



FP7 - (2007 – 2013)

The Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development

The Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) is the European Union's main instrument for funding scientific research and technological development in Europe. It is organised in the following four Specific Programmes and will run from 2007 to 2013:

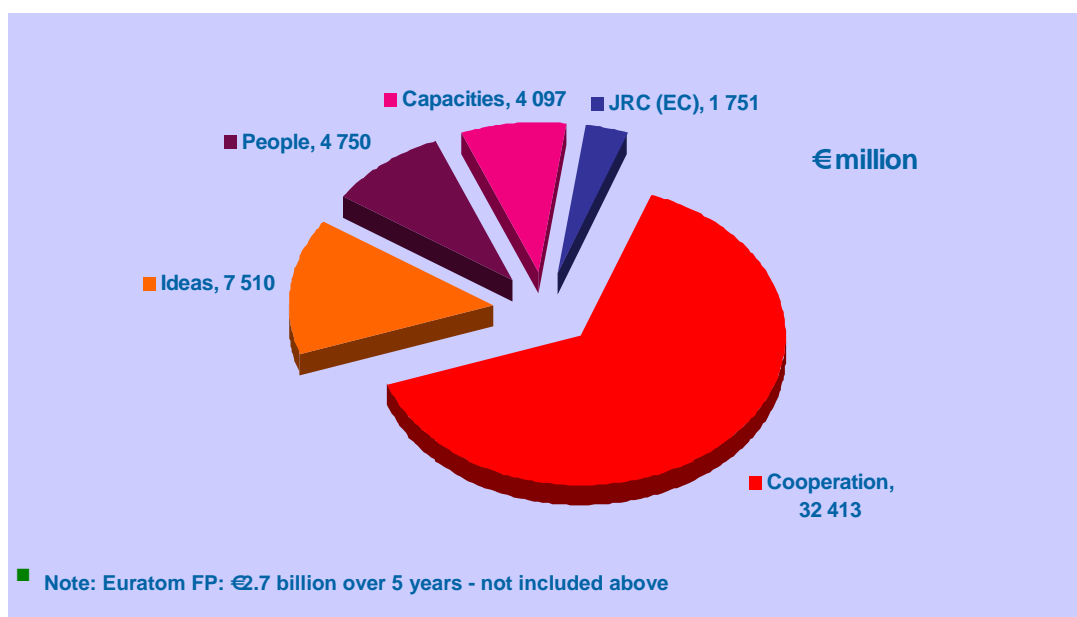
- **Cooperation** – Trans-national Collaborative Research in 10 priority areas
- **Ideas** – European Research Council
- **People** – Human Potential, Marie Curie Actions
- **Capacities** – Research capacities







plus a fifth specific programme on nuclear research (2007 – 2011) under a separate Treaty, **EURATOM**.

What's new in FP7?

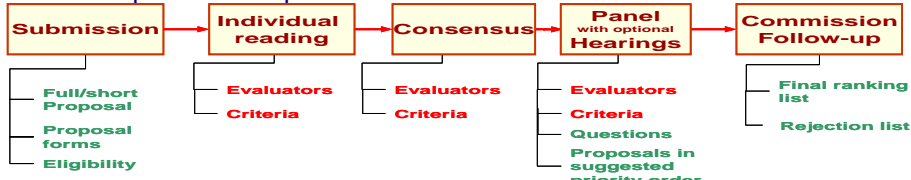
- The establishment of a **European Research Council**;
- **International cooperation** in all four specific programmes;
- **Simplification** of implementation modalities;
- Set of **funding schemes** providing flexibility of use.

FP7 budget (€50 521 million, current prices)



Specific Programme	Description	Budget (M €)
	<p>The specific programme COOPERATION (2/3 of the budget) fosters collaborative research across Europe and other partner countries according to the following ten thematic areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health 2. Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology 3. Information and Communication Technologies 4. Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies 5. Energy 6. Environment 7. Transports 8. Socioeconomic Sciences and the Humanities 9. Space 10. Security 	32.413
	<p>The specific programme IDEAS is implemented via the European Research Council will support frontier research on the basis of scientific excellence.</p>	7510
	<p>The specific programme PEOPLE provides support for researcher mobility and career development both for researchers inside the European Union and internationally. It is implemented via a set of Marie- Curie actions.</p>	4750
	<p>The specific programme CAPACITIES operates in the following seven broad areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research Infrastructures 2. Research for the benefit of SMEs 3. Regions of knowledge 4. Research potential 5. Science in Society 6. Coherent Development of Policies 7. Activities of International Co-operation 	4097
	<p>EURATOM is the framework programme for nuclear research and training activities. Two specific programmes are planned, fusion energy research and Joint Research Centre (JRC) in the field of nuclear energy</p>	1751
	Seventh Framework Programme	50521

