

EU RESEARCH FUNDING 2007-2013 7TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

REPORT CARD



DISPELLING SOME MYTHS

CLAIMS ABOUT FP7

EVALUATION BY INDEPENDENT EXPERT GROUP

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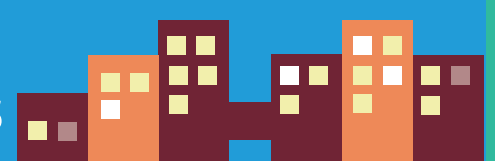
FP7 is only suitable for large industry organisations and big universities

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Participation

12 400+

- SMEs
- Smaller research bodies
- Civil society organisations



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FP7 is only about science and technology; there are no funding opportunities for other scientific disciplines

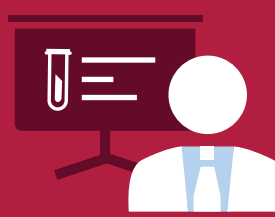
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A large share of the Cooperation theme focused on science and technology, but this is not the whole picture.



Socio-economic sciences and humanities

€580m from the Cooperation programme and 15% of ERC grants

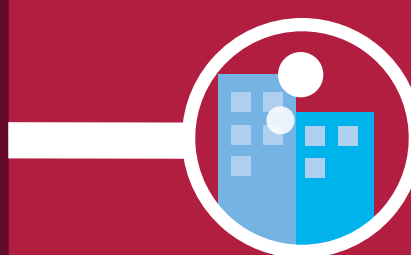


No restrictions on discipline in the People programme for training and career development



€288m

to boost Science in Society, in areas like education, gender equality and public engagement



€1.5bn

investment in research infrastructures

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For a successful project proposal, it is necessary to include partners from almost all EU countries

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FP7 did not have a quota system or make it a pre-condition to include specific EU countries.

The average collaborative project had partners from 6 different countries.



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To win a grant, it is important to have good contacts to lobby

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Independent panels of experts reviewed and evaluated proposals, ensuring:



Sound and objective evaluation of a project's quality



Lobbying is impossible

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FP7 projects are so work-intensive that they fail to produce scientific publications

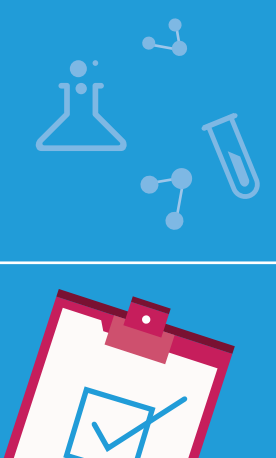
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+ 170 000 scientific publications published to date

on average

6.8 publications/funded project



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FP7 does not fund the most innovative ideas, rather well established researchers

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All proposals were evaluated according to their scientific and/or technological excellence



more than 70% of participants were newcomers