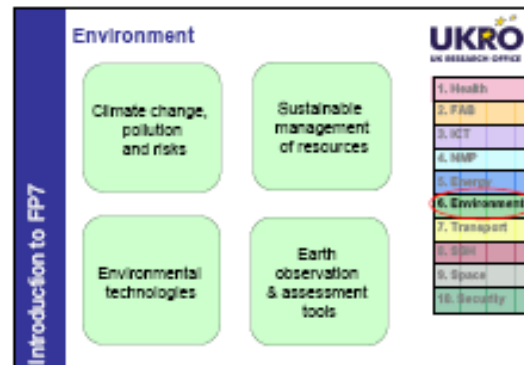
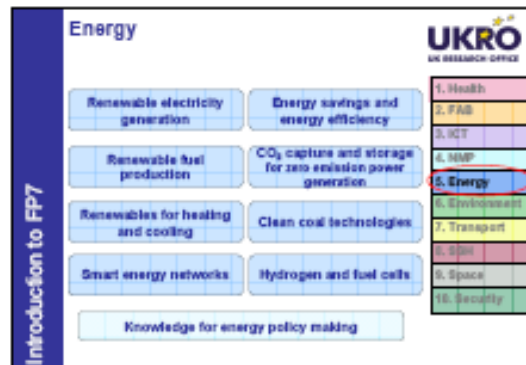
Associated Countries (FP7)

Croatia, Iceland, Israel, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Serbia, FYR Macedonia

Plus, in process of associating:
Albania, Bosnia Herzegovina and Montenegro







Funding Schemes

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- "Funding schemes" are the types of project
- Main types:
 - Collaborative projects
 - o Small/focused
 - o Large-scale/integrating
 - o For a specific target group (e.g. SME, CBO)
 - o For specific international co-operation actions (SICA)
 - Networks of excellence
 - Co-ordination and Support Actions
 - o Co-ordinating
 - o Supporting
- The Work Programme specifies the funding schemes to be used for each topic

Small/Focused Collaborative Projects

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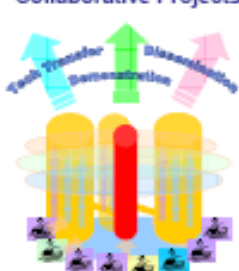


- Targeting a specific objective in a clearly defined overall approach
- Fixed overall work plan
- Research/technological development activity and/or a demonstration activity
- Project management
- 18-36 months
- 6-15 participants
- €0.8-44 million EC grant
- Budget limits may be set in Work Programme

Large Scale/Integrating Collaborative Projects

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- Ambitious objective driven research with a 'programme approach'
- Coherent, flexible and updatable set of activities
- RTD activities, demonstration, tech transfer, training, dissemination, knowledge management and exploitation
- Project management
- 36-60 months
- 10-20 participants
- €4-67 million EC grant
- Budget limits may be set in Work Programme

Networks of Excellence

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- Supports long-term durable integration of research resources and capacities
- Jointly executed research to support integration
- Joint training programme
- Dissemination and communication
- Coherent framework for management
- 5 to 7 years
- 5-12 participants
- €4-67 million EC grant
- Budget limits may be set in Work Programme

Co-ordination and Support Actions: Co-ordinating

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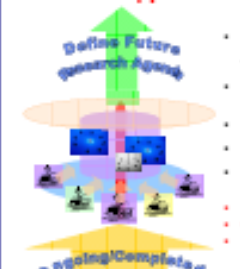


- Designed to promote and support ad hoc networking and co-ordination of RTD
- Co-ordination activities
- Project management
- Indication of scope in Work Programme
- 18-36 months
- €0.5- €1.8 million EC grant
- 13-26 participants

Co-ordination and Support Actions: Support


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- Support to programme implementation, preparation of future actions
- Complement other FP7 funding schemes
- Support activities
- Consortium management
- Indication of scope in Work Programme
- 9-30 months
- €0.05-€1 million
- 1-15 participants

Work Programme



- Annually updated
- For each research topic, it sets out:
 - Topic
 - Specific international co-operation action (SICA)?
 - Target area(s) – if relevant
 - Funding scheme
 - Expected impact
- Applicants must follow what is asked for in the Work Programme to be successful
- Note that International Co-operation Partner Countries can participate in all areas – not just SICAs

- **ENW.2007.2.1.2.2.** River basin twinning initiatives as a tool to implement EU water initiatives integrated with resources management research activities carried out on **defined catchments/river basins** from Europe and catchments from international cooperation partners to underpin the implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in these countries in compliance with EU Water Initiative objectives and Millennium Development Goals targets. **(Specific international co-operation action)**
- Funding **academic collaborative projects** (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
- **Expected Impact:** Support to EU/Water Initiative in the context of international cooperation. Such collaborative work will have a **particular emphasis** to constructive engagement with the entire spectrum of societal actors. **Accredited emphasis** has to be placed on communicating the research process and its results to all societal actors to make the research policy relevant and enhance its impact. **Target areas for the 2007 call:** Africa and South America.

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Work Programme – General



- **ENW.2007.2.2.1.3.** Habitat-marine species interactions in view of ecosystem based management in the deep-sea: The link between marine species, rock-biogeo and deep-sea habitats is still poorly known. A better understanding of this relationship is essential for the evaluation of the impact of marine protected areas on fisheries, within the broader framework of a regional ecosystem-based management approach. Research will focus in the first instance on: (i) the identification and modelling of the ecosystem function of cold water coral and habitats and description of the ecological interactions between reefs and associated species; (ii) the assessment of the magnitude of quantitative and qualitative fisheries effects upon these habitats, and impact upon associated fish species and productivity. Participation of international Co-operation Partner Countries is encouraged.
- **Funding scheme:** collaborative projects (large-scale integrating projects)
- **Expected impact:** Publicly accessible results in easily understandable presentations. Beyond the better understanding of deep-water ecosystems, this activity should encourage the development of innovative approaches of an ecosystem approach to deep-sea fisheries management, as well as developing options for governments and non-governmental actors for protection, governance and management of deep-sea resources, including fisheries.

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Why Does FP7 Look Like This?

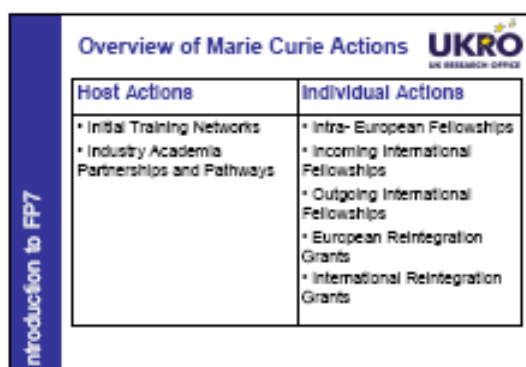
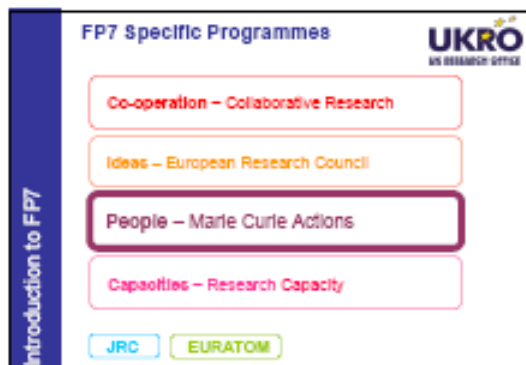
- Technology Platforms
- Research Community
- Member States
- European Interest Groups
- International Workshops

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Joint Technology Initiatives

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- Hydrogen and Fuel Cells
H₂FC
- Embedded Systems
E.T. **ARTEMIS**
- New Nanoelectronics Approaches
ENIAC
- Aeronautics and Air Transport
CLEAN SKY
- Global Monitoring for Environment and Security
GMES
- Innovative Medicines
(**IM**)



Research Capacity 

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1. Research Infrastructures
2. Research for the benefits of SMEs
3. Regions of Knowledge
4. Research Potential
5. Science in Society
6. International Co-operation
7. Coherent Development of Research Policies

International Co-operation 

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- Co-ordinate and support involvement of third countries in European Research
- Identify areas for enhanced co-operation
- Activity Areas:
 - Regional priority setting and definition of S&T Co-operation policies
 - Enhancement and development of S&T Co-operation Partnership including structural activities and networks
 - Supporting co-ordination of national policies and activities on international S&T co-operation

