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Network technologies are at the core of telecommunications and the Internet infrastructure. The European Commission is funding research that enables these technologies to offer Europeans an Internet for the future, where people, content and things will be connected.

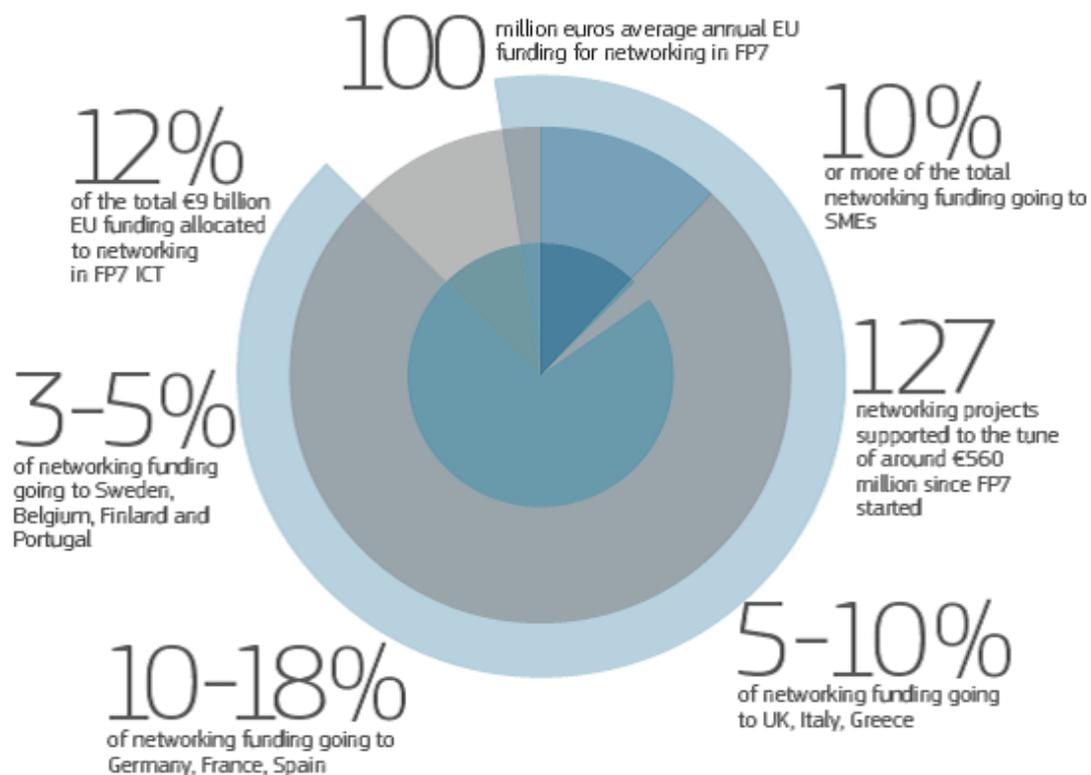
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The EU Framework Programme 7 (FP7) invested €100 million a year into research in network technologies and these investments continue in the new EU research [Horizon 2020 programme](#) [1]. These EU investments support value creation in Europe in the communications network domain.

EU industrial players are recognised market leaders: 7 out of the 10 largest telecom operators, as well as the world's major telecom manufacturers have their headquarters and origins in Europe.

Since the FP7 programme started in 2007, 207 networking projects have received about €780 million in EU funding; this is the highest share of the [ICT FP7 Thematic Priority](#) [2], representing €9 billion over the seven years of the programme's duration (2007-2013).

NETWORKING R&D IN NUMBERS



[3]The infographic shows EU funding for Network Technologies attribution (2013 figures)

Past [EU networks research investments](#) [4] led to the setting up of a truly European networking research community and pole of excellence.

In the future, network technology research findings will create big economic opportunities for EU businesses: the world market for advanced network equipment is of €300 billion a year. Technologies such as [Cloud Computing](#) [5], the [Internet of Things \(IoT\)](#) [6] and Machine-to-Machine (M2M) Communications are also very promising fields to enhance competitiveness. Looking further, beyond the ICT sector, tremendous opportunities also exist in cross-sector links with industries such as Energy, Transport and Health.

We are committed to ensuring that all our stakeholders have visibility of our work and know how to get involved. Find out about our latest activities on the pages indicated below.

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