



EU research programmes



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Where to find information?



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1 - European Union Policies & Institutions

About the European Union



Innovation Union - Innovation has been placed at the heart of the [Europe 2020 strategy](#) for growth and jobs. With over thirty action points, the Innovation Union aims to improve conditions and access to finance for research and innovation in Europe, to ensure that innovative ideas can be turned into products and services that create growth and jobs.

1. **Europe 2020: A strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.** The Europe 2020 strategy put forward by the EC sets out a vision of Europe's social market economy for the 21st century.

Flagship initiatives - Europe has identified new engines to boost growth and jobs. These areas are addressed by **7 flagship initiatives**:

Smart growth

- [Digital agenda for Europe](#)
- **Innovation Union**
- [Youth on the move](#)

Sustainable growth

- [Resource efficient Europe](#)
- [An industrial policy for the globalisation era](#)

Inclusive growth

- [An agenda for new skills and jobs](#)
- [European platform against poverty](#)

2. [EUROPA web site](#) – [The EU At a glance \(Basics\)](#) – [European Commission](#)

3. [Summaries of EU Legislation - Research & innovation Seventh Framework Programme \(2007 - 2013\)](#)
4. **European Research Area**
 - o [EUROPA - ERA](#)
 - o [CORDIS web site](#) - Archived



European Research Area

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5. **Coordination of research activities - ERA-NET** under: [FP6](#) - [FP7](#)
6. [European Technology Platforms](#) - CORDIS
7. [ESFRI](#) - European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures

European policies

Policies and activities of the European Union - The EU member countries have transferred some of their law-making authority to the EU in certain policy areas, such as agriculture and fisheries. In other areas, such as culture, policy-making is shared between the EU and national governments. Find below more information about EU activities and details on grants and funding.

1. [All EU Policies](#) Overview of EU activities in all areas, from agriculture to transport.
2. [European Union documents](#): this site sets out all the documents available and will help you find the document you need.
3. [White Papers](#): this list contains White Papers published since 1985 and provides access to the full or summarised version of these texts.
4. [Green papers](#): this list contains Green Papers published since 1984 and provides access to the full or summarised version of these texts.

EU institutions and other bodies

Policies and activities of the European Union

Publications and documents





2 - Get support & promote your activities

National Contact Points (NCPs) - [CORDIS FP7 web site](#)

1. In European Union and Associated States

[All NCPs \(CORDIS Data base\)](#) - [France \(French NCPs\)](#)

2. FP7 contacts in [Third countries](#) - South Korea

Stay tuned

1. [CORDIS News](#): coverage of EU research and innovation activities
2. CORDIS News: [Latest on FP7](#)
3. [CORDIS Express](#): the best of CORDIS in a weekly e-mail newsletter
4. [CORDIS Rapidus](#) (News e-mail notification)
5. EUROPA – [What's New](#)

Promote your activities

1. [CORDIS – Partners Service](#): an interactive platform to promote your expertise and organisation, find business or research partners, create groups, join networks — a service with easy search and filtering facilities to find the collaborators best matching your needs.
2. [CORDIS Wire](#): This service gives you access to information sent to us by European innovation and research stakeholders - **Possibility to submit your own releases** (needs login & registration).

Miscellaneous

1. [DG Research & Innovation web site](#)
2. International co-operation ([EUROPA](#) & [CORDIS](#) web sites)
3. EUROPA - [Glossary](#)
4. Research and innovation

[EUROPA](#): General provisions and Framework Programmes
[Innovation Policy in Europe](#) (DG Enterprise & Industry)

5. Participation of SMEs:

- [SME TechWeb](#) – DG Research
- [European Small Business Portal](#) – DG Enterprise & Industry

6. [Technology market place](#) – CORDIS (a free on line service where you can find research and technological development results and search for innovative business opportunities on emerging technologies).
7. [Gender equality](#) - [Ethics review](#) - [EGE](#) (European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies)



-  **Helpdesk** [IPR-Helpdesk](#) (Intellectual Property Rights issues in the Framework Programme) - [FAQ](#) - [Glossary](#) - [IPR-Helpdesk – Bulletin](#)
9. **USE&DIFFUSE - [Guide to the Successful Use & Dissemination of Research Results](#)** (Guide produced in order to equip and prepare SMEs to make better use of the results of collaborative R&D projects so that they can be of benefit to their businesses).
10. **EU Magazines on FP7 and EU Research**
[Research*eu – Family of publications](#)

From June 2007: [research*eu](#) – The ERA magazine (Note that the publication of research*eu magazine has been suspended. As the European Commission is committed to high standards for this publication, the Communication Unit of the Research and Innovation DG is exploring new communication channels to improve the magazine).