FP7 Specific Programmes 

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- Co-operation – Collaborative Research
- European Research Council
- Marie Curie Actions
- Capacities – Research Capacity

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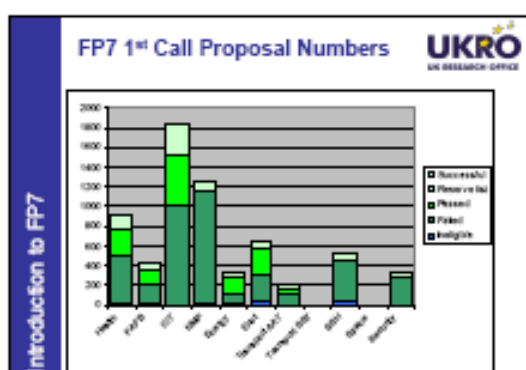
Euratom 2007-2011 


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From 2007-11 (foreseen extension to 2013)
Continuation of 6th Euratom FP

- but more co-ordination of national programmes and international co-operation

- 1) Fusion Energy Research
 - ITER preparation, L Term R&D, HR Education and Training, Infrastructures, Emerging needs and policy development
- 2) Nuclear fission and radiation protection
 - Radioactive waste and protection, reactor systems, access to infrastructures and HR Education and Training



Next Calls: Co-operation 

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Topic	Open	Closes
Food, Agriculture, Fisheries and Biotechnology	30 Mar 2007	15 February 2008
Information and Communication Technologies, Materials and Nanotechnologies	30 Mar 2007	1 March 2008
Health – C&A	30 Mar 2007	30 Apr 2008
Health – Interf.	30 Mar 2007	30 Apr 2008
Joint IATP – Biotechnology	30 Mar 2007	30 Apr 2008
Environment	30 Mar 2007	30 Apr 2008
Energy (I + I + F&E)	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008
Energy – Reactors	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008
Joint Energy Interf.	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008
Transport (I + I)	30 Mar 2007 (I)	7 May 2008 (I); 15 May 2008 (I)
Space	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008
Security	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008
Horizon	30 Mar 2007	3 Feb 2008

Next Calls: Capacities

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Area	Opens	Deadline
Research Infrastructures	20 Nov 2007	20 Feb 2008
Research for the benefit of SMEs: RTD for SMEs - RTD for SME Associations -	22 Dec 2007 22 Dec 2007	12 Mar 2008 6 June 2007
Regions of Knowledge (1)	End 2007	2008
Regions of Knowledge (2)	End 2007	2008
Research Potential (1)	End 2007	2008
Research Potential (2)	End 2007	2008
Science in Society	20 Nov 2007	6 Mar 2008
International Co-operation	2 Oct 2007	12 Feb 2008

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Next Calls: ERC

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Grant	Opens	Deadlines
ERC Advanced Grants	November 2007	Spring 2008
ERC Starting Grants	Summer 2008	Autumn 2008

Annual calls for each grant as above
2010 funding increase
2010 ERC review – possible changes

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Next Calls: Marie Curie

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MC Scheme	Opens	Deadline
Research Night	20 Nov 2007	5 May 2008
CO Funding of Regional, national & International Progs	10 Nov 07	10 Mar 2008
UFP Industry Academia Partnership & Pathways	20 Nov 07	25 Mar 08
2008 International Staff Exchanges	20 Nov 2007	28 Mar 08
ERC European Marie Curie Grants	20 Nov 2007	Call-off dates: 2 Apr and 9 Oct 2008
ERC International Marie Curie Grant	20 Nov 2007	Call-off dates: 2 Apr and 9 Oct 2008
IP Inters European Partnership	10 March 2008	10 August 2008
IP International Learning Pathways	10 March 2008	10 August 2008
ICP International Outgoing Fellowship	10 March 2008	10 August 2008
Thematic Training Networks	4 April 2007	2 May 2008
CO Funding of Regional, national & International Progs	10 Nov 2007	10 Feb 2008

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Overview of ICPC Opportunities

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- In Specific International Co-operation Actions (SICA), found throughout 'Co-operation'
- In any 'Co-operation' project, assuming participation in addition to minimum partner numbers, and relevant to the project
- In Marie Curie 'host' actions, and specific International Dimension actions, under 'People'
- In the International Co-operation programme under 'Capacities'
- In Co-ordination of National Programmes, which also welcomes international participation
- In ERC projects under 'Ideas' – either an individual moving to Europe, or an organisation being part of a European team

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What Now?

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- Look at the structure of FP7
- Decide if this is appropriate for you (remember that FP7 is not right for everyone)
- If you think it is, then identify which programme(s) and theme(s) you are interested in
- Read the Work Programme(s)
- Identify specific areas and topics of interest
- Speak to your contacts
- Identify partners
- Discuss it with your organisation
- Read the Guide for Applicants and other background documents
- Seek advice if unsure

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Why Participate


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- Prestige and international reputation
- Internationalisation of your research
- Offers a wide range of project types
- Networking opportunities – research and teaching
- Opening up new opportunities
- Mobility of staff and students
- Increasing your research capacity
- Funding!

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Further Information



- CORDIS:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html
Practical information and documentation on FP7, as well as registration to be an evaluator, and the electronic proposal submission system
- DG Research:
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/>
The European Commission's FP7 pages

4. Water-related research opportunities in FP7

Water in EU's 7th Framework Research Programme - 4

African Water, ASADI3, Senegal
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International Cooperation in FP7

The participation of third countries in the Co-operation SP will be possible via two mechanisms:

- Opening of all activities to third countries – both for ICPC* and industrialised countries in the Themes **NEW**
- Specific International Co-operation Actions (SICA) in each thematic priority dedicated to ICPC. Part of the main call identifying topics for ICPC's **NEW**
 - Topics in consultation with the Capacity (infrastructure) Programme and the ICPC partner regions – (MEDAD Centres of Excellence) ... African Academies?? **NEW**
 - Importance to regional approaches (eg Latin America, Asia, Africa, etc ...)

* ICPC : International Co-operation Partner Country

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Key Elements of EU Water Policy

EU Water Framework Directive (WFD) – good ecological status
The EU Water Initiative – IWRM, Water Supply & Sanitation – MDG's
Transboundary / regional issues – the "Subsidiarity Principle"
Climate Change – adaptation and reducing vulnerability
Near Neighbours – North Africa / Mediterranean Sea
Humanitarian Crisis – (Floods/Droughts/Famine/Epidemics ...)
UN Biodiversity Convention
SPACE – GEOSS – GEO – GMES

