



EU FUNDING

Synergies in funding opportunities for research, technological development and innovation (RTDI)

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EU Funding opportunities

7th Framework Programme for Research (FP7)
Competitiveness & Innovation Programme (CIP)
Structural Funds (SF)
Synergies in funding opportunities

! Grants – non-repayable state aid



FP7 Objectives

2007 – 2013: 50,5 bn EUR

- Strengthening the **scientific and technological base** of European industry
- Encouraging its international **competitiveness**, through research that supports EU policies



FP7 Programmes

- Cooperation** Fostering collaboration between **industry and academia**
- Ideas** Supporting **basic research** at scientific frontiers
- People** Supporting **mobility and career** development for researchers
- Capacities** Developing the **capacities** that Europe needs to become a thriving knowledge-based economy



FP7 Funding

- Grants are determined on the basis of **calls for proposals** and a peer review process

Funding schemes

- Network of Excellences
- Collaborative projects
- Coordination and support actions
- Support for training and career development of researchers

Participation

- Universities, research centers, multinational corporations, SMEs, public administrations and individuals



CIP Objectives

2007 – 2013: 3,6 bn EUR

- Aims to encourage the **competitiveness of European enterprises**
- Facilitate the emergence of **innovative solutions** for EU-wide „problems“
- **SMEs** are the main target



CIP Programmes

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programme (EIP)

Provides better **access to finance** and delivers **business support services** and supports **innovation activities**

Information Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP)

Encourages a better **take-up and use of ICT** and helps to develop the **information society**

Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE)

Promotes the increased use of **renewable energies and energy efficiency** and stimulates the diversification of fuels and energy efficiency in **transport**



CIP Funding

- Grants are determined on the basis of **calls for proposals** and a peer review process
- **No direct funding** by the European Commission
 - Check European Investment Fund for list of **financial intermediaries**
- **Funding schemes:**
 - Community financial instruments for SMEs
 - Pilot and Market Replication projects
 - Coordination, twinning, best practice exchange and thematic networks
- **Participation:**
 - Wide range of organisations and individuals – **eligibility criteria!**



Some IEE Projects



- Market development of gas fuelled vehicles, with a focus on light transport



- Decision tool estimating costs and emissions over bus lifetime



- Training local stakeholders in environmental transport



- Fleet scans and procurement model for fleet owners



- Training of fleet owners



SF Objectives

2007 – 2013: total 346 bn EUR out of which 99 for innovation and research

- Promotes growth-enhancing conditions and factors for the least-developed EU Member States and regions (**Convergence objective**)
- Aims at strengthening competitiveness and employment (**Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective**)
- Strengthens cross-border co-operation (**European Territorial Co-operation objective**)

“close the gap”



SF „Programmes“

Cohesion Fund

For the least-developed Member States and regions, i.e. GNI is lower than 90% of the EU average

Trans-European transport networks and environmental protection programmes

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Strengthening competitiveness

Promotion of the knowledge society and entrepreneurship

Cross-border co-operation

European Social Fund (ESF)

Strengthening employment (business start-ups)

Increased investment in HR (lifelong learning, e-learning)

Dissemination of ICT





SF Funding

- **No direct funding** by the European Commission
 - European Commission approves **Operational Programmes (OP)** proposed by MS and allocates resources
 - The MS select projects, control and assess them
 - **Participants:**
 - Virtually all research and innovation actors (enterprises, universities, cluster organisations, etc.)
- !** Participation depends on programmes and initiatives provided for the relevant area



SF example in Kraków, Poland

- Municipal Transport Company
- Extension of tram line and purchase of 24 low-floor trams
- Total costs: 54 mio EUR
- 50% co-financing from European Regional Development Fund and 50% own resources





Mixing EU funding sources

Double funding – never!

- Obtain for the same item of expenditure financial support from several funding sources - **ILLEGAL**

Co-funding – seldom!

- SF + FP7/CIP: No, as co-financing must come from national/regional public and private funds
 - But EIB can finance national/regional counterparts
- FP7 + CIP: Impossible due to system of calls for proposals containing specific subjects, eligibility and selection criteria

Complementary funding – yes!

- Different actions (separate cost statements!) within the same project, which are carried out in a related or consecutive manner



Synergies in funding opportunities

At the moment very good conditions for complementary funding

- **Same time frame** of the three funding programmes (2007-2013)
- SF increasingly emphasize the **role of research and innovation** (Lisbon Agenda)
- OP (SF) very strategic – easy to undertake new initiatives according to **regional policy needs**
- FP7 and CIP put focus as well on **national and regional levels**





Examples for complementary funding

- Region gets funds from FP7 Capacities for the **design** phase of a major research facility
 - FP7 cannot fund the construction, but SF can in case region is eligible for funding
- University gets funded by FP7 People for **planning** the skill upgrade of its staff
 - European Social Fund (ESF) can be used for staff training
- SME funded by CIP for innovative business project
 - ESF used for staff training in order to realise this new business idea



More information

- **Practical guide** (DRAFT) to EU funding for research, technological development and innovation
- Besides the guide a **step-by-step eligibility checklist** and a **scorecard** is available to easily identify access to EU funding
- http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/consultation_en.html