Rules of participation

<p>Eligibility for Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal entities from MS and Ac or created under Community law and the JRC • International European interest organisations • Legal entities established in international cooperation partner countries (ICPC), and • International organisations and legal entities from third countries other than ICPC <u>only if this is provided for in SP or WP</u>; or their contribution is essential for carrying out action; or provision for funding is provided for in a bilateral agreement between Community and the third country
<p>Upper Funding Limits</p>	<p>Research and Technological Development Activities: up to 50% of eligible costs, or up to 75% for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non profit public bodies • secondary and higher education establishments • research organisations • SMEs <p>Demonstration Activities: up to 50%</p> <p>Activities that will be reimbursed up to 100%: Frontier research; Coordination and support actions; Training and career development of researchers (Marie Curie); Management; Other Activities (Training not Marie- Curie, Coordination, Networking and Dissemination)</p>
<p>Forms of Grants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reimbursement of eligible costs</u>: The reimbursement of beneficiaries shall be based on their eligible direct and indirect costs. • <u>Actual Indirect cost</u>: Beneficiaries who have analytical accounting system that can identify and group their indirect costs must report their indirect costs or choose the 20% option. • <u>Flat-rate financing</u> : it can be based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - scale of unit costs or - flat rates for indirect costs): The flat rate is foreseen for the organisations which are unable to identify their real indirect costs. This is transitional flat rate is 60% (until the end of 2009) and 40% (from 1st January 2010). • Lump sums
<p>Rules of Participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum condition: at least 3 independent participants from 3 different MS or Ac • Frontier research and Marie- Curie actions: at least, 1 legal entity established in a MS or Ac • Collaborative projects addressing the participation of International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC): Minimum: 4 participants, 2 of which from MS or Ac and another 2 from ICPC countries.
<p>Evaluation Criteria</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific and Technical quality • Implementation • Impact <p>Score: 1-5 Threshold: 3 Min. Total: 10/15</p>
<p>Submission and Evaluation</p>	<p>EPSS One or Two step submission process One or Two step evaluation process</p>  <pre> graph LR S[Submission] --> IR[Individual reading] IR --> C[Consensus] C --> PH[Panel with optional Hearings] PH --> CF[Commission Follow-up] subgraph S_sub [Submission] S1[Full/short Proposal] S2[Proposal forms] S3[Eligibility] end subgraph IR_sub [Individual reading] IR1[Evaluators] IR2[Criteria] end subgraph C_sub [Consensus] C1[Evaluators] C2[Criteria] end subgraph PH_sub [Panel with optional Hearings] PH1[Evaluators] PH2[Criteria] PH3[Questions] PH4[Proposals in suggested priority order] end subgraph CF_sub [Commission Follow-up] CF1[Final ranking list] CF2[Rejection list] end </pre>



Funding Schemes

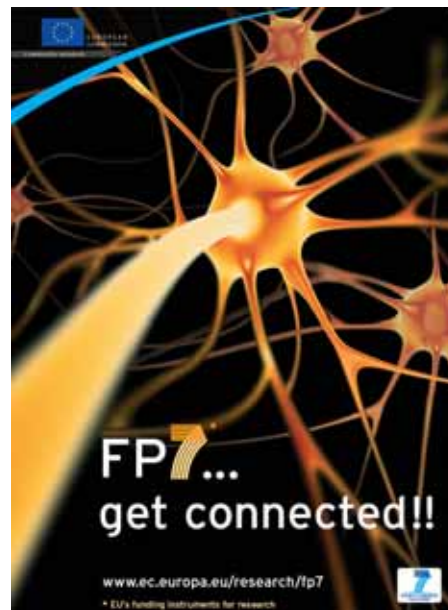
- Collaborative Projects
(Large Scale , Small and Medium Scale)
- Networks of Excellence
- Coordination and Support Actions
- Individual Projects (Specific programme Ideas)
- Support for training and career development of researchers
(Marie-Curie Actions)
- Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs)



Useful Documents and links



http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/pdf/fp7-factsheets_en.pdf



http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/pdf/fp7-brochure_en.pdf

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