Co-ordinating European Research Projects

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Co-ordinating European Research Projects

- First steps
- Overview of FP7
- Where Ageing research fits
- Key challenges and how to overcome them
- Sources of funding – Top Down & Bottom up
- Additional sources of support
- Final thoughts and questions
- Topics for discussion
Coordinating EU Projects .... Where to start?

- Co-ordinating should be medium to long-term aim "No more rights, just more responsibilities"

- Smaller steps
  - Participation by stealth (co-writing & support)
    - Co-ordination is a combination of technical and administrative management
  - Individual schemes
  - Partner on own merit

- Be prepared
  - Networking and ‘self-promotion’ can be key. If nobody knows who you are, how will you become partner of choice?

- Know your market .... What IS Framework Funding?
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<td>Consortium – 3 partners 3 countries minimum. 3-5 year projects</td>
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Where ‘Ageing’ may fit in FP7 ..... Top Down

Socio-Economic Sciences & Humanities

Health
FAB
ICT
Nano, Materials, Production
Energy
Environment
Transport & Aerospace
Security
Space
Challenges of FP7 Co-operation

- Generally ‘consortium’ approach
- Policy-driven, top down work programmes
- Complex processes
- Being ahead of the game

What to do?
- Serve your apprenticeship
- Become an evaluator

- Follow developments from relevant DGs
[http://ec.europa.eu/about/ds_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/about/ds_en.htm)
- Read your Road Map and be ready!
- Look at draft work programmes & anticipated topics for future calls

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Other potential sources of funding – Bottom Up

- **Individual Fellowships**
  - Marie Curie – IEF/OIF
    - Fellowships of up to 24 months
    - Must cross a border to participate
    - Return phase mandatory for OIF
    - Annual deadline August

- **ERC – Starting Independent Research Grants**
  - Up to 5 years
  - To build a team
  - ‘Frontier’ Science
  - Annual deadline October/November
Other pots of money ..... 

- Look for research opportunities in the Capacities Programme
  - Research infrastructures; Research for the benefits of SMEs; Regions of Knowledge; Research potential; Science in Society; International co-operation

- Identify the Directorate Generale most closely associated with your research area and monitor for Tenders (reports, studies etc)
  - Eg Health (Sanco); Regions; Employment; Mobility & Transport, Justice, Education & Culture

- Register for TED (EU procurement)

- Apply for national/institutional funds for travel or conference attendance
Final Thoughts

- There is no definitive route to becoming the Co-ordinator – decide on the best route for you! (or indeed if this is your objective!)
- Use your existing contacts (especially project leaders)
- Have a plan of logical steps – but always look to make a short cut
- Engage in national activities – especially policy/user group opportunities
- Utilise sources of help:
  - National contact points (all countries have them!)
  - Use your European Liaison Office
Sources of help

European Offices
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK

http://www.iglortd.org/

Cordis

National Contact Points

TED

Evaluator registration
https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm

Directorate Generales
http://ec.europa.eu/about/ds_en.htm

Marie Curie

ERC
http://erc.europa.eu/
Discussion Group Topics

- How to get started in Framework funding as an early researcher?

- How to ensure longevity?

- The challenges faced and strategies to overcome them?

- The dream: what would be the ideal scenario for European Researchers?

- How to make it happen?