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FP7 support system in France

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FP7: the Basics

- EU's main funding tool for supporting research and technological development
- 2007-2013
- Total budget of over €50 Billion
- Supports research in selected priority areas
- **Objectives**
 - to strengthen the scientific and technological base of European industry
 - to encourage international competitiveness, while promoting research that supports EU policies.

STRUCTURE

- *Cooperation* – Collaborative research
- *Ideas* – Frontier Research
- *People* – Marie Curie Actions
- *Capacities* – Research Capacity

- JRC non-nuclear research
- *Euratom* direct actions – JRC nuclear research
- *Euratom* indirect actions – nuclear fusion and fission research

4 AREAS

'Cooperation'

1. Health
2. Food, Agriculture and Fisheries,
3. Information & communication technologies
4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment and climate
7. Transport (including aeronautics)
8. Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities
9. Space
10. Security

'Ideas'

Frontier Research

'People'

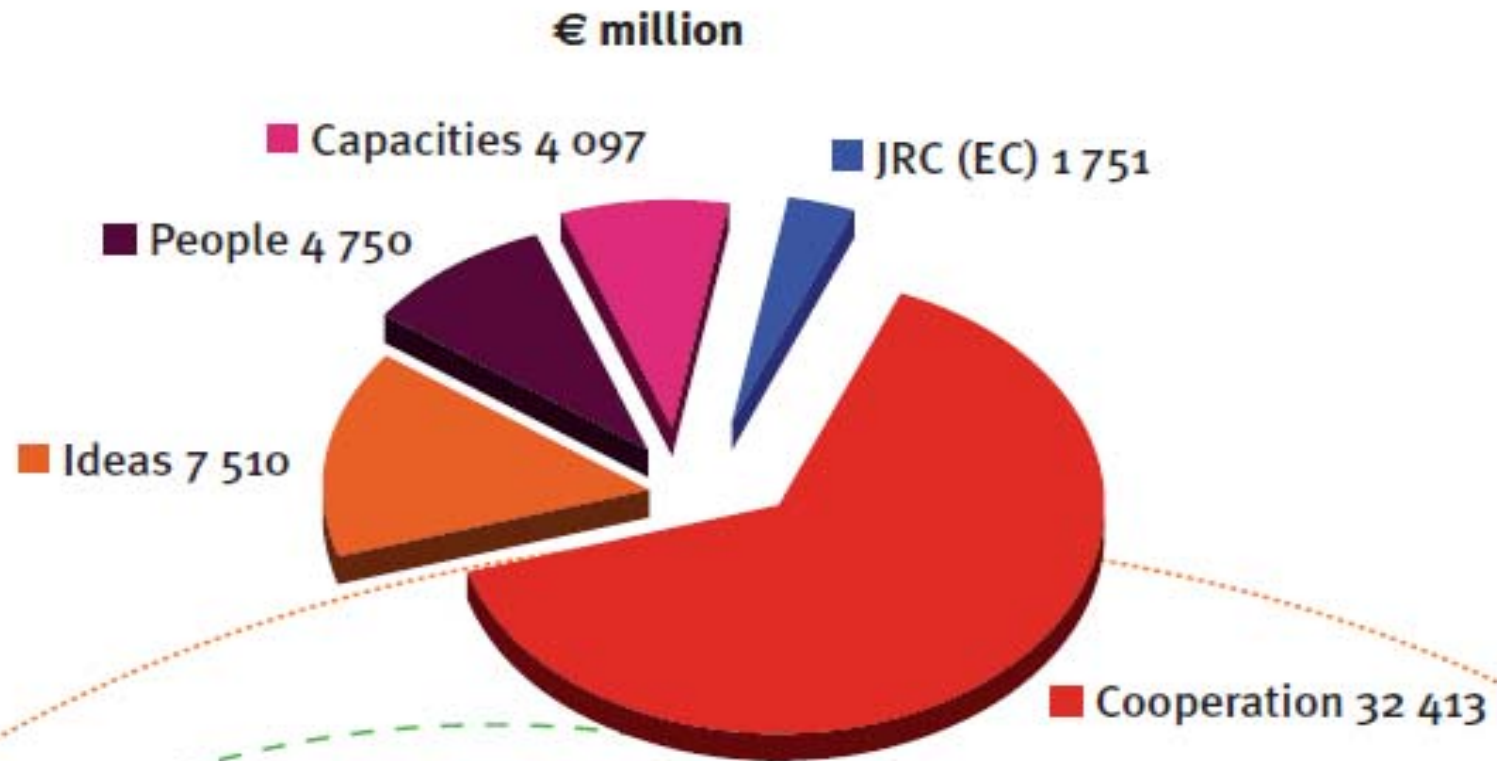
Marie Curie Actions

'Capacities'

- Infrastructures
- SMEs
- Regions of knowledge/Research potential of Convergence Regions/Support to the coherent development of research policies
- Science in society
- International cooperation

BUDGET

FP7 budget (€ 50 521 million, current prices)



Note: Euratom FP: € 2.7 billion over 5 years – not included above

French organisation for FP7

French level

French delegates to Programme Committees

GTN (Groupe Thématique National)

Thematic expert groups

National Contact Point (NCP)

Regional network contacts

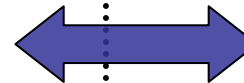
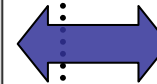
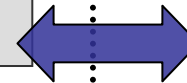
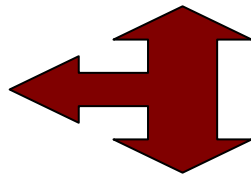
French project leaders

European level

EC Programme Committee

CE, European NCPs, NCP Networks (Ideal-Ist, NMPTeam,...)