RTD Info – Magazine on European Research - International cooperation - [Special INCO issue](#)
[research*eu results supplement](#) - [research*eu focus](#)



3 – Define your strategy for FP7

1. [CORDIS Search](#)

- [CORDIS Simple search](#) - To search quickly and easily **all CORDIS content** at once.
- [CORDIS Advanced search](#) - To narrow your search by using **specific criteria** such as

[Acronym](#) – [Events](#) – [Partners](#) – [Projects](#)

2. **Become a proposal evaluator:** [Registration of Experts for Research Activities](#)

Individual: [New expert](#) – **Organisations:** [New organisation](#)

3. [Other relevant sources of information](#)

- [IPTS](#) – The Institute for Prospective Technological Studies [Activities](#) - [Publications](#)
 - [EUROSTAT](#) – Statistical Office of the European Communities
4. [CORDIS Contacts & Support](#): individuals and organisations providing information, assistance and advice

-  **ERAWATCH:** [ERAWATCH®](#) provides information on national research policies, structures, programmes and organisations. [French National profile](#)

-  **NETWATCH** is a European Commission information platform on transnational R&D programme collaboration, with a current focus on the ERA-NET scheme.





4 - Preparing and submit FP7 proposals

FP7 is the short name for the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. **FP7 is the EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe** and it will run **from 2007 to 2013**. FP7 is also designed to respond to Europe's employment needs and competitiveness. FP7 supports research in selected priority areas - the aim being to make, or keep, the EU as a world leader in those sectors. FP7 is made up of 4 specific programmes: **Cooperation**, **Ideas**, **People**, **Capacities**, plus a fifth specific programme on nuclear research.

Research – Participants' Portal - The Participant Portal is the entry point for electronic administration of EU-funded research and innovation projects, and hosts the services for managing your proposals and projects throughout their lifecycle. Currently the portal covers mainly actions under the 7th EU-Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7). In the future, its coverage will be extended to other programmes in the area of research and innovation.

Register your organization – Steps to register your organisation - Data once and receive a **Participant Identification Code** (PIC) used in the process of electronic proposal submission and negotiation.

Key documents for participants can be downloaded from:

- **Participant Portal – FP7 Calls**: a specific and comprehensive « **information package** » is published under each call: Call fiche – Work programme – Guide(s) for Applicants (relevant to the funding schemes used in a call).
- **CORDIS – FP7 – Find a document**:

[FP7 legal basis](#) | [Legal documents for implementation](#) | [All Current Work Programmes](#) | [Guidance documents](#) | [Ethics Review](#) | [Other documents](#)

[Rules for submission of proposals, and the related evaluation, selection and award procedures](#)

Resources to prepare a successful proposal

- **Mind Maps:**
 - [FP7-Beginners' Guide](#)
 - [FP7-Instructions for drafting Part B – \(CP\)](#)
 - [RTD Fundings & support services](#)
- **Writing labs**

Several **Writing resources** are available on the web, such as:

- [OWL™](#) – Purdue University's Online Writing Lab
- The Art of Writing Proposals: [Some Candid Suggestions for Applicants to Social Science Research Council Competitions](#)
- [Write, Edit, and Proof Like a Pro](#) (NIAID site)
- Writing tips : [The Center for writing studies](#) - University of Illinois
- [Proposal writer's guide](#) (University of Michigan)

IPR-Helpdesk web site - (Intellectual property rights issues in the Framework Programme)



