



International Cooperation in the Capacities Specific Programme

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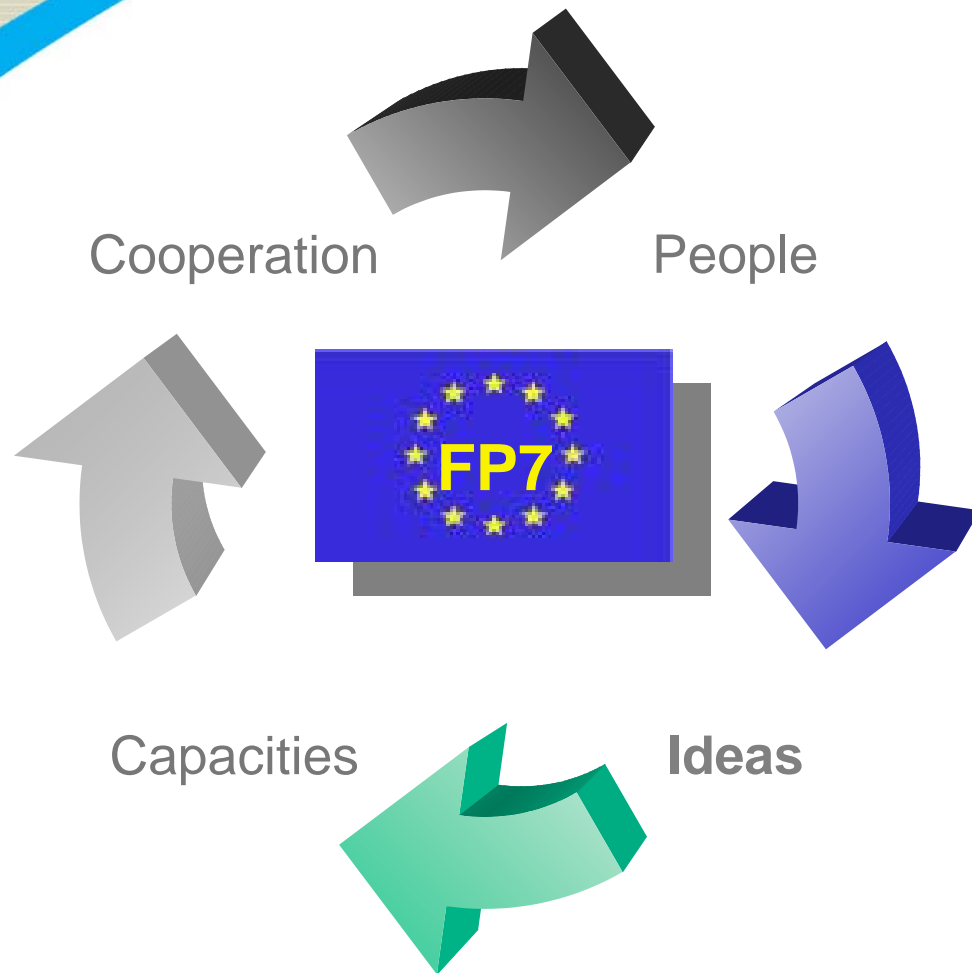




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International Cooperation in FP7: Main features



- *More inclusive*
- *More substantial*
- *More integrated*
- *More targeted*
- *More coordinated*
- *More policy driven*



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International Cooperation: Third Countries

1- Associated countries

2- Industrialised countries (USA, Canada, Japan, Australia....)

3- International Cooperation Partner Countries (**ICPC**):

- **Countries neighbouring the EU** (Mediterranean Partner Countries, Western Balkans, Eastern European and Central Asian Countries)
- **Developing countries** (ACP, ASIA, Latin America)
- **Emerging economies** (e.g. China, India, Brazil, Russia, South Africa)



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Coordination of the international cooperation actions under the different programmes and across Themes

CAPACITIES – the vehicle for this coordination

Aim :

To strengthen overall coordination to ensure a coherent approach and develop synergies with other Community policies (RELEX, DEV, Trade, ENV...)



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Work Programme 2007-2008, 3 activities are proposed:

Bi-regional Coordination of S&T Cooperation (INCO-NET)

Bilateral S&T Cooperation Partnerships

Coordination of National INCO Policies
and Activities (ERA-NET)



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Bi-regional Coordination of S&T cooperation (INCO-NET):

INCO-NETs are platforms bringing together policy makers and stakeholders of one target region/country with the EU to:

- Establish a dialogue to identify S&T priorities for mutual benefit and interest and define cooperation policy orientations;
- Implement specific activities to promote and contribute to the participation of the targeted regions/countries in the Framework Programme



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INCO-NET: Bi-regional policy dialogue

- Bi-regional policy dialogue for mapping research needs and setting S&T cooperation priorities;
- Strengthening co-ordination and complementarities with activities carried out by means of Community foreign policy instruments;
- Identification of areas with potential for enhanced co-ordination between and with the Member States, the Associated States and International Cooperation Partner Countries;

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INCO-NET: Implementation activities

- Developing, promoting, organising and structuring the participation of third countries in FP;
- Setting regional networks/fora with all relevant stakeholders;
- Training, awareness actions and dissemination activities;
- Evaluation and monitoring of ongoing cooperation activities.



