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Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme

2008 Calls Regions of knowledge and Research potential

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FP7 2007 - 2013

***Cooperation* – Collaborative research**

***Ideas* – Frontier Research**

***People* – Human Potential**

***Capacities* – Research Capacity**

+

JRC (non-nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

Euratom


CAPACITIES



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FP 7- specific programme « *CAPACITIES* »

- **1. Research Infrastructures**
- **2. Research for the benefit of SMEs**
- **3. *Regions of Knowledge (RoK)***
- **4. *Research Potential (RP)***
- **5. Science in Society**
- **6. Coherent Development of policies**
- **7. Activities of International Cooperation**





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FP7 and the Structural Funds: more synergies

- 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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Structure of presentation

I - Regions of Knowledge

- Overview : objective, cluster definition, impact
- Work programme for 2008: foreseen calls, funding schemes

II - Research potential

- Overview : objective, main eligibility criteria
- Work programme for 2008: foreseen calls, impact, funding schemes

III - Some implementation issues





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I - 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

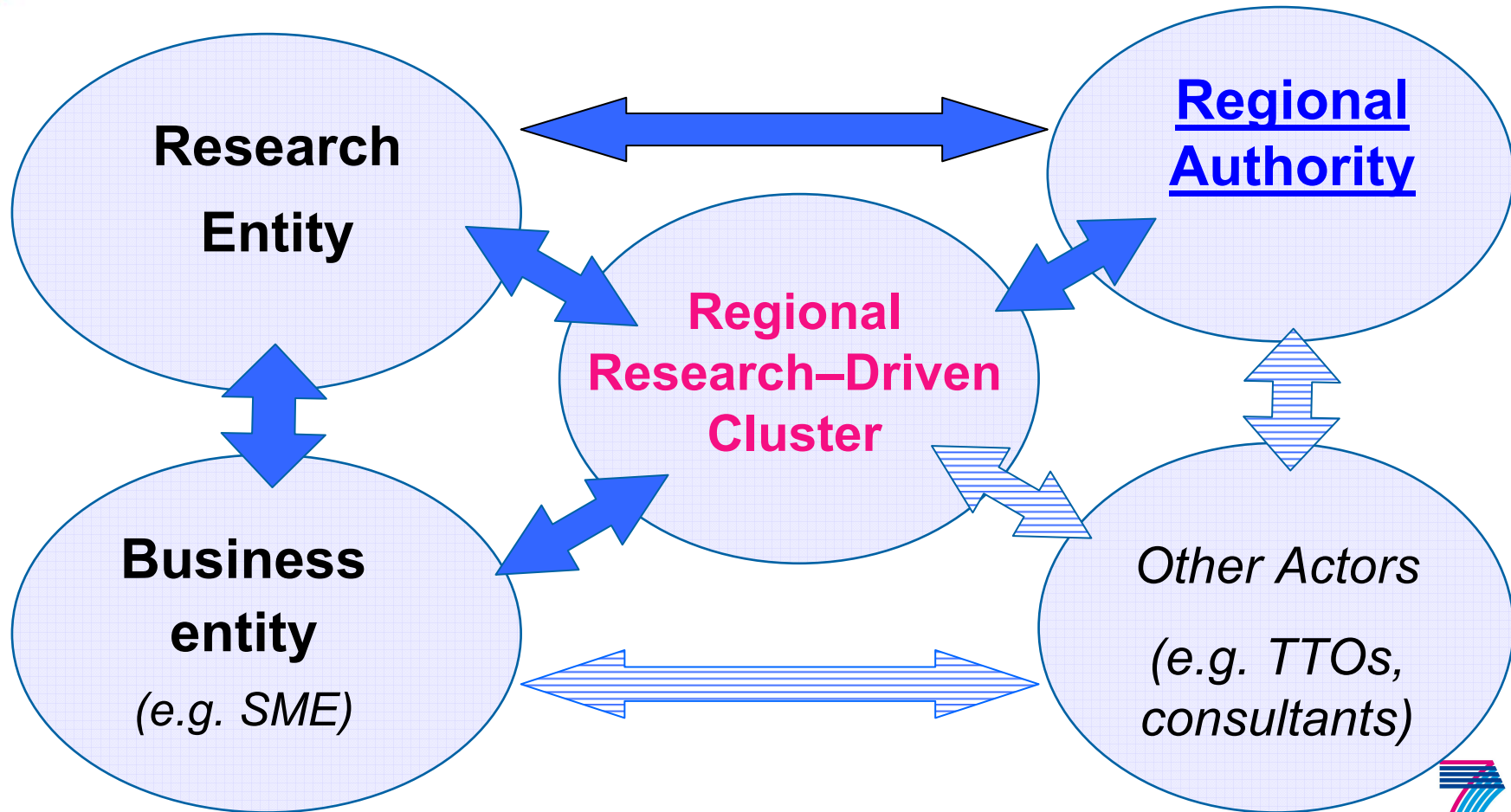




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I - What is a Regional Research-Driven Cluster?