[Guide to Intellectual Property Rules for FP7 projects](#) - Version 3

Consortium agreement models for FP7

- [DESCA](#)
- [IPCA](#)
- [Checklist for the Consortium Agreement](#)
- [IMG4](#)
- [EUCAR](#)
- [Comparison of FP7 consortium agreement models](#)

Consortium Agreement – [IPR-Helpdesk FAQ](#)

Ethics review

- [Ethics check list](#)
- [Supporting documents](#)
- [Ethics for researchers](#)
- [First World Conference on **Research Integrity**](#)

Submission

EPSS - **E**lectronic **P**roposal **S**ubmission **S**ervice. The [Electronic Proposal Submission Service](#) (EPSS) is an internet-based application providing a secure work space for a consortium to prepare and submit a proposal jointly. Access requires only a standard web browser, no special software has to be installed on the users' computers. For all details see the [EPSS User Guide](#) (PDF) and the [EPSS Online Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ).

NB: Go to the [Participant Portal](#) to find the calls that offer Electronic Proposal Submission Service (EPSS).





COOPERATION

Under the programme “**Cooperation**”, research support will be provided to international cooperation projects across the European Union and beyond. In 10 thematic areas, corresponding to major fields in science and research, the programme will promote the progress of knowledge and technology. Research will be supported and strengthened to address European social, economic, environmental, public health and industrial challenges, serve the public good and support developing countries.

Specific programme « **Cooperation** » on [CORDIS](#) & [EUROPA](#)

“**Cooperation**” supports research actions in the following thematic areas:

Thematic areas	CORDIS	EUROPA
Health	CORDIS	EUROPA EUROPA
Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology	CORDIS	EU-AgriNet Biosociety
Information and communication Technologies	CORDIS ICT	EUROPA Information Society
Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies	CORDIS Nanotechnologies	EUROPA Nanotechnology EUROPA
Energy	CORDIS Energy	Energy Site Energy
Environment (including climatic change)	CORDIS Environment	EUROPA Environment Water initiative EUROPA
Transports (including Aeronautics)	CORDIS	Transport Mobility & Transports
Socio-economic sciences and Humanities	CORDIS	EUROPA SSH
Space	CORDIS	EUROPA Space
Security	CORDIS	EUROPA Security research





IDEAS

The “**ideas**” programme hosts all those activities that are to be implemented by the **European Research Council** (ERC). The ERC is expected to enjoy a high degree of autonomy in order to develop high-level frontier research at a European level, building on excellence in Europe and raising its profile at the international level.

This programme will enhance the dynamic character, creativity and excellence of European research at **frontier knowledge**.

Scientific Council of the ERC

CORDIS

EUROPA

[ERC Scientific Council web site](#)

[CORDIS](#)

[EUROPA](#)

- [Useful Information on ERC Funding](#)





PEOPLE

The “**People**” programme offers individuals the opportunity to follow a career in research. European researchers should be encouraged to stay in Europe whilst at the same time the best researchers in the world should be attracted by European research excellence and infrastructures.

Building on the positive experiences with the “**Marie Curie Actions**”, the “People” programme should encourage individuals to enter the profession of researcher; structure their research training by offering options; and, encourage mobility within the same sector. The mobility of researchers is not only key to the career development of researchers but also vital to the sharing and transfer of knowledge between countries and sectors.

People	CORDIS	EUROPA
The European Researcher’s Mobility Portal	CORDIS Marie Curie Actions	EUROPA Marie Curie Actions (Archived)



Researchers in the ERA – Mobility and careers development

-  **1. EUROPA - [Marie Curie Actions](#)**
-  **2. [European Researcher’s Mobility Portal](#) (Jobs, Services, Rights, Links)**
-  **3. CORDIS – [Marie Curie Actions](#)**
- 4. [Marie Curie actions info page](#) – Here you will find **all IPR-Helpdesk usual resources** (FAQs, events, IP related information);**
- 5. [IP provisions in Marie Curie actions under FP7](#) - Marie Curie actions aim to allow researchers to develop skills at all stages of their careers by promoting their mobility.**





CAPACITIES

The “**Capacities**” programme aims to optimise the use and development of research infrastructures, while enhancing the innovative capacities of SMEs to benefit from research. The programme is designed to support regional research-driven clusters and at the same time unlock the research potential in the EU’s convergence and outermost regions. Support is to be provided for horizontal actions and measures underlining international cooperation. Finally, European society and science should be brought closer under the initiatives of the “Capacities” programme.

