



EU Funding

Seventh R&D Framework Programme (FP7)

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General information

1. Purpose

The Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) is another step towards making Europe's research and scientific networks as well as the European economy the most dynamic and competitive in the world. FP7 puts all research-related EU initiatives together under a common programme playing a vital role in reaching the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment set out in the Lisbon Agenda. FP7 is divided into four *broad categories*:

1. Cooperation
2. Ideas
3. People
4. Capacities

2. Themes

Under these four *broad categories* there are different research themes:

1. Cooperation (32.413 billion euro)
 - Health
 - Food, agriculture and fisheries, biotechnology
 - Information and communication technologies
 - Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
 - Energy
 - Environment (including climate change)
 - Transport (including aeronautics)
 - Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
 - Space
 - Security
2. Ideas (7.510 billion euro)
 - European Research Council
3. People (4.750 billion euro)
 - Initial training
 - Life-long training
 - Industry-academia
 - International dimension
 - Specific actions
4. Capacities (4.097 billion euro)
 - Research infrastructures
 - Research for the benefit of SMEs (support for small groups of innovative SMEs to solve technological problems and/or support for SME associations to develop solutions to problems common to many SMEs in a specific sector)
 - Regions of knowledge
 - Research potential of convergence regions (synergy with the Structural Fund and the Cohesion Funds)
 - Science in society
 - Support for the coherent development of research policies
 - International cooperation

3. Support

Across the four *broad categories* outlined above, support for trans-national cooperation will be implemented through six different *funding schemes*:

1. Collaborative projects
2. Networks of excellence
3. Coordination and support actions

4. Individual projects: support for “frontier” research
 - European Research Council Starting Grant
 - Call Advanced Grant
5. Support for training and career development of researchers
 - Initial training
 - Industry-academia
 - International dimension
 - Specific actions
6. Research for the benefit of specific groups (in particular SMEs)

4. Participants

FP7 is the EU’s main instrument for funding research in Europe and it is open to both public and private entities for a five year period from 2007 to 2013 with an overall budget of 50.521 billion euro. The *minimum conditions for eligibility* for the various actions are:

1. Collaborative projects
 - There have to be at least 3 legal independent entities from different Member States or associated countries
2. Specific international cooperation actions
 - There have to be at least 4 legal independent entities
 - At least 2 of these legal independent entities must be established in Member States and these must be different countries
 - At least 2 of these legal independent entities must be established in international cooperation countries and these must be different countries
3. Coordination and support actions, and training and career development of researchers
 - There have to be at least 3 legal independent entities from different Member States or associated countries
 - For support actions and training and career development, at least 1 legal entity has to be involved
4. Investigator-driven “frontier” research projects
 - There has to be at least 1 legal entity from a Member State or an associated country involved
5. Sole participants
 - This can be the participation of SMEs that are not a legal entity
 - Must be established in a Member State or an associated country

SMEs

Throughout FP7, the EU will be encouraging SMEs to take part in the research actions, especially under the Cooperation Theme and aims to support optimal participation of research performing SMEs. A key feature is the simplification of rules and procedures for SMEs. Long term cooperation between SMEs, academia and industries is also important, especially under the People Theme. For more information, contact your national (thematic) contact point (please see below).

Calls for proposals

The European Commission publishes calls for proposals for the FP7 programme on their website called CORDIS

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/calls>

On the EU FP7 website, the European Commission has set up an R&D email alert service for interested at

<http://cordis.europa.eu/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=ctrl.changeLocale&newlocale=EN&returnto=fuseaction=qp.form>

Information sources

Further information on FP7 in the UK is available from:

FP7 General information:

DTI
Seventh Framework Central Contact Point
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European Research Council

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Research for SMEs

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Environment (including climate change)

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Regions of Knowledge

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Transport Technology

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More detailed information on FP7 can be found at:

European Commission

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.cfm

United Kingdom

www.fp7uk.dti.gov.uk



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