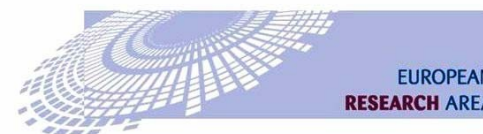




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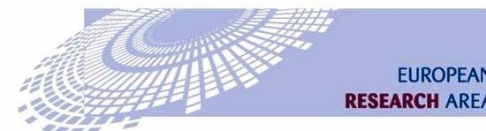
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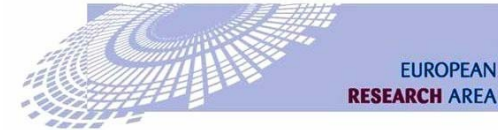
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Research, innovation and cohesion policy:

Policy	Main Target	Funding Instrument	Budget
Research	S&T-excellence, international	FP 7 (EC)	50, 5 Bill. €
Innovation	Turning knowledge into business opp.	CIP	3,6 Bill €
Cohesion	Promote regional excellence, convergence	ERDF ESF EARDF	347 Bill € out of which ~ 45 B€ are earmarked for RTDI





FP7 and the Structural Funds:

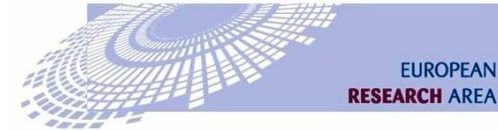
- FP 7 has a new regional dimension, under “Capacities”
- ... while Structural Funds will reinforce R&D investment
 - R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship as the first **priority** in Convergence regions
 - Innovation and the knowledge economy as the first priority for the competitiveness and growth objective
 - **Earmarking**: at least 60% or 75% of funds for Lisbon priorities
- Complementary funding where possible
 - ... but no double funding





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FP7 and the Structural Funds:

- 25 June 2007 Competitiveness Council adopted conclusions « on more efficient support to research and innovation: coordinating the use of the research framework programme and the structural funds »
- Recommendations on better synergies between FP7 and Structural Funds e.g. by CREST and EURAB
- COM Communication “Competitive European Regions through Research and Innovation” - COM(2007) 474, 16.8.2007



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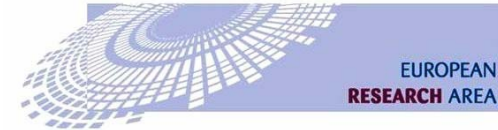
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FP7 and the Structural Funds:

The Communication from the Commission COM (2007) 474 –
main conclusions:

- Member States are invited to improve arrangements for co-ordinated preparation and use of Community instruments to support RTD, innovation and cohesion at national and regional level
- Commission will prepare practical guide looking at funding opportunities through the eyes of a research institution or a company
- COM progress report spring 2009
- Regular information-flow between COM, national and regional authorities



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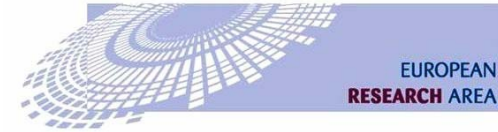
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The Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme for RTD



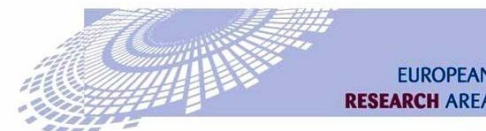
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FP7 2007 - 2013

Cooperation – Collaborative research

Ideas – Frontier Research

People – Human Potential

Capacities – Research Capacity

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JRC (non-nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

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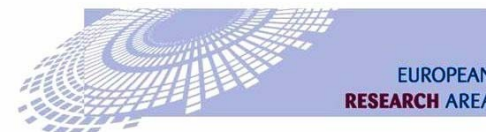
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FP 7- specific programme « CAPACITIES »

1. Research Infrastructures
2. Research for the benefit of SMEs
3. **Regions of Knowledge (ROK) 126 M€**
4. **Research Potential 340 M€**
5. Science in Society
6. Activities of International Cooperation



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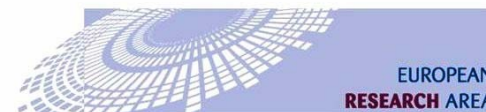
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Regions of Knowledge

Two objectives for all European regions:

