



ERA-MED

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What is ERA-MED?

The ERA-MED project aims to strengthen the participation in the Framework Programmes and more specifically in the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) and to expand the European Research Area (ERA) in the Mediterranean Countries (MPCs). The project is funded by the EU under the International Cooperation Activities (INCO) within the 6th Framework Programme (FP6) and builds on the achievements of previous initiatives funded by the European Commission (EuroMEDANet and EuroMEDANet2 projects), which established National Contact Points in the MPCs for the Framework Programmes. ERA-MED will support the integration and coherence of Med.NCPs into the EU/European networks dedicated to FP7 and ERA. The Med.NCPs will play a key role in the support of the Med. Scientific Communities in FP7.

The project started in December 2006 and will close in July 2008.

What are the main activities?

The project's main activities include, among others:

- Awareness events (Information Days, Thematic Workshops, Targeted Seminars) on FP7 and its Specific Programmes and Priority Themes in order to raise the participation of Scientific Communities of Med. Countries.
- Dissemination activities and the development of promotional material through:
 - The project's website (www.eramed.gr)
 - An e-newsletter about the project and the current news of FP7
 - Information material (short guide, FAQs, presentations, etc) about FP7 and ERA, to be distributed among the Scientific Communities of the Mediterranean Countries
 - The project's leaflet
- A mapping of the large-scale national R&D programmes to gain an overview of national priorities and to identify possible "matching" with FP priorities for the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs).

What is FP7?

The 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technology Development is the main financial tool through which the European Union supports research and development activities covering almost all scientific disciplines for the period 2007-2013. The budget of FP7 is 50.521 million euro (plus 2.751 million euro for EURATOM).

The FP7 is organised into four programmes corresponding to four basic components of European research:

- Cooperation
- Ideas
- People (Marie Curie Actions)
- Capacities

Potential participants from Mediterranean countries can participate as partners or as coordinator in projects relating to most of the above mentioned areas of the FP7.

For more information see: <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7>

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