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INCO-NET activities should:

- Make use to the extent possible of ongoing or existing structures and networks;
- Facilitate the uptake and use of research and innovation activities and monitoring of performance and effects of international S&T cooperation;

The participation of legal entities located in the targeted region is essential for the success of the INCO-NET.



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INCO-NET Implementation

- Call identifier: **FP7- INCO-2007-1**
- Call publication date: 22/12/06
- Call closure date: 02/05/07
- Indicative budget: 17 M€
- Areas: WBC, MPC, EECA, LAM, ACP, ASEA
- Funding scheme: Coordination and support action, typ. 2-3M€ for 4 years
- Eligibility criteria: min 3 participants from MS or AS (CA)
- Evaluation criteria: threshold of 3 on criteria and 10 on total
- Evaluation procedure: One step evaluation (no remote phase)

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Bilateral S&T Cooperation Partnerships (BILAT):

Objective:

Strengthen the cooperation partnership between the EU and countries, which have an **S&T cooperation agreement** or are in the process of negotiating one.



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BILAT actions:

- Improve the exchange of information on programs and funding designed to promote cooperation between Europe and third countries;
- Develop national information platforms;
- Reinforce promotion and awareness activities;
- Sharing best practices via joint fora such as workshops and presenting the state of the art and the prospects for cooperation in particular fields;
- Assistance in forming research partnerships; etc...



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BILAT Implementation

- Call identifier: **FP7-INCO-2007-2**
- Call publication date: 02/05/07
- Call closure date: 04/09/07 Indicative budget: 6 M€
- Funding scheme: Coordination and support action, typ. 500 k€ for 3 years
- Eligibility criteria: min 1 participant (SA), the proposals should target countries having or are negotiating an **S&T cooperation agreement** with the EC. The consortium should include participants from the country that is aimed at in the proposal.
- Evaluation criteria: threshold of 3 on criteria and 10 on total
- Evaluation procedure: One step evaluation (no remote phase)



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Coordination of national policies and activities on international S&T cooperation (ERA-NET):

Objective:

To increase the cooperation and coordination of research programmes carried out at national or regional level in the MS and AS and which target one third country or several third countries in a given region

The main participants should be ministries, research councils or other funding agencies (research programme “owners” or programme “managers”)

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ERA-NET :

- Promote/encourage an effective international scientific EU cooperation strategy at EU level;
- Set clear common goals, strategies and policies (amongst MS + participation 3rd countries)
- Reinforce the efficiency and impact of the ongoing bilateral S&T cooperation initiatives between Member States and International Cooperation Partner Countries;
- Facilitate innovative programmatic approaches.



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Preparatory ERA-NET

- Call identifier: **FP7-INCO-2007-3** (FP7-INCO-2007-3.1.1)
- Call publication date: 02/10/07
- Call closure date: 04/02/08
- Indicative budget: TBD
- Funding scheme: Coordination and support action (SA), typ. 300 k€ for 2 years
- Eligibility criteria: min 1 participant
- Evaluation criteria: threshold of 3 on criteria and 10 on total
- Evaluation procedure: One step evaluation (no remote phase)



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ERA-NET

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- Call publication date: 02/10/07
- Call closure date: 04/02/08
- Indicative budget: TBD
- Funding scheme: Coordination and support action (CA), typ. 3 M€ for 4 years
- Eligibility criteria: min 3 programme “owners” or programme “managers from different MS or AS
- Evaluation criteria: threshold of 4 on Quality, 3 on other criteria (specific evaluation criteria)
- Evaluation procedure: One step evaluation (no remote phase)

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ERA-NET PLUS:

- allows the Commission to provide an incentive to the organisation of joint calls between national or regional research programmes by “topping-up” joint trans-national funding with Community funding .
- intends to bridge the gap between coordination of national programmes via ERA-NET and the joint implementation of well identified national research programmes, on the basis of Article 169 of the Treaty.



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ERA-NET PLUS

Funding scheme: Coordination and support action (CA)

- The grant will **combine** the reimbursement of **eligible costs** (covering the activities linked to the preparation and coordination of the joint call) with a **flat rate** (topping up the joint call budget).
- The Community contribution will be limited to a **maximum of 1/3 of the total contributions** to the joint call budget
- The combined national/regional and Community contributions to the joint calls would normally exceed 5 million € but should **never be less than 3 million €**.



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