

The programme "Regions of Knowledge" within FP7 and the ongoing call for proposals on sustainable transport



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FP7 2007–2013

COOPERATION (32.413 MEUR)

Health
Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology
Information and Communication Technologies
Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
Energy
Environment (including Climate Change)
Transport
Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities
Security and Space* * Separate themes

CAPACITIES (4.097 MEUR)

Research Infrastructures
Research for the Benefit Of SMEs
Regions of Knowledge
Research Potential
Science in Society
Activities of International Co-operation
Coherent Development of Policies

IDEAS (7.510 MEUR)

Starting Independent Researcher Grants
Advanced Investigator Grants

+ CCR (1.751 MEUR)

+ EURATOM (2.700 MEUR)

PEOPLE (4.750 MEUR)

Initial Training of Researchers
Lifelong Learning and Career Development
Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways
The International Dimension
Specific Actions



Regions of knowledge - Policy context

- Need to boost **science and technology-based economic development**, by better integrating research to their regional innovation strategies
- Within the framework of the **Lisbon and Europe2020 strategies** for a performing knowledge-based economy
- promote the **emergence of world class clusters** in Europe
- To help reach the **Barcelona objectives**

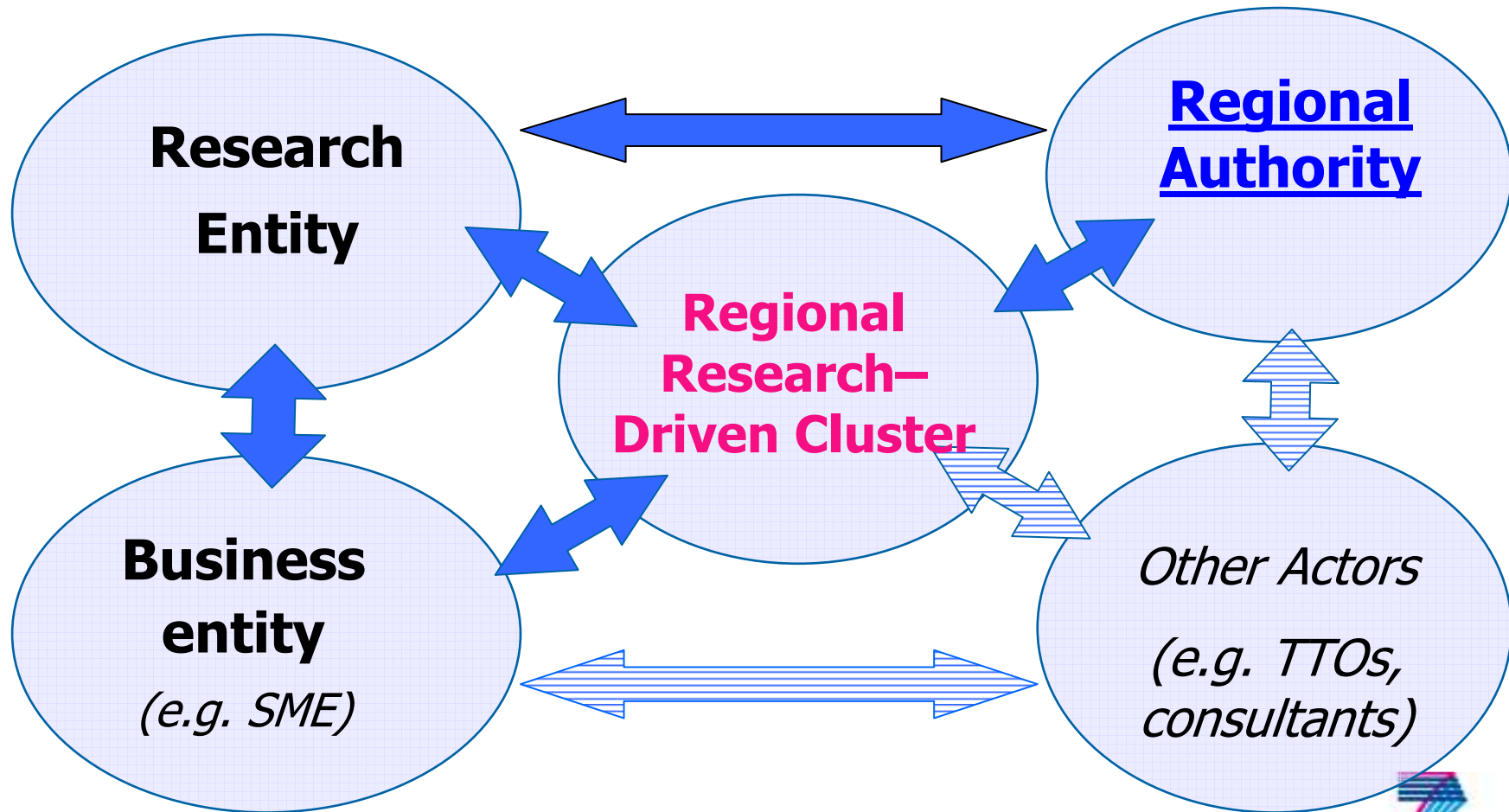
Research, innovation and cohesion policy: respecting difference while achieving synergies
COMMON GOAL : Employment + Growth

