



# Co-ordination of national research programmes

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## Article 169 of the Treaty

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## Article 169 in FP7

### *Participation of the **Community** in research programmes **jointly** Implemented by Member States*

#### Article 169

'In implementing the multiannual Framework Programme, the Community may make provision, in agreement with the Member States concerned, for participation in research and development programmes undertaken by several Member States, including participation in the structures created for the execution of those programmes'

- European **co-operation on a large-scale** in 'variable geometry' between Member States
- Co-operation between Member States sharing common needs **and/or** interests
- Identification of Art. 169 initiatives on the basis of **clear criteria**



## Article 169 in FP 7: Criteria to identify the initiatives

- **Identification of the initiatives on the basis of a series of criteria :**
  - **Relevance** of the initiative to Community objectives
  - **Clear definition of objective** and its **relevance to FP7**
  - **Pre-existing basis** (i.e. existing or envisaged research programmes)
  - **European added value**
  - **Critical mass** (size and number of programmes involved as well as **similarity of activities covered**)
  - **Art. 169 as the most appropriate** means to achieve the objectives
- **Four initiatives identified in the FP 7 specific programmes adopted on 19 December 2006 :**
  - **« EMRP »** (creation of a joint research programme on « metrology »).
  - **« EUROSTARS »** (creation of a joint research programme on “research performing SMEs”)
  - **« BONUS-Art. 169 »** (creation of a joint programme on “Baltic sea” research)
  - **« AAL »** (creation of a joint research programme on technologies for “ambient assisted living”)



## Article 169 in FP7: Implementation (1/2)

A **powerful instrument** to implement national research programmes in an **integrated** way:

- **No standard model** for co-operation between Member States
- FP7 provides for the **joint implementation of well-identified** national research programmes and the establishment or existence of a **dedicated implementation structure**
- Decisions taken on a **case by case basis**, each 'Article 169' initiative is different



## Article 169 in FP7: Implementation (2/2)

Integration of the national research programmes shall be ensured at three levels :

- Scientific integration
- Management integration
- Financial integration



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## Article 169 in FP7: EU financial contribution

Treaty allows **flexibility** in nature of Community participation.  
FP7 provides for:

- **Financial contribution** of the Community to the joint implementation of the research programmes (joint approach)
- Subject to the definition of a **financing plan** based on **formal commitments** from competent national authorities



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## Article 169 Roadmap

- For each case, commitment to FP 7 boundary conditions must be demonstrated as well as commitment to achieve scientific, management & financial integration
- First proposal(s) expected to be put to Council early 2007
  - "Eurostars" and "Ambient Assisted Living"
- ERA-NET *plus* scheme proposed as bridging measure to maintain momentum
  - "BONUS-169" and "EMRP"



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