Strengthen their capacity for investing in RTD and carrying out research activities

Produce research strategies that contribute to regional economic development

Through the development of regional 'research-driven clusters'

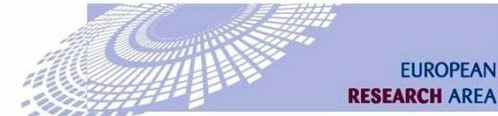
Associated and candidate countries are also eligible



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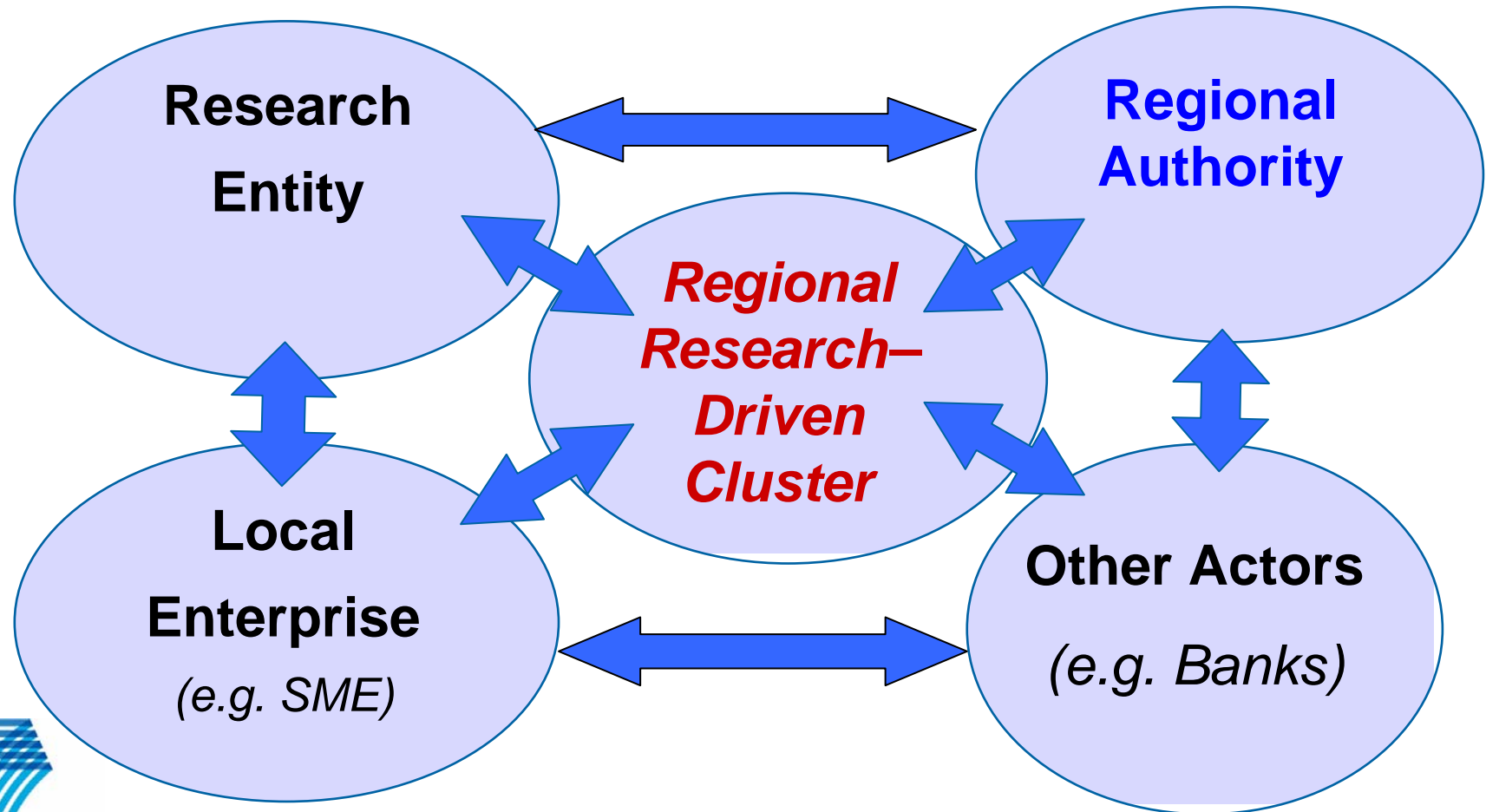
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I – Regions of knowledge

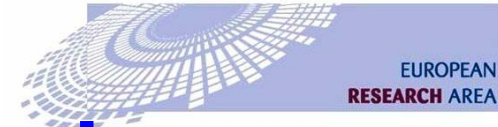
What is a regional research-driven cluster?