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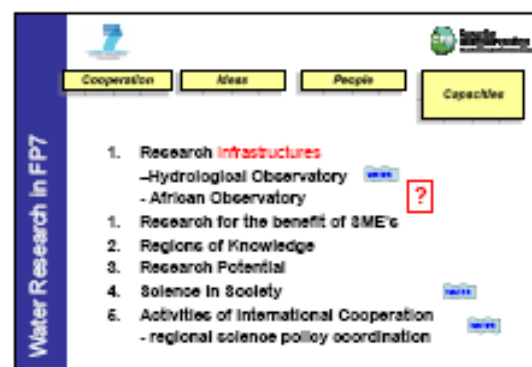
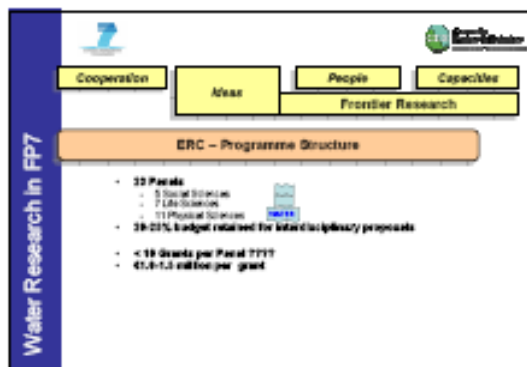
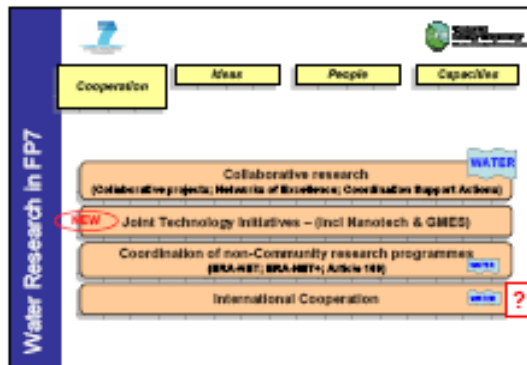
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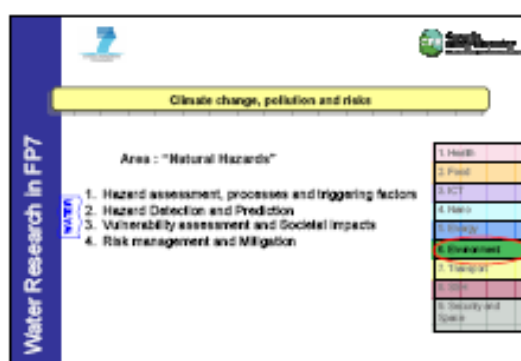
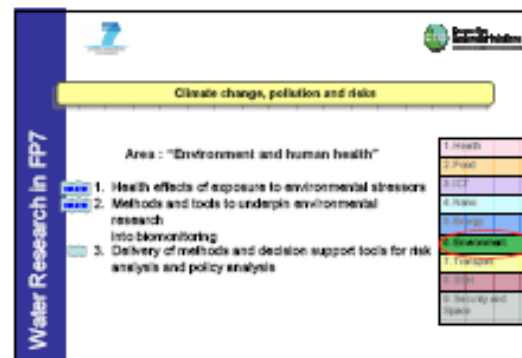
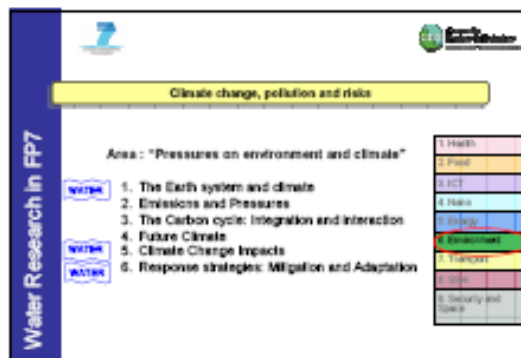
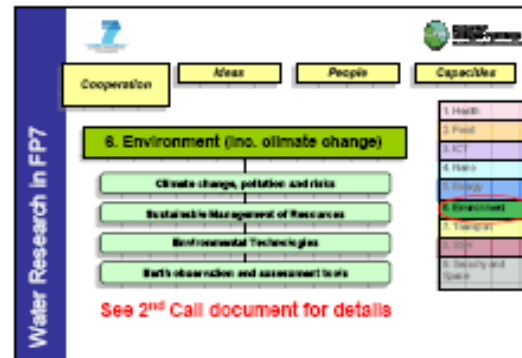
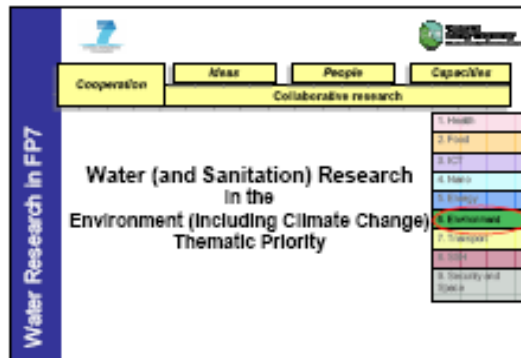
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related research in **ICPC** Programmes

Water Research in FP7

FP7 Specific Programmes

related research in **NANY** Programmes
related research in **ICPC** Programmes





Water Research in FP7

Sustainable Management of Resources

Area : "Evolution of marine environments"

1. Marine Resources
2. Evolution of Marine environments
3. Marine Observing Systems (link with GEO)

1. Health
2. Food
3. ICT
4. Nano
5. Energy
6. Environment
7. Transport
8. Space
9. Security and Space

Water Research in FP7

Environmental Technologies

Area : "Environmental technologies for the sustainable management of the natural and man-made environments"

ACCORD

1. Water Technologies
2. Soil
3. Wastes
4. Clean Processes and pollution Prevention
5. Built Environment
6. Cultural Heritage

1. Health
2. Food
3. ICT
4. Nano
5. Energy
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Environmental Technologies

Area : "Technology assessment, verification and testing" including LCA/LCT, alternatives for animal testing, sustainable chemistry, risk assessment

WATER

1. Health
2. Food
3. ICT
4. Nano
5. Energy
6. Environment
7. Transport
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Earth observation and assessment tools

Area : "Earth Observation" – 4 sub-areas including in-situ and space observations for 9 societal benefit areas

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1. Integrating existing European Earth Observation activities in GEO (global level)
2. Developing cross-cutting research activities of relevance to GEO
3. Earth Observation activities in emerging areas of research
4. Developing Capacity Building activities in the domain of Earth Observation

1. Health
2. Food
3. ICT
4. Nano
5. Energy
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Earth observation and assessment tools

Area : "Assessment tools for sustainable development" – 4 sub-areas including techno-economic modeling, land use

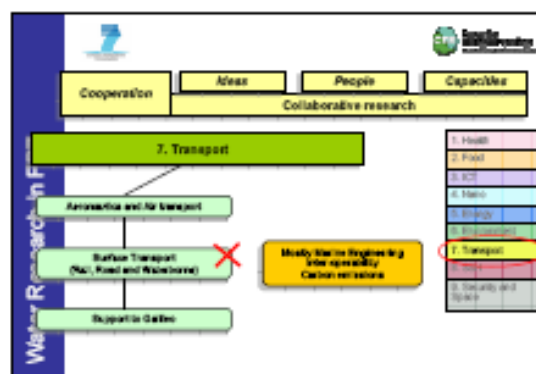
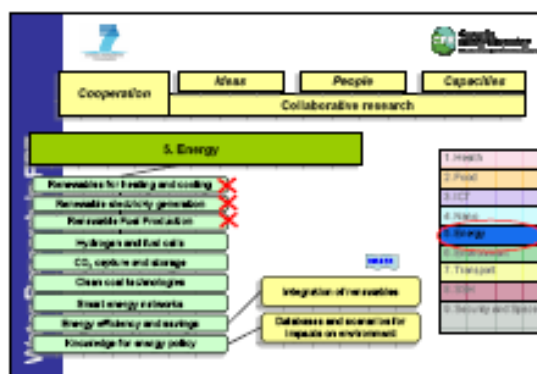
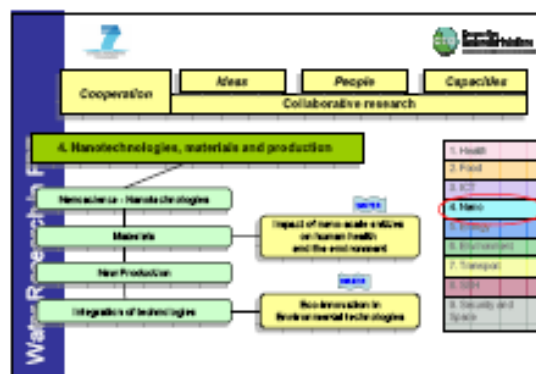
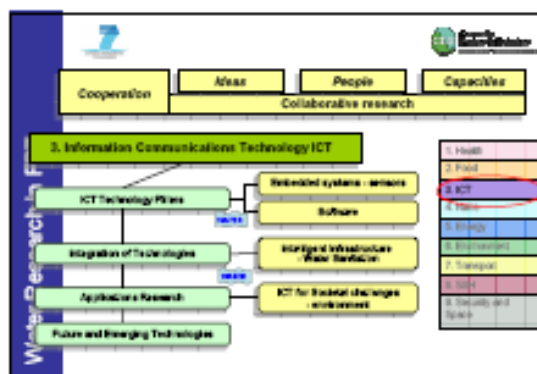
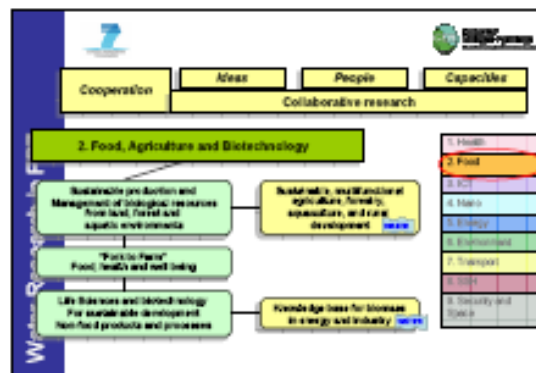
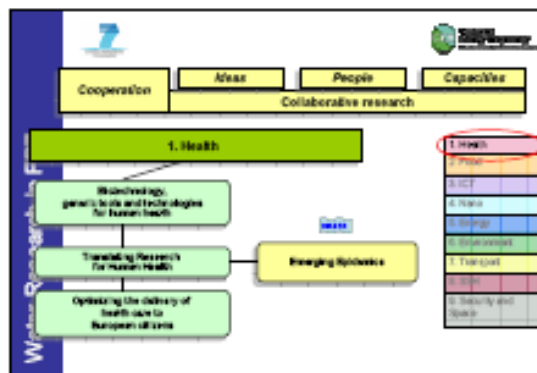
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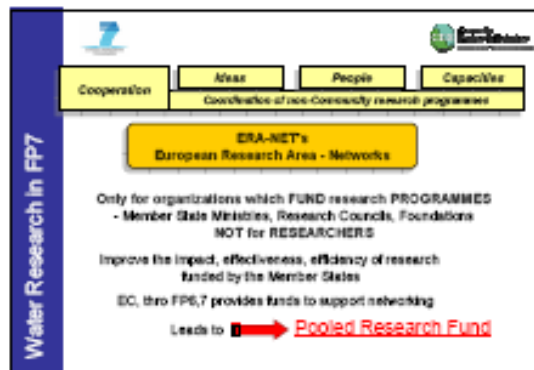
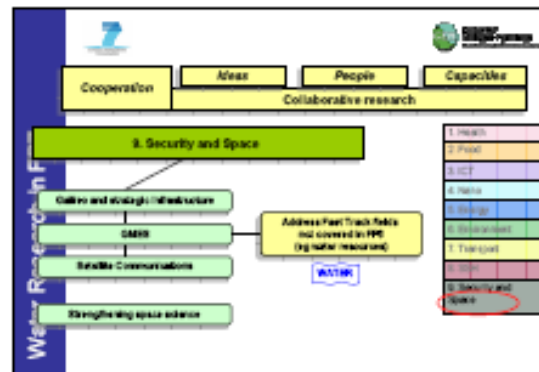
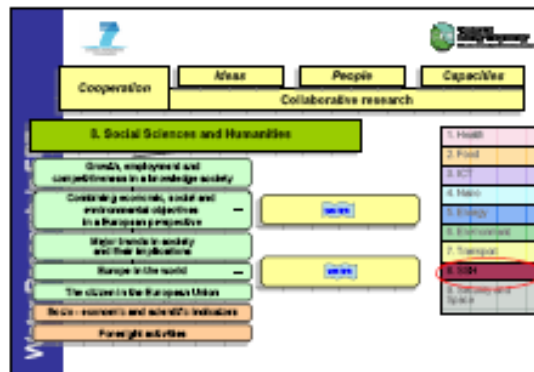
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2. Land use and Sustainable Development
3. Foresight and Forecast
4. Externalities and multifunctionalities