European partners



French organisation for FP7

French Delegates to Programme Committees

For each programme committee, the French delegation is composed of a representative of Ministry of Research and a representative of a « technical ministry »
They prepare and validate the WP with EC and they coordinate and lead the GTN

Thematic expert groups (Groupes Techniques Nationaux (GTN))

Each delegate builds up an advisory group known as GTN. GTNs are made of research stakeholders (public or private). Their purpose is to help national delegates to prepare the french official position they will defend at the programme committee meetings.

They suggest topics to be included in the annual work programmes
Together with NCPs, they analyse results of call for proposals

National Contact Points (NCP)

Once calls for proposals are published, the NCP network is there to help potential proposers in France.

NCP provide information on FP7 funding opportunities and promote French participation to the programme (Infodays, « Action plan » launched in 2011 to boost French Stakeholders 'proposals)

Provide advice and training to potential future applicants (for instance on administrative procedures and legal issues)

The role of the National Thematic Group (GTN)

The french ministry settles an advisory group known as GTN corresponding to each research theme (NMP and Envir. theme for ex.).

GTNs are made of research stakeholders.

Many GTNs give the opportunity to either public/private organisations to attend the meetings organised (only if their registration is acknowledged by the ministry).

It is the occasion to gather the opinion of the french scientific community :

- on the annual calls in preparation.

- on new research themes and topics to integrate in the Work Programme.

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Role of the National Contact Point (1)

- Disseminates information on FP7

Circulation of the Programmes, condition of participation, conditions of submission

Possible tools to use in liaison with the EC Services :

Infodays, Websites, Newsletters, Wiki, conferences

Objectives : improve the participation of french organisations in the FP7, specially for small & medium size enterprises

Role of the National Contact Point (2)

- Gives Information and Assistance for Proposers
- Maintains website for information.
- Advises on proposal writing.
- Helps in finding partners.
- Information to research Ministry

How

- Organises national and european info days
- Publishes news on web site (Eurosfaire)
- Organises head to head meetings with projects proposers
- Advises on proposals (expertise)
- Works in network with other french and european NCPs
- Feedbacks information to Minsitry and EC

A network made of many actors

- 21 National contact Points, 1 for each Thematic**
- Coordination : Ministry of Higher Education and Research** (Department of European and International Affairs).

The Role of the Ministry in France :

The french NCP network is partly funded by the Ministry

Offers as well a common website

Organise coordination meetings and exchange of good practices

Give a feed back and advises on ongoing experiences and projects lead by each NCP

A great variety of organisations involved

Each NCP is organised as a consortium of few organisations (Universities, Research organisations, Agencies, Associations) mainly belonging to public sector but not only. (62 organisations involved in 21 NCPs)

One of these organisation is the official coordinator of each NCP consortium.

The human resources of each NCP is provided by the participating and hosting institutions (salaries and overheads already paid)

Alltogether represents moreless 100 persons dedicating from 25% to 80% of their time on NCP tasks (45 P/M or so)

A specific role for each NCP

- 1- The NCP network covers the whole structure of the FP7 : Ideas, Mobility, Cooperation, Infrastructures, Euratom...
- 2-Cooperation : to each thematic area of the Cooperation program corresponds an NCP: NMP or Environment for instance among others
- 3-Other NCPs are dedicated to specific targets : SMEs, Regions of knowledge, Legal and Financial aspects and international cooperation.

3 networks in one

- International network
Contacts between the European NCPs on the same theme (e-mails, Telephone, meetings...)
- National Network
Interactions between NCPs (common meetings, exchange of informations...)
- Regional network

Interactions between national and regional networks

- Build the right partnership
Identify the local authorities/persons that would be able to play the role as a regional counterpart
- Trying to find in each region a correspondent for each thematic NCP is useless : promote common meetings with various NCPs in each region
- Organise regional meetings

A possible infoday in the region X

- Preparation
 - Send upstream informations to the annual calls so that your regional counterpart could select in advance the « clients » concerned
 - Identifications of the particularities of the region selected : the thematic presented by your NCP should fit with the main activities lead by the region visited
 - Precise organisation : during the regional infoday, relationship between NCPs and between the NCPs and the regional authorities
- A proposed format
 - Morning : plenary session : Programmes and opportunities of funding (nat/reg)
 - Afternoon : appointments with Principal investigators, enterprises, laboratories, researchers. Possible settlement of booths in parallel dedicated to FP7, NCPs ...