Policy	Main Target	Funding Instrument	Budget (2007-2013)
Research	S&T-excellence, international	FP 7	55 Bill. €
Innovation	Turning knowledge into business opportunities	CIP	3,6 Bill €
Cohesion	Promote regional excellence, convergence	ERDF ESF EARDF	347 Bill € thereof: ~ 50 B€ earmarked for RTDI (closer sense)

More details: COM(2007) 474, 16.8.2007
 Practical guidelines published on CORDIS



What is a Regional Research-Driven Cluster?





Regions of knowledge 2011 Call for proposals

One call, REGIONS-2011, targeting the **transnational cooperation** of regional research driven clusters
- for a total of 18,66 M €

Participants

- Consortia of **at least 3 regional research-driven clusters** from 3 different Member States or Associated countries
 - Possible representation by one member - under conditions
 - Compulsory description of the full clusters and their triple helix structure
- **Coordinator** : either a regional authority or a fully fledged RDC (with legal entity)





Regions of knowledge WP 2011 thematic priorities

- Boosting the **competitiveness of transport related economy**
- Support **innovative capacity** of European transport related industries and business
- Promote **sustainable transport** in an integrated technology-led and user friendly way
- Examples: **greening of transport**, development of **intermodal regional transport**, **urban mobility**, safety or security

We favour **innovative** and **cross-disciplinary approaches** !



Regions of knowledge WP 2011 – policy background

COM(2009) 279 on *A sustainable future for transport: Towards an integrated, technology-led and user friendly system*

Key policy objectives

- **Quality transport that is safe and secure**
- **A well maintained and fully integrated network**
- **More environmentally sustainable transport**
- **Protecting and developing the human capital**
- **Smart prices as traffic signals**
- **Planning with an eye to transport: improving accessibility**



REGIONS-2011 funded activities

Transnational cooperation of RDCs

- Analysis, development and implementation of **research agendas**
- **Mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile for capacity building (compulsory)
- Initiatives to improve **integration**: definition of **joint action plans (JAP)**, together with **business plans** – following SWOT analysis and definition of RTD needs
- Measures **towards the implementation of the JAP**
- **International cooperation** activities (optional)
- **Dissemination** activities

Beware: Neither the implementation of the JAP nor any research can be funded under Regions



REGIONS 2011: Expected key outputs

- Directory of RTD offer and demand
- Analysis (incl. SWOT) from an economic and R&D perspective
- Analysis of complementarities with potential other partners (mentoring and international cooperation)
- Regional strategy for RTD and innovation driven economic development
- Joint Action Plan (JAP) with its (mandatory) business plan about financing the implementation of the JAP



REGIONS 2011: Expected impact

- Developing and integrating **research-driven clusters across Europe** in order to promote **regional economic development and worldwide competitiveness**
- Contribute to **smart specialisation** of regions from **R&D** point of view
- Stimulate **more effective investments in R&D** at regional level via tailor made **regional strategies** based on **business needs**
- Initiate **private and public partnerships**, which would mobilize European, national and regional funds and promote **synergies notably with the Structural Funds, and the CIP**
- **Including more regions** into the knowledge economy and the **ERA**, especially through the **mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile

Funding scheme overview

Funding scheme: CSA –CA (coordinating action)

Duration: up to 36 months

– the JAP being finalized during the first half of the project

Community contribution: up to 3 M €

Financing rate: up to 100 % of eligible direct costs, max. 7% of indirect cost



Selection and negotiation

Timetable of procedure

- ✓ Calls for proposals published : 20/07/2010
- ✓ Pre proposal check service until 09/11/2010
RTD-PRECHECK-REGIONS-2011@ec.europa.eu
- Deadline for submission : 09/12/2010
- Selection, with help of independent experts – within 3 months of call closure
- Negotiation phase (March-July 2011)
- Commission decision in July
- Signature of grant agreements from August

Selection and negotiation

Reminder : eligibility criteria, **in particular for:**

- Cluster composition

Selection and award criteria:

- **Scientific and technological excellence**
(including conformity with objectives of work programme)
- **Quality and efficiency** of the implementation and **management** *(including financial aspects)*
- **Potential impact** – through the development, dissemination and use of project results

Work programme 2011

Work programme and associated documents

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=338

In addition to the call, the WP 2011 includes :

- European week of innovative regions (WIRE 2011), three day conference organised by the Hungarian Presidency.

Further information

- Research Enquiry Service:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>

- FAQs:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=faq>

- On line submission (EPSS)

EPSS Helpdesk, tel. 32.2.233 37 60

EPSS user guide :

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7SubmitProposalPage> X

- Partner search

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

- IPR Helpesk

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>

Thank you for your attention !