1. Health
2. Food
3. ICT
4. Nano
5. Energy
6. Environment
7. Transport
8. Space
9. Security and Space

Water Research in FP7

Water (and Sanitation) Research in other thematic priorities of the Cooperation Programme





Water Research in FP7

Water Supply & Sanitation Technology Platform WSSTP

Organized around five (5) Working Groups :

- Water Management,
- Water for People (utilities),
- Water for Industry,
- Water for Agriculture
- Cross-cutting Issues (socio-economic, institutional issues, etc)

Vision and Strategic Research Agenda (SRA)
 -downloadable from the website (addressing FP7 Topics)
 Implementation Plan being finalized / implemented
 Synergies with other Technology Platforms being developed

Water Research in FP7

Water Supply & Sanitation Technology Platform WSSTP

The EC and the MS governments has asked the WSSTP to include delivery of the Water MDG's in the Vision, SRA and Implementation Plan

Industry partners (large private sector water utilities) are not interested in research collaboration with Developing Countries (cf Aguas de Portugal - Mozambique)

Further information:
<http://www.wsstp.org>

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Water Supply & Sanitation Technology Platform WSSTP

Technology Platforms (TP's) do not have research funds of their own

TP's mobilize, network, lobby, coordinate
 ... and provide a mechanism to form strong consortium

TP's may lead to Joint Technology Initiatives (JTI's)
 which do have substantial industry-government research funds

5. Proposal preparation

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Overview of Session

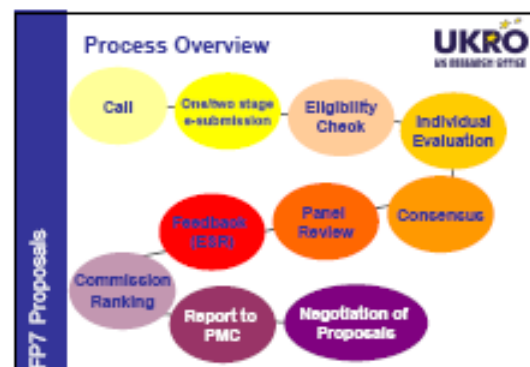
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- Documentation
- Building a consortium
- Preparing and submitting a proposal
- How proposals are evaluated
- The project budget
- Tips for success!
- Sources of further information

What do I Need to do?

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1. Understand the structure of FP7
2. Consult the relevant Work Programme
3. Identify the topic that you are interested in
4. Think about the funding scheme for this topic – is it right for you?
5. Check the deadline
6. Establish who will be in the consortium
7. Establish who will do what in preparing the proposal
8. Familiarise yourself with the evaluation criteria before writing the proposal (or any part of it)
9. Decide who will carry out which activities in the project
10. Plan your submission carefully – and respect the deadline!



What does the Commission Want?

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**A project that matches
their objectives**

The Work Programme tells you clearly
what they will be looking for....

Where is the Information?


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Document	Focus
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Work Programme	
Guide for Applicants	Preparation and submission
EPSS Guide	
Rules on Submission and Evaluation, Guide for Evaluators	Background
Model grant agreement	
Financial, negotiation, reporting and IPR guidelines	
FP7, Specific Programme Text	
Other policy documents	

What's in a Call Fiche? 


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- Key overall information:
 - Deadline
 - Indicative budget
 - Topics called
 - Evaluation procedure
 - Including whether one or two stage submission
 - Funding thresholds where relevant
 - Funding schemes
 - Indicative evaluation and contractual timetable
 - Consortium agreement obligations
 - Minimum number of participants

What's in a Work Programme? 


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- Key programme specific information:
 - Policy context
 - Key aims
 - Horizontal activities
 - Content of calls
 - Topic areas
 - Funding schemes
 - EC contribution limits
 - SICA
 - SMS-specific information
 - Collaborations with specific groups
 - Typically, a roadmap for future calls

Work Programme Example 


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- ENV.2007.2.1.2.2. River basin twinning initiatives as a tool to implement EU water initiatives Integrated water resources management research activities carried out on twinned catchment/river basins from Europe and catchments from international cooperation partners to underpin the implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in these countries in compliance with EU Water Initiative objectives and Millennium Development Goals targets. (Specific international co-operation action)
- Funding scheme: collaborative projects (small or medium-scale focused research projects)
- Expected Impact: Support to EU Water Initiative in the context of international cooperation. Such collaborations will have to pay particular attention to constructive engagement with the entire spectrum of societal actors. Accented emphasis has to be placed on communicating the research process and its results to all societal actors to make the research policy relevant and enhance its impact. Target areas for the 2007 call: Africa and South America.

Structure of 'Co-operation'/'Capacities' Work Programme 


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- General Introduction
- Thematic Areas 1 – 10 (Co-operation only)
- Chapters (Capacities only)
- Annex 1 – International Co-operation Partner Countries
- Annex 2 – Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria
- Annex 3 – Forms of Grant and Reimbursement
- Annex 4 – General Activities (Incl. ERA-NET, EUREKA, COST and Risk Sharing Finance Facility) (Co-operation only)

Structure of 'Ideas' Work Programme 

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- General Introduction
- Starting Independent Research Grants
 - Objectives
 - Eligibility criteria
 - Evaluation criteria
- Funding scheme
- Indicative timetable of future calls

Structure of 'People' Work Programme 

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- General Introduction
- Policy context
- Marie Curie Actions
 - Objectives
 - Eligibility criteria
- Annex 1 – International Co-operation Partner Countries
- Annex 2 – Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria
- Annex 3 – Community Contribution and applicable rates
- Indicative timetable of future calls

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What's in the Guide for Applicants?

