European projects, funding and opportunities

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European Commission funding

- Member States and Associated Countries
- 7th Framework programme (2007-13)
- Budget over €50 billion (US \$74 billion)
- 63% budget increase on FP6
- Two strategic objectives FP7:
- 1. Strengthen EU science & technology
- 2. Encourage international competitiveness, while promoting research supporting EU policies

Co-operation with 'third countries'

- Explicitly encouraged in FP7
- Third countries can join but <u>need funding</u>
- Two objectives
- Support EU competitiveness through strategic partnerships & to encourage the best 3rd country scientists to work with Europe
- 2. To address shared problems on basis of mutual interest and benefit
- International fellowship scheme



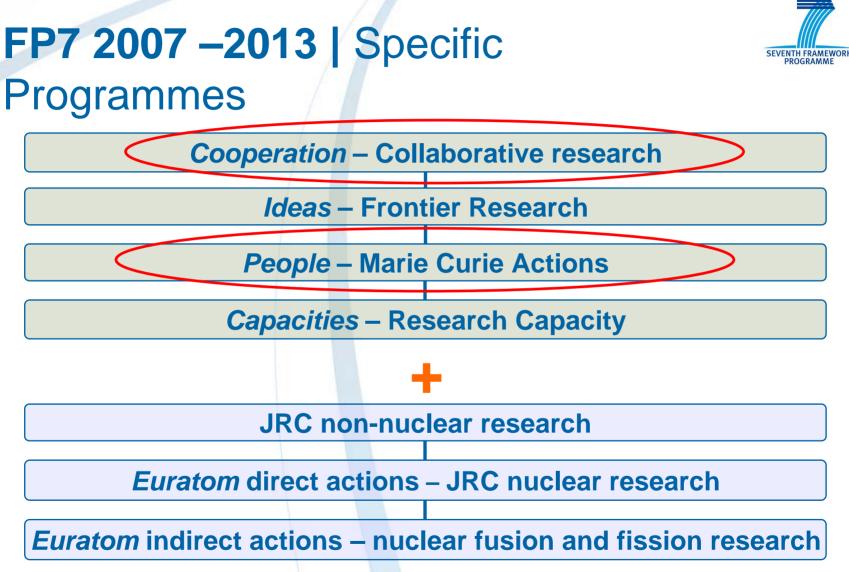




EU research: the story so far

	1952:	ECSC treaty; first projects started March 1955									
	1957:	Euratom treaty; Joint Research Centre set up									
	1983:	ESPRIT programme									
	1984:	First Framework Programme (1984-1987)									
	1987:	'Single European Act' – science becomes a Community responsibility; <mark>Second</mark> Framework Programme (1987-1991)									
	1990:	Third Framework Programme (1990-1994)									
	1993:	Treaty on European Union;									
		role of RTD in the enlarged EU									
	1994:	Fourth Framework Programme (1994-1998)									
	1998:	Fifth Framework Programme (1998-2002)									
7	2000:	European Research Area									
	2002:	Sixth Framework Programme (2002-2006)									
	2005:	Proposal for the Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013; 2007-2011 for Euratom)									
	2006 :	Seventh Framework Programme adopted									







Cooperation – Collaborative Research



Ten themes

- 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 (including climate change)
- 7. Transport (including aeronautics)
- 8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
- 9. Space
- 10. Security
- Euratom: Fusion energy research, nuclear fission and radiation protection



6. Environment (inc. climate change)



- Climate change, pollution and risks
- Sustainable management of resources
- Environmental technologies
- Earth observation and assessment tools

More on Environment





7. Activities of International Cooperation



 'Horizontal' support actions and measures not carried out in the Cooperation or People programmes
Two interdependent objectives:

Support competitiveness through strategic partnerships with third countries in selected fields Address specific problems that third countries face or that have a global character, on the basis of mutual interest and mutual benefit









International Cooperation (1)

- Aim
 - Support competitiveness through strategic partnerships with third countries in selected fields of science
 - Address specific problems facing third countries on the basis of mutual interest and mutual benefit
 - Use S&T cooperation to reinforce the Community's external relations and other relevant policy



International Cooperation (2)



- Four activities with international dimension
 - Cooperation Collaborative research
 - Ideas Frontier Research
 - People Human Potential
 - Capacities Research Capacity
- Coordination of their activities essential





International Cooperation (3)

- Third countries
- Industrialised countries
- Associated and Candidate countries
- International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC):
- ACP, Asia, Eastern European and Central Asian countries, Latin America, Mediterranean partner Countries, Western Balkan countries





People

- Objectives
 - → Reinforce European research with foreign scientists
 - Build lasting connections through mobile researchers







- For European Researchers
 - Outgoing fellowships with mandatory return
 - → Return/reintegration of European researchers abroad
- For Third-Country Researchers
 - Host-Driven actions for third-country researchers
 - → Incoming individual fellowships
 - Schemes for Neighbouring countries and those with S&T agreement
 - Scientific "Diaspora" of Europeans abroad and third-country researchers in Europe



Funding Schemes



- Collaborative projects
 - Consortia with participants from different countries
 - New knowledge, technology, products or common resources for research
 - → Size, scope and internal organisation of projects can vary
- Networks of Excellence
 - Joint programmes by organisations integrating activities in a given field
 - Longer term co-operation
 - Formal commitment to integrate resources





Funding Schemes (continued)