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I – Regions of knowledge Funded Activities

(coordination and support actions – CSA)

- **Analysis**, development and implementation of research agendas
- **Mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile or mutual learning
- Initiatives to improve **integration**: definition of joint action plans, together with business plans – following SWOT analysis and definition of RTD needs
- **Dissemination** activities



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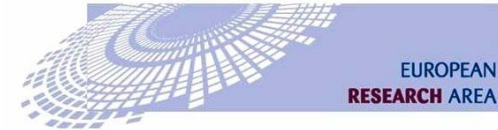
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I – Regions of Knowledge

Expected Outcome

- Improve links between research actors and business community
- Foster transnational / cross-border cooperation
- Enhance mutual learning and exchanges of experience and best practices between regional actors

Expected impact

- **Regional economical growth** in selected domains
- **Response to the needs of regional business** communities
- **Mobilisation of local, national and community funds** to implement defined **regional action plans** in support of regional economic development



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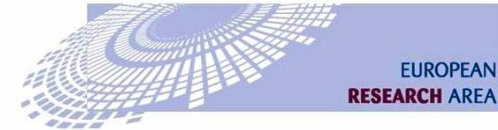
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II - RESEARCH POTENTIAL (REGPOT)

Two objectives
for **CONVERGENCE & OUTERMOST** regions only :

- to stimulate the **realisation of the full research potential** by unlocking and developing the research potential in the **EU's convergence regions and outermost regions**
- to **strengthen the capacities** of their researchers to success fully participate in research activities at EU level



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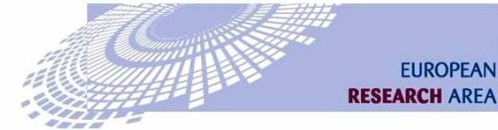
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II – REGPOT

- **Unlocking and developing the research potential in the EU's convergence and outermost regions**
- **Providing evaluation facilities for research organisations in the EU's convergence and outermost regions**

Participants

Any existing and autonomous public or private research entity in the eligible regions



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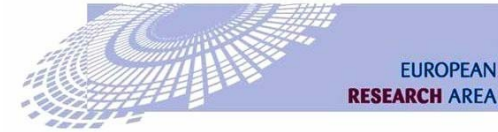
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II - REGPOT

Expected impact

OPTIMISATION of :

- international exposure and recognition
- Leadership potential
- Quality of their scientists
- visibility of their research groups

INCREASE of:

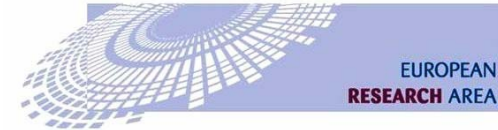
- visibility of their research groups
- participation in the ERA/FP





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Work programme for 2008 and implementation - DRAFT

Description of main activities :

- Foreseen calls
- Funding schemes
- Selection and negotiation procedure
- Some implementation issues



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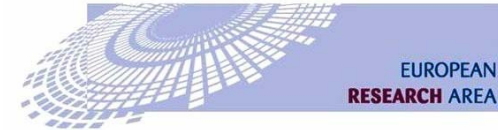
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I – RoK: Main activities 2008 (DRAFT)

Two calls foreseen for a total of 10,1 M €:

- **REGIONS-2008-1** (9.3 M €)

Analysis, mentoring, integration of research agendas and definition of Joint Action Plans

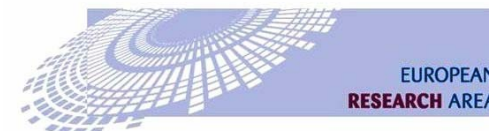
- **REGIONS-2008-2** (0.8 m €)

Facilitating the emergence of new regional research driven clusters and mutual exchange of information



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I – Thematic priorities in 2008