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- Detailed guidance on the Funding Scheme
- How to Apply – details of submission
- Checklist for submission
- What happens next?
- Glossary of terms
- Summary call information – including when hearings, ESR and decisions may be made
- Further information and help
- Evaluation criteria
- Outline of proposal forms and instructions

NOTE – different Guide for each funding scheme and each call. Make sure you have the right one!

Consortium Building

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If You're Invited to Join One

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- Can be the easiest way to get involved
- BUT be sure that it is right for you:
 - What do you know about the consortium and its members?
 - Do you know who is Co-ordinating it?
 - Is the project appropriate for you?
 - Are you happy with your proposed role?
 - Are you happy with your proposed funding?
 - Have you checked this with your organisation – it is the organisation that will be the 'partner', not you
- The consortium can change up until the contract is signed (if successful)

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If You Wish to Join One

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- Be focused and know what you want to participate in
- Find out who the key European researchers are
- Take up all opportunities for contact with European (and other international) researchers
- If you don't have your own contacts, others in your organisation might
- Think about ways to promote yourself and your organisation
- Consider what your 'unique selling point' is
- Partner search databases are available – but use them carefully
- Finding the right project/partners can be hard – don't be put off

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Ways to Find Partners

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- Existing contacts – both direct and indirect
- Conferences and events
- Publications
- CORDIS partner search
- Through European Technology Platforms?
- Other partner search databases?
- FP6/FP7 projects database
- Or, they might find you!

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Raising your Profile

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- Talk to colleagues within your organisation – internal dissemination is crucial
- Developing a strategy for your European activities will help
- Internal research seminars or meetings
- External research conferences or events
- Newsletters (consider aim, audience and format)
- Website
- Other promotional materials?
- Foster key contacts

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Forming a Consortium Yourself

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- Rarely recommended for those new to the Framework Programme
- Small role in a project led by someone with prior experience is the best first step
- Project will be co-ordinated by European partner (with certain rare exceptions)
- If you have a project idea appropriate for FP7, first step is to find good Co-ordinator
- Clarify your role, and IPR issues, early

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Who should be in the Consortium?

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- It depends on the topic!
- Partners must match activities in proposal
- Impact should be a focus here as well
- Diverse consortium
- Need for EU added value
- All partners should be active, with a clear role
- No 'sleeping' or 'token' partners
- Certain target partner types:
 - SMEs, CSOs, Third Country, ICPC
- European Commission may offer advice

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Partner Searches

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- CORDIS: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html
- European Technology Platforms: http://cordis.europa.eu/technology-platform/home_en.html
- ESASTAP: <http://www.esastap.org.za/en/partners/index.php>
- FP6 projects database: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/projects.htm>

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Preparation, Submission and Evaluation

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The Application Forms

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- Part A – forms
 - Participant Identity Code (PIC) **NOT YET IN USE**
 - Basic information – call details, title, summary, partners, budget
- Part B – text with some forms
 - Cover Page, Table of Contents
 - 1) S&T Quality (plus templates for work packages, deliverables and milestones)
 - 2) Implementation
 - 3) Impact
 - 4) Ethical issues
 - 5) Consideration of gender issues

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Electronic Submission

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- Co-ordinator must register on Cordis and be sent password and access details
- Passes on access to other participants
- Complete A forms
- Upload .pdf file of Part B
- Automated check
- Can revise up to deadline
- Deadline strictly enforced – always closes at 17:00 Brussels time (CET) on the deadline date
- EPSS helpdesk for technical problems
- **Submission on paper only in exceptional circumstances – requires permission in advance**



Before you start to write... UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

- What is the main objective of your proposal?
- How is your proposal unique?
- Whose problem does this solve?
- Why can't other actors be expected to carry out this work?
- Which consortium member will provide which skills?
- How will you know if you have succeeded?
- How will you measure your progress?
- What infrastructure and data sets will be needed?

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Proposal Writing UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

- Both researchers and administrators should be involved
- All partners should be involved – **what is your role?**
- ALL relevant aspects should be addressed (science, impact, socio-economic factors, management, integration, training, technology transfer, dissemination....)
- Leave nothing to the imagination
- Ensure all sections are complete
- Use simple, clear language
- Pay attention to layout
- Respect page lengths set out in Guide for Applicants
- Make sure you read the proposal and offer your input!

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Part B – Top Tips UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

- Fully address the evaluation criteria
- Include well worked out plans
- Outline any 'Plan B' (risk analysis)
- Use tables and diagrams
- Demonstrate appropriate, flexible partnership
- Get the right balance (budget, activities, etc)
- Be a 'want-to-read' not a 'have-to-read' proposal!

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How are Proposals Evaluated? UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

- Evaluated by independent peer review
- Basic evaluation criteria:
 - Scientific and/or technological excellence
 - Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project
 - Implementation and management
- Scientific excellence as sole criterion for ERC projects
- Detailed criteria in Work Programmes – including weightings and thresholds
- FP7 evaluator database – **call open for evaluators:**
<https://cordis.europa.eu/emma7/>
- New 'redress' procedure – for problems/irregularities in evaluation

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Evaluation Criteria UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

Impact 3/5

S/T Quality Excellence 3/5

Implementation 3/5

Overall threshold = 10/15

NOTE – check Work Programme for specific criteria, weightings and thresholds

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Relevance

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- Relevance is considered in relation to the topic(s) in the Work Programme open in a given call, and to the objectives of the call
- Integrated into 'S&T quality' and 'Impact'
- You must address this in your proposal!
- If it is only partially relevant – it will be reflected in the scoring
- If it is not relevant – it will be 'out of scope' and rejected on eligibility grounds before the evaluation

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'S&T Quality'

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Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the call)

- Soundness of concept itself
- Quality of objectives
- Acknowledgement of, and development beyond, the 'state-of-the-art'
- Methodology and Work Plan
- Quality of co-ordination

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S&T Quality

Implementation

Impact

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- Have you explained the **concept** of the project?
- Have you clearly identified your **objectives**?
- Are your objectives **achievable** within your project?
- Have you addressed the **state-of-the-art**?
- Do you have **improvement or innovation**?
- Have you clearly described your aims and **methodology**?
- Have you described your **overall strategy** of the work plan?
- Have you used **charts**?
- Are the **work packages** explained?

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Evaluator comments: S&T Quality

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"the WPs and deliverables should also be better described"

"While the concept is good and novel, it addresses the topics of the call only partially"

"There are missing or removed parts in this proposal. Thus, they cannot be evaluated"

"does not demonstrate major progress beyond the state-of-the-art"

"The work described is not particularly novel"

"Proposal is too broad"

"Given the extent of previous work and patenting in this area, doubts were raised as to whether a novel product could be developed"

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Implementation

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'Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management'

- Management Structure
- Management Procedures
- Quality, Complementarity and Balance of the Consortium
- Matching of Consortium to objectives
- Appropriateness of allocation of:
 - Budget
 - Staff resources
 - Equipment

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S&T Quality

Implementation

Impact

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Can you:

- Demonstrate plans to **promote gender equality**?
- Illustrate a **critical mass** of resources?
- Partners have the appropriate **equipment**?
- Illustrate Integrated **financial** planning?
- Illustrate Integrated **project** planning?

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Management Structure and procedures :

- Have you described the **management structure**?
- Do you have an **information management strategy**?
- Do you have a **knowledge management strategy**?
- Is it matched to the **complexity and scale** of the project?

Individual Participants and the Consortium as a whole

- Have you identified the **role of the co-ordinator**?
- Have you described **individual participants**?
- Have you explained the **consortium structure**?
- Do you have the appropriate **personnel** Is it well balanced?
- Can you demonstrate relevant management **experience**?

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Evaluator comments: Implementation UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

"Role of the Co-ordinator is unclear"
 "the standard and experience of partners is variable"
 "the management structure is not sufficiently worked out to guarantee the success of this project"
 "unclear how partners will exchange information"
 "the role of partner X is unclear"
 "the costs are not linked to activities and not well balanced"
 "no formal planning of assessment of milestones"
 "the coordinating partner is well experienced in performing European projects"
 "the overall budget seems balanced, justified and well calculated. However, sustainability after the project is vaguely formulated and should be addressed during the course of the project"

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"The potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results"

- Expected Impact in Work Programme
- Measures for:
 - Dissemination
 - Exploitation of project results
 - IPR management
 - Spreading excellence
 - Disseminating knowledge through stakeholder and public engagement

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Use the Work Programme... UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

Support to EU Water initiative in the context of international co-operation. Such collaborations will have to pay particular attention to constructive engagement with the entire spectrum of societal actors. Accrued emphasis has to be placed on communicating the research process and its results to all societal actors to make the research policy relevant and enhance its impact. Target areas for the 2007 call: Africa and South America.

