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Co-ordinating European Research Projects

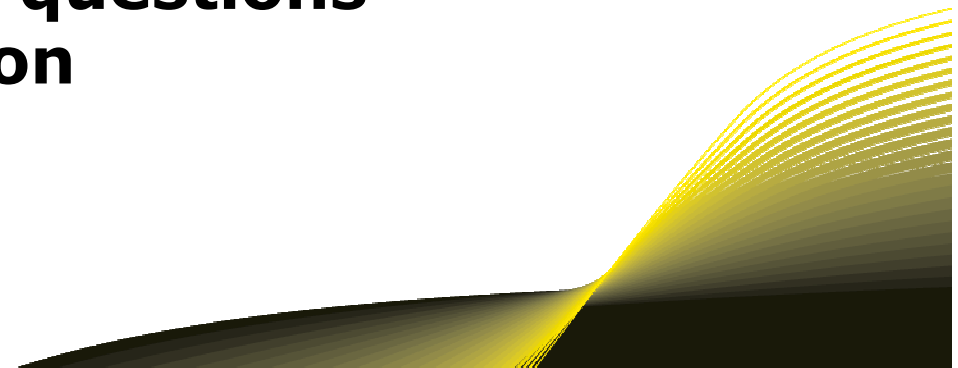
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- **First steps**
- **Overview of FP7**
- **Where Ageing research fits**
- **Key challenges and how to overcome them**
- **Sources of funding – Top Down & Bottom up**
- **Additional sources of support**
- **Final thoughts and questions**
- **Topics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



FP7 Programme	Research areas Types of activity	Key points
Co-operation	Aims to build research collaborations across Europe & beyond - Top-down, priority driven research in 10 themes - Research, training, technology transfer, dissemination, SMEs projects, networks...	Consortium – 3 partners 3 countries minimum. 3-5 year projects
Capacities	Aims to build research capacity - Some top-down, some bottom up - Research Infrastructures, Research for the Benefit of SMEs, Regions of Knowledge, Research Potential, Science in Society, Development of Policies, International Co-operation	Normally requires collaboration with other countries
Marie Curie Actions (People)	Aims to support training, careers development and knowledge transfer - Bottom-up - Individual Fellowships & Reintegration Grants - Initial Training Networks - Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways - International Research Staff Exchange Scheme...	Requirement to move countries for individual fellowships - Other projects types normally require consortiums across countries (3 from 3)
European Research Council (Ideas)	Aims to support the best researchers and best research ideas in Europe - Bottom-up, frontier research - PI leads an independent research team - Starting and Advanced Grants - Support Actions	No requirement for collaboration with other countries 5 year projects Portable grant – funding follows researcher
Euratom	Aims to support nuclear research - Some top-down, some bottom up - Nuclear research (fission, fusion, uses of radiation..) - Research, training, technology transfer, dissemination...	- Nuclear research is not eligible for the other FP7 Programmes and is only funded through Euratom

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**

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm>

- **Follow developments from relevant DGs**

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**



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
- http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/life-long-training_en.html
- ERC – Starting Independent Research Grants
 - Up to 5 years
 - To build a team
 - 'Frontier' Science
 - Annual deadline October/November
- <http://erc.europa.eu/>



Other pots of money



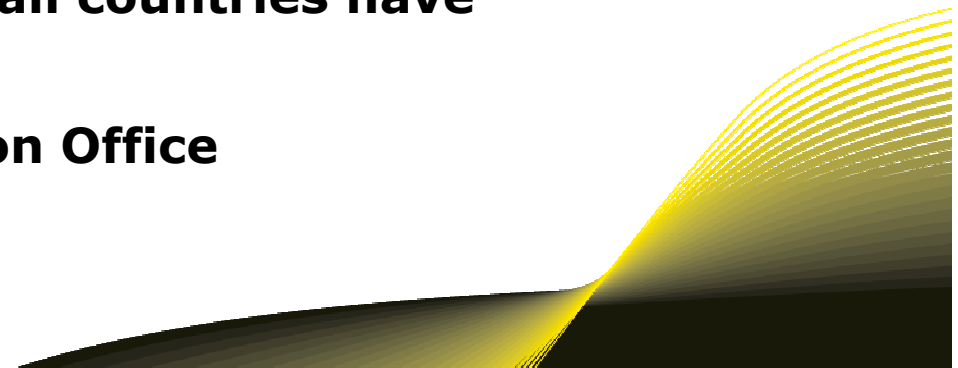
- **Look for research opportunities in the Capacities Programme**
 - Research infrastructures; Research for the benefits of SMEs; Regions of Knowledge; Research potential; Science in Society; International co-operation
- **Identify the Directorate Generale most closely associated with your research area and monitor for Tenders (reports, studies etc)**
 - Eg Health (Sanco); Regions; Employment; Mobility & Transport, Justice, Education & Culture
- **Register for TED (EU procurement)**
<http://ted.europa.eu/TED/main/HomePage.do>
- **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 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

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html

➤ National Contact Points

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html

➤ TED

<http://ted.europa.eu/TED/main/HomePage.do>

➤ Evaluator registration

<https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm>

➤ Directorate Generales

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

➤ Marie Curie

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/people/life-long-training_en.html

➤ 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?**