(DRAFT)

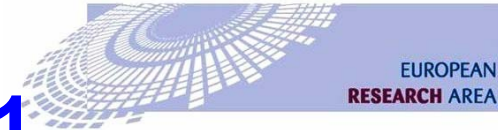
1. Maximising the benefits of research infrastructures for regional economic development
2. Regional contributions to the reduction of CO₂ emissions



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I – REGIONS-2007-1

Analysis, mentoring, integration of research agendas and definition of Joint Action Plans (DRAFT)

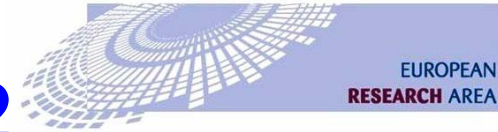
Activities

- **Analysis**, development and implementation of research agendas
- **Mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile or mutual learning
- Initiatives to improve **integration**: definition of joint action plans, together with business plans – following SWOT analysis and definition of RTD needs
- **Dissemination** activities

Participants

- Consortia of at least two regional research-driven clusters
... i.e. counting at least 6 partners from 2 countries –
and respecting the triple helix





I - REGIONS-2007-2

Facilitating the emergence of new clusters and mutual information **(DRAFT)**

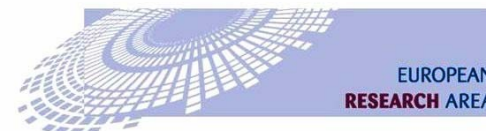
Activities

- Creation of **new** research driven **clusters**
- Analysis, workshops, roundtables, expert group meetings, dissemination activities, including web-based initiatives

Participants

- at least 3 participants (one research entity, one regional authority, one business entity) - **from the same region**
- or one research driven cluster (for mutual information activities)





Funding scheme overview (DRAFT)

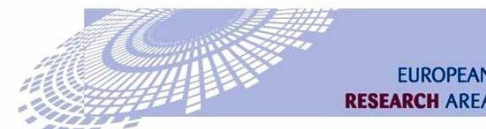
	funding scheme	duration	Community contribution	% of total eligible cost
REGION-2008-1 Analysis, mentoring, integration of research actors and definition of JAP	coordination and support action	up to 36 months	approx. 1 Mio. €	up to 100%
REGION-2008-2 New clusters and mutual information	coordination and support action	up to 24 months	Approx. 200.000 €	up to 100%





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Selection and negotiation

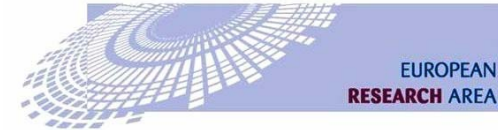
- **Timetable of procedure (DRAFT)**
 - ✓ Calls for proposals to be published : 30/11/2007
 - ✓ Deadline for submission : 14/03/2008
 - ✓ Selection, with help of independent experts – within 3 months of call closure
 - ✓ Negotiation phase
 - ✓ Commission decision
 - ✓ Signature of grant agreement and entry into force, if possible before year end



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Selection and negotiation

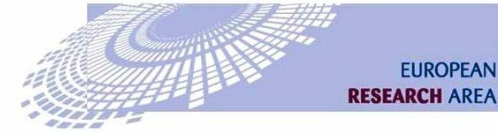
- **Reminder : eligibility criteria**, especially for
 - ✓ Cluster composition (number and type of entities)
 - ✓ Geographical location
- **Selection and award criteria:**
 - ✓ *Financial capacity*
 - ✓ Relevance to the objectives of the work programme
 - ✓ Scientific and technological excellence
 - ✓ Potential impact – through the development, dissemination and use of project results
 - ✓ Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management





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Thank you for your attention !



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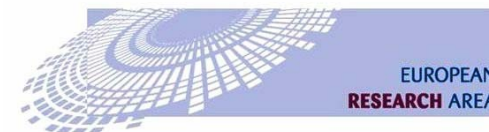
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More information

Synergies between FP7, CIP and Structural Funds:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/research-cohesion.html>

FP7 “Regional” calls:

- **Regions of Knowledge:**

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/regions-knowledge_en.html

- **Research Potential:**

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/convergence-regions_en.html

Expert data base:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm?fuseaction=wel.faq>



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