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- Have you described how your project will **contribute to the expected impacts** in the Work Programme?
- Does the project have suitably **ambitious goals**?
- Can you illustrate a contribution to **economic competitiveness**?
- Can you illustrate impact on **quality of life**?
- Can you illustrate the effect of **shaping research** in the field?
- Have you elaborated on your **dissemination strategy**?
- What about **exploitation of results, IP and knowledge management**?

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Evaluator comments: Impact UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

"Exploitation and dissemination plans are not specific to the project"
 "appropriate measures for spreading excellence and disseminating knowledge with the involvement of the different stakeholders"
 "the European added value of the consortium is limited"
 "there is no indication of publication plans"
 "Does not explicitly describe the importance of solving the problem in a European context"
 "the list of potential impacts is short and poorly described. There are no plans for dissemination of the results outside the participants geographical area. It will contribute only partially to a pan-European discussion on these issues"
 "has the potential to have an immediate, large scale impact. In turn, the policy change it advocates has the potential to make a huge difference for millions of people world-wide"

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Ethical Review

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- All proposals must:
 - Describe potential ethical aspects
 - Justify the design of the research project
 - Explain how ethical requirements of WFP are fulfilled
 - Indicate how proposal meets national legal and ethical requirements of country where research is performed
 - Indicate timing for approval by relevant authority at national level
- Commission may submit proposal to Ethical Review Panel and:
 - Their input could affect funding decision
 - An ethical review may be requested mid-project

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Gender Aspects

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- Consideration of gender aspects
 - "You may give an indication of the sort of actions ... to promote gender equality in your project, or in your field of research"
 - actions related to the project consortium (e.g. improving the gender balance in the project consortium, measures to help reconcile work and private life, awareness raising within the consortium)
 - or, where appropriate, actions aimed at a wider public (e.g. events organised in schools or universities)
 - Not all projects
 - Not evaluated but 'discussed during negotiation' if project is successful

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To come out on top, I'll address broad themes and overlapping research areas

Scientific quality is the only important consideration for the proposal

I'll add a particular country to please the Commission and get funded

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Successful proposals are focused, addressing the policy issues of that specific area of thematic

High Quality, active and appropriate consortium partners are essential for a successful proposal

Marks are lost if you don't pay full attention to all aspects of the evaluation criteria ...and every point counts!

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In Short, the Best Proposals...

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- Have an EU (and international) added value
- Clearly address the topic and meet objectives
- Push back the frontiers of science and technology
- Consist of the right consortium for the project
- Highlight the impact of the project
- Are well budgeted
- Are concise and easy to read

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Essentials before Submitting

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- Know what you want to get out of it
- Ensure relevance to the Work Programmes
- Research previous and current projects in the area
- Know your consortium partners
- Register in the electronic submission system
- Discuss the proposal with your Institution
- Make sure all forms are completed correctly
- Get someone to read through the proposal

6. Contracts and finance

Financial and Contractual Aspects

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FP7 Rules of Participation

- Contractual and financial issues governed by 'Rules of Participation'
- Agreed by European Parliament and Council
- Sets out legal, financial and management rules
- Further details in Model Grant Agreement
- Further information on finances in the Guide to Financial Issues

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Who Can be Funded?

- Legal entities from Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (AC) created under Community law
- The Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- International European interest organisations
- Legal entities established in International Co-operation Partner Countries (ICPC)
- International organisations and non-ICPC third countries, only if:
 - Provided for in Specific Programme or Work Programme, OR
 - Essential for carrying out the action, OR
 - Provided for in a bilateral agreement with the EC

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FP7 Costings

- FP based on principle of co-financing
- No financial profit
- Rates of reimbursement vary according to activities and between funding schemes
- Rates of reimbursement may also vary according to organisation type
- Usual method is **reimbursement of eligible costs**
- May also use flat-rate and lump sum financing – including **lump sum option for ICPC participants**

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Maximum Reimbursement Rates

	Public Bodies, Universities, SMEs, etc.	Other Organisations
Research	76%	50%
Demonstration	50%	50%
Other*	100%	100%

* Co-ordination and Support Actions, Training, Management, European Research Council (ERC) projects

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Reimbursement of Eligible Costs

- Costs are eligible if they are:
 - Actual
 - Incurred during the project
 - Determined according to usual accounting and management principles
 - Used solely for project objectives
 - Consistent with principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness
 - Recorded in accounts
 - Exclusive of non-eligible costs
- Average personnel costs may be used under certain conditions
- For indirect costs a flat rate option is available


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Indirect Cost Flat Rates 

	Universities, public bodies, non-profit SMEs who cannot identify real indirect costs	Other organisations (industry etc) who opt for flat rate
Research activities	80% NOTE this will change for projects starting after 2009	20%
Co-ordination and Support Actions	7%	
European Research Council	20%	

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Reimbursement – example 

Organisation using reimbursement of eligible costs

Total eligible direct cost (personnel, travel, equipment etc.) for research project is €40,000

Organisation is a university without a full analytical accounting system, so is using the 80% flat rate

Therefore, indirect cost is 60% of €40,000 = €24,000


Total eligible project cost = €64,000 (direct plus indirect costs)

Research activity reimbursed at 75%

75% of €64,000 is €48,000


So, this is the total EC funding for the organisation for the project

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ICPC Lump Sum Option 

- ICPC partners can elect to use lump sum payments for a whole project (instead of reimbursement of eligible costs)
- Applies for the duration of the Grant Agreement (contract)
- Method can vary between projects – so should consider options for each individual one
- Lump sums include all project costs (personnel, travel, equipment etc.)
- Calculated on basis of full-time researchers per year
- Requirement to keep evidence of time spent on project
- Rates vary according to country income
- Maximum reimbursement rates still apply


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ICPC Lump Sums – rates 

Economy of the ICPC	EC contribution per researcher per year
Low income	€9,000
Lower middle income	€9,800
Upper middle income	€20,700

List of ICPC economies can be found in:
[Guide to Financial Issues](#)

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ICPC Lump Sums – example 

Organisation in low income country

Three year project, in which the organisation has a research role

Involves one researcher full-time for three years

Also involves one additional researcher part-time (60%) for two of the years

Total number of researcher years = 4.2 (1 x 3 years, plus 0.6 x 2 years)


Multiplied by €9,000 per researcher year = €33,600

Partner's role is research, so maximum 75% reimbursement

75% of €33,600 is €25,200

So, this is the total EC funding for the organisation for the project

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Reporting and Auditing 

- Periodic reporting on both activities and costs
- Financial (audit) certificates only required for Community contributions over €375,000
- Maximum one certificate for projects of two years or less
- Not required if whole project lump sum or flat rate

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IPR Provisions

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- Must pay careful attention to this
- Each participant owns 'foreground' it generates
- Foreground must be used – and protected if capable of commercial/industrial application
- Can be transferred to another participant
- Flexibility in rules on access rights
- Discuss IPR with your partners in advance
- **Seek legal advice, if necessary**

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Model Grant Agreement

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- Core agreement and annexes
- Sets out rights and obligations of participants
- Includes:
 - Details of financial rules
 - Changes to the consortium
 - Reporting requirements – including audit regime
 - Termination of projects
- Grant Agreement comes into effect when signed by Co-ordinator and Commission
- Other partners then sign form to accede to the Grant Agreement

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Consortium Agreement

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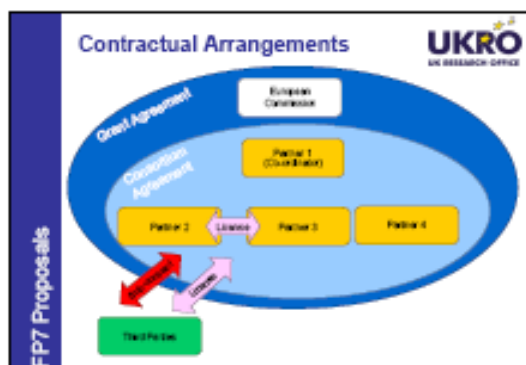
- Mandatory unless specified in call for proposals
- Internal organisation of the consortium, including:
 - Financial arrangements
 - Settlement of disputes
 - Additional IP arrangements
 - Liability and confidentiality
- Commission will establish guidelines
- NOT signed by the Commission