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I - Expected outcome and impact

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 economic growth in selected domains
- Response to the needs of regional business communities
- Mobilisation of local, national and community funds (including SF) to implement defined regional action plans in support of regional economic development





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I - Main activities foreseen in the work programme for 2008

Two calls 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

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

through increased energy-efficiency and a better use of alternative energies, especially renewable energy sources





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I - Research Infrastructures (incl. e-infrastructure) are:

- Unique or rare facilities, resources and related services used by the scientific community for
 - ➔ Conducting leading-edge research
 - ➔ Knowledge transmission, knowledge exchanges and knowledge preservation
- Today Research Infrastructures include
 - ➔ Major scientific equipment
 - ➔ Scientific collections, archives, structured information
 - ➔ ICT-based infrastructures
 - ➔ Entities of a unique nature, used for research





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I - REGIONS-2008-1

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

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** or a cross-border cluster...
i.e. counting at least 6 partners from 2 countries
– and respecting the triple helix





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I - REGIONS-2008-2

Facilitating the emergence of new clusters and mutual information

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)





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I - Funding scheme overview

| | Funding Scheme | Duration | Community contribution | % of total eligible cost |
|--|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| REGION-2008-1 Analysis, mentoring, integration of research actors and definition of Joint Action Plans | 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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I - Selection and negotiation

Timetable of procedure

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





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II - *RESEARCH POTENTIAL*

Two objectives

for CONVERGENCE & OUTERMOST regions only:

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

through the setting up of strategic partnerships





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II – Geographical scope - eligibility

CONVERGENCE REGIONS:

Regions eligible for financing by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) under objective « convergence », ie with a gross domestic product (GDP) < 75 % of the EU-25 average

OUTERMOST REGIONS:

Regions defined by art. 299§2 of EC Treaty

- Canary Islands (ES),
- Guadeloupe, Guyane, Martinique, Réunion (FR),
- Azores & Madeira (PT)

Subject to Agreements associating third countries to the 7th EC Framework Programme, other regions may become eligible for participation; the eligible regions would be defined in the Association Agreements.





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II – Eligibility criteria

Participants

- Any existing and autonomous public or private **research entity** (as a single proposer) established as a legal entity in the eligible convergence or outermost regions
- Working in the thematic priorities' domains of FP7





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II – Main activities in 2008

Two calls for a total of 30 M €:

- **REGPOT-2008-1 (29 M€)** : Unlocking and developing the Research Potential of research entities established in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions
- **REGPOT-2008-2 (1 M€)** : Providing evaluation facilities for research entities established in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions





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II - REGPOT-2008-1

Support an Action Plan defined by the **highest quality and/or promising research centres**, based on a set of coherent measures derived from their SWOT analysis:

- Exchange of know-how and experience through transnational two-way secondments of research staff
- Recruitment by the selected research entities of incoming experienced researchers
- Acquisition, development or upgrading of research equipment (up to 30 or 45 % of the project budget)
- Organisation of workshops and conferences to facilitate knowledge transfer at national and international level
- Dissemination and promotional activities.





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II - REGPOT-2008-1

Expected impact:

- **Upgrading the RTD capacity** (human potential: number of new researchers and training of all research staff, improvement of research management, scientific equipment) and the quality of research carried out by the selected research entity
- **Better integration** of the selected research entities **in the ERA** as a whole (partnership with research groups elsewhere in Europe)
- Contribution to **regional capacity building**
- Improvement of the capacity of **participation in FP7**





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II - REGPOT-2008-2

Activities

- **Evaluation of the research quality and capability** of the selected research entities by high level independent experts (*SWOT analysis*)
- **Preparation**, by the selected research entity, **of an Action Plan** to upgrade and reinforce its RTD potential





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II - REGPOT-2008-2

Expected output:

- **SWOT** analysis and conclusions
- An **Action Plan** to improve the research entities' RTD capacity

Expected impact:

- Improved research capacity for increased contribution to regional economic and social development and for better participation in FP7 projects





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II - Funding Scheme Overview

| | <i>Funding scheme</i> | <i>Duration</i> | <i>Community contribution</i> | <i>% of Total Eligible Cost</i> |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| REGPOT-2008-1 <i>Research Potential</i> | Coordination and Support action | up to 36 months | approx. 0.5 - 1 M€ | up to 100% |
| REGPOT-2008-2 <i>Evaluation Facilities</i> | Coordination and Support action | up to 12 months | up to 0.2 M€ | up to 100% |





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- ✓ Negotiation of grant agreements (July-Sept. 2008)
- ✓ Commission decision (October-November 2008)
- ✓ Signature of first grant agreements before end 2008





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III - Selection and negotiation

Reminder : eligibility criteria, in particular for:

- Cluster composition
- Convergence and outermost regions

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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III - Further information

➤ **Work Programmes:**

REGIONS-2008-1:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=100

REGIONS-2008-2:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=101

REGPOT-2008-1:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=102

REGPOT 2008-2:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=103

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