Specific programme « **Capacities** » on [CORDIS](#) & [EUROPA](#)

“**Capacities**” will operate in seven broad areas:

Thematic areas	CORDIS	EUROPA
Research infrastructures	CORDIS	EUROPA EUROPA
Research for the benefit of SMEs	CORDIS	SME TechWeb EU Portal SME
Regions of knowledge	CORDIS	EUROPA
Research potential	CORDIS	EUROPA
Science in Society	CORDIS	EUROPA Science & Society portal
Support to the coherent development of research policies	CORDIS	EUROPA
International co-operation	CORDIS INCO Portal	EUROPA INCO service



5 - Towards EU's new Research Framework Programme 2014 – 2020



HORIZON 2020 – The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation

HORIZON 2020

The proposed Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, which will be introduced post-2013, will build upon the successes of the current Framework Programme for Research (FP7), the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT).

The ultimate aim is to maximise the contribution of EU funded research and innovation to sustainable growth and jobs and to tackling the grand challenges facing Europe – for example climate change, energy and food security, health and our ageing population.

Green Paper - From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding. **COM(2011) 48** du 09-02-2011.

Written responses

- o [Written contributions received in response to the Green Paper \(802\)](#)
- o [Written contributions received prior to the Green Paper \(47\)](#)

Horizon 2020 thematic workshops

- o [Innovation and Horizon 2020](#)
- o [Marie Curie](#)
- o [Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and the Bio-economy](#)
- o [Research infrastructures](#)
- o [Access to risk finance](#)
- o [The health, demographic change and wellbeing challenge](#)
- o [Innovation in Small and Medium Enterprises](#)
- o [Towards more inclusive, innovative and secure societies challenge](#)
- o [Secure, clean and efficient energy challenge](#)
- o [Smart, green and integrated transport challenge](#)
- o [Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies](#)
- o [Resource efficiency and climate action challenge](#)

FAQ

Links





6 - Towards EU's new Research Framework Programme 2007-2013 (FP7)

☐☐ **EUROPA: [Future European Union research policy](#) (Archived)**

- [Research Themes in FP7](#) (Archived)
- [FP7 web site](#)

☐☐ **CORDIS: [FP7 web site](#)**



☐☐ **[European Parliament - ITRE](#) - Committee on Industry, Research and Energy**

☐☐ **Publications:**

- [Key documents for FP7](#)
- [Brochures](#)



7 - The Sixth Framework Programme (FP6)



The Sixth Framework Programme (FP6)

1. EUROPA - [FP6 web site](#)
2. CORDIS - [FP6 web site](#)
3. CORDIS - [Expressions of Interest \(EoI\)](#)



Call for proposals (FP6)

1. EUROPA - [FP6 web site](#)
2. CORDIS - [FP6 web site](#)



Rules of participation (FP6)

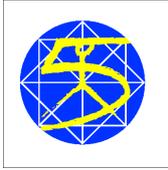
1. [EC Contracts for FP6](#)
2. [IPR-Helpdesk](#)
3. [CORDIS Glossary \(FP6\)](#)



Funded Projects

1. [CORDIS Search](#) (All EU programmes)
2. EUROPA: [Major Projects Library](#): The library contains an overview of Integrated Projects (IPs) and Networks of Excellence (NoEs).





8 - The Fifth Framework Programme (FP5) 1999 - 2002

1. [EUROPA](#) (Archived)
 - Project catalogues available
2. [CORDIS](#)
 - [Find funded projects](#) (Archived)



8 - Miscellaneous

- [CORDIS Archive Index](#)
- [Eur-Lex](#) – Acces to the European Law
 - o [Official Journal](#)
 - o [Treaties](#)
- [Summaries of EU Legislation](#)
 - o [Research and Innovation](#)
 - o [Regional policy](#)
 - o [Environment](#)

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