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Partner Roles

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- Co-ordinator
 - Main point of contact with Commission
 - Responsible for overall project monitoring and reporting
 - No additional rights
- Partners – **most likely role for ICPC participants**
 - Small or large role
 - Must provide financial contribution
 - Must report on own finances and activities
- Sub-contractor
 - Not a project partner
 - Only for limited part of project
 - Fully funded for activity



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Hints and Tips

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- Clarify your role in the project as soon as possible
- Cost your activities – your budget should be linked to your role
- Discuss the project budget early:
 - Share of contribudget amongst consortium
 - Procedure for changing this share if necessary
 - NOTE: bear in mind limits imposed by Commission
- Be clear what costing method you are using
- Researchers and administrations should both be involved
- Consult the Guidelines on Finances, Negotiation and Reporting
- Participate in developing the consortium agreement

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Further Information

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- CORDIS (participation issues):
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/how_en.html
- Rules of Participation:
http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/documents_en.html#Rules
- Draft Model Grant Agreements:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls-grant-agreement_en.html

7. Support for African researchers

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Sources of Information**

<http://www.ukro.ac.uk>

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CORDIS and DG Research

- The EC's Framework Programme Websites
- Guides on FP7 basics
- Services specific to activity areas
- Announces calls, key documents
- Links to policy documents
- Research and Policy News service
- Databases – news, partners, projects, results, FAQs, acronyms...
- Search engine – partner search, mobility portal...
- Web links

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm>
<http://cordis.europa.eu/en/home.html>

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EU Policy Documents

Where to find relevant information and key documents:
http://ec.europa.eu/info/documents/index_en.htm
Information on green and white papers, reports & press releases

http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm
Home of the EU

http://ec.europa.eu/cedar/index_en.htm
Summaries of EU policies and legislation (not always up-to-date)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>
EUR-Lex (EU legislation)

<http://ec.europa.eu/rapid/rapid.cfm?CI=en>
Monitoring EU legislation

<http://ec.europa.eu/info/eurostat/>
Official statistics agency of the EU - wide range of useful data for your proposal

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Social Impact of Research

OECD – social policy
www.oecd.org/dataoecd/

Society, the Endless Frontier – summary at:
http://ec.europa.eu/info/eu/research/society/home_en.html

EC Foresight website:
http://ec.europa.eu/info/research/foresight/home_en.html

EC Science and Society website:
http://ec.europa.eu/info/eu/research/science/society/index_en.html

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Economic Impact of Research

OECD (Employment, aging society, etc)
www.oecd.org

JRC - IPTS
<http://www.jrc.it/home/ipts/home.htm>

R&D Scoreboard 2006
http://ec.europa.eu/research/scoreboard_2006.htm

Innovation Scoreboard 2006
<http://trendchart.cordis.lu/scoreboard/scoreboard2006/index.cfm>

UK R&D Scoreboard – 2006 report
http://www.innovation.gov.uk/rd_scoreboard/

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IPR Helpdesk

- Free service
- Intellectual Property related assistance
- Raising the awareness of importance of IPR protection and exploitation
- Assist with registering, protecting and exploiting IPR – how and when
- Guides/Briefing Papers on contractual issues, consortium agreements and related specific issues
- Presentations
- IPR Bulletin

<http://www.jrc-helpdesk.org/index.htm>

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Europa

- Directorate General websites
- Commissioners' websites
- Calls, legal texts, statistics, press releases...
- Contact points
- Other EU institutions, bodies, agencies, advisory groups etc...
- Pre-Lex, EUR-Lex
- TED – Tenders


http://www.europa.eu/index_en.htm




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OPOCE

<http://www.opeco.europa.eu/ukro/ukro.html>





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8. Marie Curie Programme

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FP7 Specific Programmes

Co-operation – Collaborative Research

Ideas – European Research Council

People – Marie Curie Actions

Capacities – Research Capacity

JRC **EURATOM**

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Objective and Policy Context

- To make Europe more attractive to researchers
- Part of integrated strategy to strengthen human potential by:
 - Encouraging people to become researchers
 - Encouraging researchers, from Europe and the whole world, to carry out their research in Europe
- Structuring effect on the European Research Area through transnational and intersectoral mobility in order to create a European labour market for researchers
- Strong international dimension
- €4.7 billion total EC funding

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Principles

- Skills and competence development at all stages of researchers career
- Open to all research areas addressed under the Treaty plus possibility of targeted calls
- Strong participation from enterprises
- Reinforce international dimension
- Appropriate gender and work/life balance
- Good working environment, transparent recruitment and career development

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Initial training of researchers Initial Training Networks
Life – long training and career development Individual fellowships and Re-integration Grants Co-funding or regional/national/international programmes
Industry-academia pathways and partnerships Industry-academia knowledge sharing scheme
International dimension Outgoing/Incoming international fellowships and Re-integration Grants International research staff exchange scheme (IRSES)
Specific Actions

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Researcher Eligibility

In order to assess eligibility, it is essential that you consider the following:

- The minimum or maximum amount of research experience stipulated for the action
- The transnational mobility requirements for the action

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Researcher Experience

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Early Stage Researcher

- Less than 4 years full-time research experience after first degree

Experienced Researcher

- A PhD or more than 4 years full-time research experience

Very Experienced Researcher

- More than 10 years full-time research experience

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Transnational Mobility Requirements

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- Must not have been resident in host country for more than 12 months in the last 3 years immediately before reference date (time of appointment for ITNs and IAPP; application deadline for all other actions)
- Cannot be a national of host country unless:
 - European researcher working outside EU for 3 of the last 4 years
 - Dual nationality and have not resided in a country of nationality for the last 5 years
 - International organisation
 - Return and reintegration grants



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Host Actions

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- ITNs, IAPPs and IRSES are 'Host Actions'
- This means:
 - Host institutions/network applies for a number of fellows/researchers
 - Host's proposal is evaluated
 - Selected host/network advertises fellowship position and selects fellows/researchers
 - Contract duration with host, usually 4 years
 - Fellows' stay depending on Action (up to 3 years)

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Initial Training Networks

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- Networks to strengthen Early Stage Training at EU level
- Attract people to scientific careers
- Improve career perspectives by development of broad skills (including needs of industry)
- Directed at researchers with up to 5 years FTE
- Open to third-country nationals:
 - Restricted to Networks or
 - As Network partners (in addition to European minimum)
- Defined scientific fields plus interdisciplinary, new and emerging supra-disciplinary fields

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Structure of an ITN

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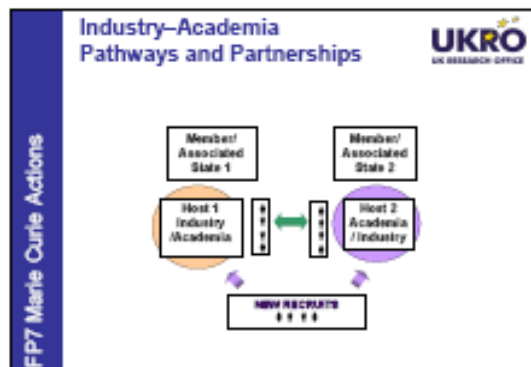
- At least 3 Member or Associated States
- Possibility of single or twin sites if international context is strong
- Joint Training Programme including complementary skills modules
- Fellowships for 3 months to 3 years for ESRs
- Fellowships for 3 to 24 months for ERs
- Industrial participation
- Coherent quality standards and mutual recognition of training/ diplomas
- Optional:
 - recruiting a 'visiting scientist' for multiple stays of minimum duration 1 month
 - Hold short training events open to researchers outside the network

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Industry-Academia Pathways and Partnerships

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- To increase industry-academia co-operation by:
 - Supporting the creation, development, reinforcement and execution of strategic partnerships
 - Creating diverse career possibilities and experience for researchers
 - Knowledge sharing/cultural exchange, especially SMEs
 - Aiming for longer term co-operation between both sectors
- Industry = general commercial enterprises, including traditional manufacturing and production industries



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- International Research Staff Exchange Scheme
- New for 2008
- Aims at strengthening research partnerships through staff exchanges and networking activities
- Two-way staff secondments between institutions in EU/AC and eligible third countries
 - Countries in European Neighbourhood Policy
 - Countries with an S&T Agreement with the EU
- Secondments for researchers, research managers and technical staff
- Match funding required from the 'third countries' (although may be some EU contribution for ICPC countries)



