



## Needs for the development of the Framework programme

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## Some important steps to FP7

- The process leading up to the adoption of FP7 included an extensive consultation process:
  - External assessment of the implementation and results of the Community activities under FP5 (October 2000)
  - Commission Communication "Science and Technology, the key to Europe's future - Guidelines for future European Union Policy to support research" (16 June 2004)
  - General consultation for views on the Commission Communication (July-October 2004)
  - Consultation on research themes in FP7 (Nov.-Dec. 2004)
- Impact assessment and ex-ante evaluation (annexed to FP7 proposal; 6 April 2005)
- Commission proposal for FP7 (6 April 2005)



## The current situation (general)

- FP6 ex-post evaluation (February 2009) and Commission's response (29 April 2009)
- FP7 Progress Report (29 April 2009)
- Review of the European Research Council (due end of 2009)
- Mid-term review of the current Financial Framework (early 2010)
- Commission Communication on simplification (spring 2010)
- Interim evaluation of FP7 (autumn 2010)

**The broader political environment and lessons learned will form the basis for future policy development**



## The current situation (specific points)

- Forward Looking Activities (FLA) were to be included in the 2010 work programmes
- They had “to be seen in the context of ERA developments, preparation of FP8, identification of emerging subjects in thematic areas and exploration of common interest areas across countries (Joint Programming)”
- For 2010, this has not happened across the board for various reasons (e.g., timing of request, lack of resources)
- Expect however, future take up of FLA activities in WPs



## Some inter-institutional considerations

- Swedish conference on “New Worlds – New Solutions: Research and innovation as a basis for developing Europe in a global context” (Lund, 6-8 July) – The idea is to “start a process to set priorities at the EU level”
- At the Competitiveness Council on 24-25 Sept, the current draft agenda states: “The World in 2025. Report by Commission”
- At the Competitiveness Council on 3-4 Dec, it is foreseen to have Council Council conclusions on the "Guidance on development of priorities for future framework programmes"
- The Swedish Minister at the Competitiveness Council on 29 May said that the discussion on FP8 would start under the Spanish Presidency (first semester of 2010)



## Pulling threads together ... some reflections on FLAs

- Up to now, there has been no apparent systematic approach to FLAs
- Large scope to support to ongoing activities: ERA developments, identification of emerging thematic areas, joint programming, international co-operation, ...
- Large scope to support future activities: while the broader political environment and lessons learned heavily shape future policy development, FLAs can play a role, especially when the "structure" is not known