Added Value of National/regional coordination

	National NCP	Regional actors
Competencies/ added value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Informations on Work Programme, Strategic and political aspects of the theme -Feed back of informations to GTN / Prog Committee -Help to the settlement of consortia through NCP network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Understanding of the key players in the region considered (targeted potential stakeholders to FP7) -Informations on local eligible projects or under construction -Sub networks existing (EEN, local international/european bureaus)
Needs/results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Potential stakeholders better targeted -Feed back on projects/consortia under construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Link between laboratories/enterprise -Informations upstream to the annual calls

Benefits of this organisation

- Help any potential stakeholder to jump into FP7 calls
- Create a network between « technical » NCPs and more « scientific » NCPs sharing advises and recommendations
- Help regions and SMEs to find the right call
- Identify early the facts that could obstacle the participation of a potential partner (Legal and Financial aspects...)

The circulation of information (1)



- Websites

EUROSFAIRE : <http://eurosfaire.prd.fr>

-A common website shared by all NCPs and the Ministry (managed by the Ministry)

-All NCPs are requested to post news, events, feed back on Eurosfaire

-It plays as well the role of a News platform, RSS feeds

-Give access to EU websites as CORDIS*, EUROPA...

-A specific link is available dedicated to SMEs named « Innover avec le 7^ePCRD »(Innovate with the FP7)

-New service available : Eurosfaire mobile application and Eurosfaire on Twitter

*(Currently working but subject to be transferred to the *Research Participant Portal* : http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls)

The circulation of information (2)

The screenshot shows the EUROSAFAIRE website homepage. At the top, it features the EUROSAFAIRE logo and the text 'Service Français d'Accès à l'Information sur la Recherche en Europe'. Below this, there is a navigation bar with tabs for '7PC - Coordination', 'COOPERATION', 'IDEES (ERC)', 'PERSONNES', 'CAPACITES', 'EURATOM', 'CCR - JRC', and 'Autres programmes'. The main content area is titled 'L'actualité de la Recherche en Europe' and includes a calendar for January 2012, a list of news items, and a search bar. On the left side, there are several vertical navigation panels: 'S'informer et participer', 'CORDIS', 'EUROPA', 'EUROPA', 'Cadre institutionnel', 'Contexte', 'Acteurs', 'Précédents PCRD', 'Dispositif français', and 'Flux EUROSAFAIRE'. The bottom of the page features a Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock showing 15:17 on 01/11/2012.

The screenshot shows a news article on the EUROSAFAIRE website. The article is titled 'Appel d'offres relatif à la Responsabilité Sociétale des Entreprises (RSE)'. It includes a sub-header 'Appel d'offres relatif à la Responsabilité Sociétale des Entreprises (RSE)' and a date 'Mardi, 24 Août 2011 06:31'. The main text discusses the European Union's objectives in terms of competitiveness, growth, and employment, and mentions the 7th Framework Programme. A large blue arrow points from the bottom of the screenshot towards the EUROSAFAIRE logo at the bottom of the slide.



EUROSAFAIRE links to Cordis/Europa/Eurosaire-SMEs and other useful links

The circulation of information (3)

- The example of the NCP environment web site
 - Spread specific informations on the Environment NCP :
FP7 annual Calls, FAQ, Project already funded, Forum, Tools, Meetings, Newsletter, workshops organised on how to write a good proposal, partner search...
 - Any person/organisation has an access to this web site and can ask any questions in relation with the environment FP7 theme
 - Once a request is registered by an enterprise or a research organisation in the web site, it is assigned to one of the members of the NCP
 - The NCP member concerned give advise on the propal proposed usually giving a go / no go opinion
 - Somehow an NCP member can reassign the request to an another NCP considering that the request is not fitting with the environment FP7 theme

Environment NCP website

The screenshot shows the homepage of the PCN Environment website. The browser title is "Portail des PCN Energie & Environnement - Portail des PCN Energie & Environnement - Mozilla Firefox". The URL is "www.pcn-environnement.fr". The page features the PCRD ENVIRONNEMENT logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu with categories like "Accueil", "FAQ", "Actualités", "Réunions", "Bulletins Du PCN", "Appels à Propositions", "Projets Français Financés", and "Recherche De Partenaires". A sidebar on the left lists "Éléments en cours de traitement" and "Éléments à modérer". The main content area displays a welcome message: "Bienvenue sur l'extranet du PCN Environnement" and provides information about the portal's purpose and user actions.

The screenshot shows a specific page on the PCN Environment website titled "Atelier de rédaction de propositions pour le programme EIE". The browser title is "Atelier de rédaction de propositions pour le programme EIE - Portail des PCN Energie & Environnement - Mozilla Firefox". The URL is "www.pcn-environnement.fr/Atelier-de-redaction-de-propositions-pour-le-programme-EIE". The page features the PCRD ENVIRONNEMENT logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu. The main content area contains a section titled "Atelier de rédaction de propositions pour le programme EIE" with a sub-section "Éléments en cours de traitement" and "Éléments à modérer". The page also includes a sidebar with "Contacts" and "Raccourcis".

<http://www.pcn-environnement.fr/>

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Thank you for your attention

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