Lifelong Training and Career Development UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

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- Career development of experienced researchers
 - Support diversification of competences including inter-sectoral experiences and interdisciplinary experiences
 - Attaining or strengthening professional independence
 - Career break
 - Re-integration
- Implementation:
 - Classic EC open calls
 - New 'Co-financing' mode

Intra-European Fellowships UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

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- **Structure:**
 - EU Member or Associated State National or Third Country national if in EU for at least 4 of the last 5 years
 - 12 - 24 months
 - Resuming a career in research
 - Individual applies with host
- **REMEMBER** it's about
 - Skills diversification
 - Attaining or strengthening professional independence

Outgoing International Fellowships UKRO UK RESEARCH OFFICE

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- **Mobility of European researchers to other countries – this can be any 'third country'**
- EU Member or Associated State Nationals only
- 24 - 36 months in total of which 12 - 24 months in third country followed by mandatory reintegration phase in European host institutions
- Individual applies with host
- Contract is between European host institution and Commission for duration of fellowship

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Incoming International Fellowships

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- Mobility of 'third country' researchers to Europe – again, this can be any 'third country'
- Third Country nationals only
- Focus of transfer of knowledge (to Europe)
- Incoming phase and possible reintegration for nationals from developing countries and emerging economies
- 12 - 24 months incoming phase
- 6 - 12 months possible reintegration (typically half duration of incoming phase)
- Individual applies with host
- Contract between European host institution and EC for incoming phase, and between third country host and EC for reintegration/return

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Overview of the International Dimension

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- All MC host driven actions (ITNs, IAPP) open to 3rd country nationals
- Career development of EU Member/Associated State nationals by:
 - Outgoing International Fellowships
 - Return and Re-integration Grants
- Strengthening international co-operation through researchers
 - Incoming International Fellowships
 - Building on S&T Agreements/EU Neighbourhood policy

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Community Contribution

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- Includes:
 - Salary costs (living, mobility, travel and career exploratory allowance) (n/a for reintegration grants)
 - Contribution to research costs
 - Networking costs and organisation (host actions only)
 - Contribution to management costs
 - Other eligible costs possible (only category eligible for reintegration grants)



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Definition of Fellow's Allowances

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- These are all flat rates
- Living
 - Basic salary
 - Varies according to research experience
- Mobility
 - Relocation costs including language courses
 - Varies according to family situation
- Travel
 - Every 12 months travel from location of origin to fellowship location
- Career exploratory
 - Fellowships at least 1 year to spend on career development activities

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2008 Deadlines

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Industry-Academia Partnerships & Pathways (IAPP)	25 March 2008
NEW - International Research Staff Exchange Scheme	26 March 2008
European Reintegration Grants (ERG)	3 April and 9 October
International Reintegration Grants (IRG)	
Intra-European Fellowships (IEF)	19 August 2008
International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)	
International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF)	
Initial Training Networks (ITN)	2 September 2008

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Links

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- UK National Contact Point for Marie Curie
 - <http://www.ukro.ac.uk/mobility>
- CORDIS
 - <http://cordis.europa.eu/mariecurie-actions/>
- European Researchers' Mobility Portal
 - http://ec.europa.eu/research/mobility_en.htm
- Marie Curie Vacancies
 - <http://mc-opportunities.cordis.lu/>

9. Opportunities beyond FP7

EU Opportunities Beyond the Framework Programme

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European Technology Platforms

Beyond the FP

- Provide a framework for stakeholders, led by industry, to define research and development priorities, timeframes and action plans on a number of strategically important research issues
- Play a key role in ensuring an adequate focus of research funding on areas with a high degree of industrial relevance
- Fostering effective public-private partnerships
- Address technological challenges that can potentially contribute to a number of key policy objectives which are essential for Europe's future competitiveness

http://cordis.europa.eu/technology-platforms/individual_en.html

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EDCTP

Beyond the FP

- Aims to reduce poverty in developing countries by improving the health of the populations
- Integration between European and Sub-Saharan African countries
- Developing new clinical interventions to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis
- Partnership of 14 EU countries, Switzerland, Norway, and African countries.
- Joins relevant European national research programmes and their African partnerships
- Co-funded by the European Commission through 'Article 169'

<http://www.edctp.org/>

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COST

Beyond the FP

- Intergovernmental framework for European Co-operation in the field of scientific and technical research.
- Co-ordination of nationally funded research on a European level.
- Basic and pre-competitive research as well as activities of public utility
- 58 participating countries, including some in Africa
- Actions also open to non-COST countries
- International dimension

<http://www.cost.eu/en/>

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European Development Fund

Beyond the FP

- Main instrument for providing Community funding for development co-operation in the ACP states
- Funded by the Member States, subject to its own financial rules, and managed by a specific committee.
- Each EDF lasts five years:
 - Ninth EDF: 2000-2007 (Cotonou Agreement)
 - Tenth EDF: 2008-2013 (Revised Cotonou Agreement)
- Instruments include grants, risk capital and loans to the private sector
- Funded the ACP-EU Water Facility
- Funding also contributed by European Investment Bank (EIB)

<http://ec.europa.eu/development/en/twin12102.htm>

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EDULINK

Beyond the FP

- First ACP-EU Co-operation Programme in Higher Education.
- Financed by the European Commission under the EDF
- Aims to foster capacity building and regional integration in the field of higher education
- Open to all ACP countries and the 15 EU Member States signed up to 9th EDF
- Joint projects identified through open calls for proposals
- Next call due to be published in first half of 2008

<http://www.acp-edulink.eu/>

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Erasmus Mundus

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- EU-Third country co-operation in Higher Education
- Aims to enhance the quality of European higher education by fostering co-operation with third countries through:
 - promoting quality and European value added
 - encouraging and enabling graduates and scholars from all over the world to obtain qualifications/experience in the EU
 - developing more structured co-operation between EU and third-country institutions, with more outgoing EU mobility
 - improving accessibility and enhancing the profile of higher education in the EU
- Four actions, with varying call dates

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/erasmus/index_en.html

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EuropeAid Co-operation Office

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- Implements the EU's external (non-European Programmes)
- ACP (African Caribbean Pacific) projects include:
 - EDULINK
 - ACP-EU Energy Facility
 - EU ACP Microfinance Framework Programme
 - ACP-EU Water Facility
 - Dealing with the consequences of war in ACP countries

ACP projects:
http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/projects/edulink_en.htm

You can search for EuropeAid tenders and calls for proposals at: <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/procurement/frames12.cfm>

10. Institutional strategies for participation

Developing an Institutional Strategy

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Preparing for FP7

- Develop a research strategy
- Review internal procedures
- Raise your institution's profile
- Identify reliable formal and informal contacts/sources of information
- Build consortia
- Participate in consultations
- Promote participation of staff as experts

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Research Strategy

- Do you have one?
- Do you need one?
- What is its aim?
- What is its scope?
- What format should it take?
- Who should produce it?
- Who should contribute to it?
- How will you monitor its success?
- **How does European Research fit in?**

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Implementing Your Strategy

- FP7 is not for everyone
- Who can participate/co-ordinate?
- Identify **all** internal stakeholders
- Good dissemination mechanisms
- Internal steering/advisory group?
- Database of FP submissions
- Encourage registration as evaluators
- System to encourage interdisciplinary approaches
- An approach specifically for ERC, Marie Curie, Research Infrastructures?
- How will you monitor the success of your strategy?

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Potential Issues to Resolve

- Internal authorisation procedures:
 - Proposal authorisation
 - Science content and staffing
 - Budget calculation and reporting
 - Contract guidance, including IPR
 - Financial certificates
- Approach to participating in projects
- Support for project preparation – including funding
- Time sheets
- Costing mechanisms (researchers and administrators)
- Information dissemination
 - Successful/unsuccessful proposals

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Networking

- Profile raising:
 - Identify/boost key contacts
 - Produce promotional materials
 - Consider a Brussels presence
 - Ensure networking of researchers/research managers/policy makers – internally and externally
- Consortium building:
 - Building contacts
 - Conferences and events
 - FP6 projects database
 - Partner search facilities

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Benefits of Participation



- Prestige
- Internationalisation of research
- Benchmarking performance
- Range of project types (multi-disciplinary, industrial)
- Networking opportunities – research and teaching
- Opening up new opportunities
- Mobility of staff and students
- Research capacity
- Funding!