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FP7- International Dimension Cooperation with Enlargement Countries

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FP7 - New

- Duration: 7 years
- Structure and instruments: simplified
- International dimension: integration of 3th Countries in FP7; Cooperation with MS



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FP7 Participants

- Member States (27)
- Third Countries (= not a Member State)
(see Article 2 point 8 of Rules for Participation).



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Third Countries

- Associated countries:
 - EEA Countries: Lichtenstein, Iceland, Norway
 - Israel and Switzerland (S&T Ass. Agreement)
 - Enlargement countries (candidate and potential candidate countries) if requested: Turkey, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, Montenegro
- High income/industrial countries: US, NZ, Gulf States, Japan, etc.
- Low income countries: International Cooperation Partner Countries, (ICPC): Mediterrean; Central Asia; emerging economies; Latin America; ACP; WBC, etc.... (see list)



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Enlargement Countries & FP 7

- Not a question of candidate or potential candidate country
- All entitled to become associated (General Framework Agreement)
- Croatia: requested association (EC and Euratom)
- Serbia: requested association (EC and Euratom)
- FYR of Macedonia: requested association (EC)
- Montenegro: requested
- Albania: association under consideration
- B&H: no request yet; third country participation
- Kosovo: can participate (status complicates)



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Commission Strategy for enlargement countries

- Doors of ERA wide open to all “enlargement countries”
- WHY: research is good pre-accession tool
- HOW?
 - make association to FP7 attractive;
 - support for national research policy/3%target;
 - create synergy between IPA and Research.
- WBC Steering Platform
- Action Plan Turkey



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WBC Steering Platform for Research

- Launched in Vienna in June 2006 by Austrian Presidency & Commissioner Potočník
- Confirmation of overall political commitment: future of WBCs in Europe
- Identify priorities/needs: provide input
- Clearing house between WBCs and Commission and all other stakeholders (Stability pact; EIB; Nato, Cost)
- Information office (SSA project):
see <http://see-science.eu>



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Integration of International Dimension

- Less/different "INCO" projects
- Bulk of opportunities under thematic research
- Also Ideas: third country researchers can join teams
- Capacities: open to all third countries/bottom up
- New International Cooperation Actions: supporting dialogue, coordination, platforms



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HOW

- Opening calls to third countries:
 - passive: all calls are open
 - targeted: participation is encouraged (recommended?) for certain countries/region or topics
- SICAs: Specific International Collaboration actions dedicated to themes and/or country/region (see ICPC list).



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Cooperation – Collaborative research

10 Themes

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture and biotechnology
3. Information and communication technologies
4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment (including climate change)
7. Transport (including aeronautics)
8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
9. Space
10. Security



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International Cooperation in COOPERATION SP

All themes open to third countries:

- Minimum 3 different EU Member State (MS) or Associated Countries (AC)
- Beyond this minimum, all 3rd countries can participate
- ICPCs will get funding
- Industrialised countries funded only if indispensable for the project
- Targeted calls possible



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Recommendations

- Increase research cooperation between MS and third countries;
- Set thematic priorities; synergy with JRC;
- Use FP7 and Steering Platform as a tool;
- Consider new tools: Platform, Era.Nets;
- Enlargement Countries: become associated;
- Design Integrated Research policy: action plan 3%; mobility;
- Create Awareness on role of Research;
- Early preparation;
- Commission ready to help!



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Thank you for your attention!