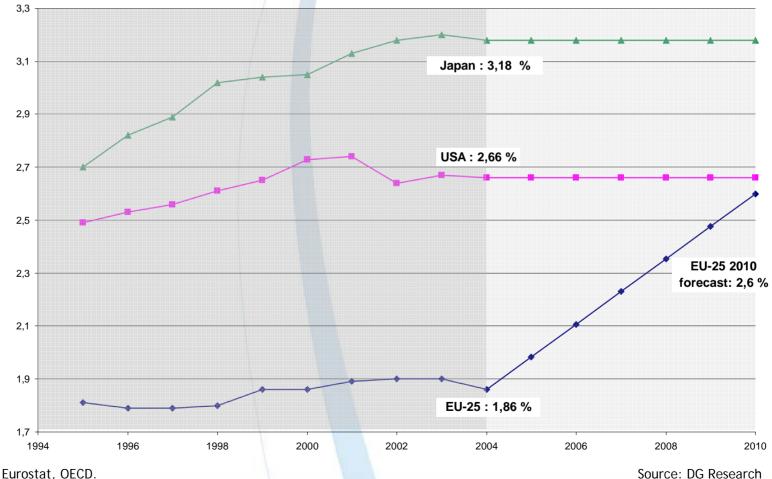
- Coordination and support actions
 - Networking, exchanges, trans-national access to research infrastructures, studies, conferences, etc.
- Support to frontier research
- Training and career development of researchers
- Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs)
- Generally based on calls for proposals



Research: filling the gap (total expenditure on R&D as % of GDP, 2004)



(EU-25 extrapolation based on R&D intensity targets put forward by Member States in their respective **National Reform Programmes)**

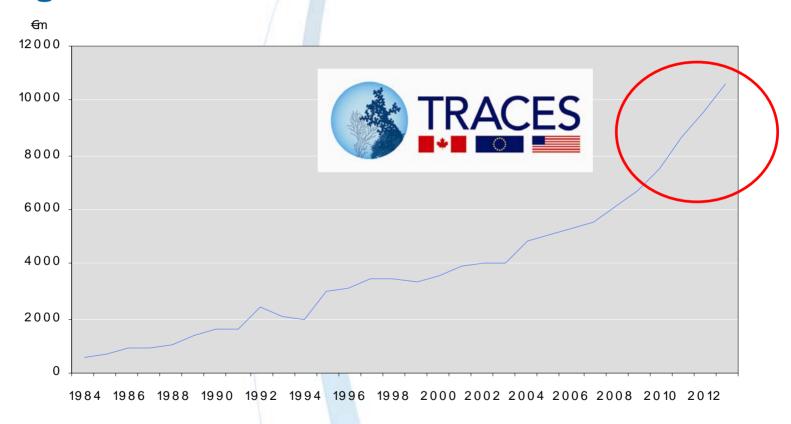


Data: Eurostat, OECD.

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Budgets of the EU Framework Programmes 1984-2013



NB: Budgets in current prices. Source: Annual Report 2003, plus FP7 revised proposal

SEVENTH FRAMEWOR PROGRAMME







€ million

Financial Perspectives 2007-2013

Duration: 7 years

2004 prices + 2% predicted inflation = current prices

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
2004 prices	4 789	5 154	5 542	6 156	6 937	7 618	8 296	44 492
Current prices (+ 2% annual inflation)	5 082	5 579	6 119	6 933	7 968	8 926	9 914	50 521





Seventh Framework Programme: Objectives and activities

FP7 EC (current prices)

	Themes	Health	Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology	Information and Comm cation Technolog	nuni-	Nano, Materials, Production	Energy	Environmer	t Transp	Socio- economic ort research	Space	Security	
COOPERATION	Collaborative Research	6 100	1 935	9 050		3 475	2 350	1 890	4 160	623	1 430	1 400	32 413
IDEAS	European Research Council											7 510	
PEOPLE	>				Marie Curie Actions								
CAPACITIES	Research for Research Infrastructures the benefit of SMEs					Regions of Knowledge			Science Society	Coherent development or research policio		rnational operation	
	1 715		1 336	1 336		126	340		330	330 70		180	4 097
JRC (EC)													1 751



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Total

European projects

- Current work through FP6 'HERMES' project (ends April 2009)
- New 'HERMIONE' project submitted on Monday
- French national proposal for palaeo-climatic study Arctic gateways (Iceland)
- Dutch national proposal (TRACOS, Gulf of Mexico & US South Atlantic Bight)
- ESF-CARBONATE mound drilling (Ireland, 2008-11)
- Ramon y Cajal project relating IODP analysis to MOW and genesis coral banks (Spain, 2006-11)
- EDINSED3D, palaeo-environmental and geotechnical analysis of Porcupine mounds and Pliocene canyons (Spain, 2007-10)
- Consolider, palaeo-environmental analysis Mediterranean and Porcupine corals (Spain, 2007-13)

European projects cont.

- Paired neodymium isotope and radiocarbon analyses in deep-sea corals (NSF award to van de Flierdt & Robinson)
- UK proposal Deglaciation Atlantic Ocean ventilation rates
- Mingulay core analysis (UK)
- EPOCA (co-ordinated in France)
- CORALFISH (2008-12, co-ordinated in Ireland)
- Black corals of NE Atlantic (Russia)
- CONDOR, Azorean seamount observatory proposal
- SAME, Habitats Directive implementation proposal
- Cold-water coral mound genesis: IODP Leg 307 and Pleistocene Mediterranean occurrences (Germany)
- MiCROSYSTEMS, ESF-funded (Germany)

Opportunities

- TRACES collaborative project proposal 2009 or 2010
- International fellowships through Marie Curie scheme
- Consider application for coordination and support action

