



Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme

Research Potential

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FP 7- specific programme « CAPACITIES »

1. Research Infrastructures	1715 M€
2. Research for the benefit of SMEs	1336 M€
3. Regions of Knowledge	126 M€
4. Research Potential	340 M€
5. Science in Society	330 M€
6. Coherent Development of Policies	70 M€
7. International Cooperation	180 M€



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RESEARCH POTENTIAL

Two objectives
for **CONVERGENCE & OUTERMOST** regions only :

- to stimulate the *realisation of the full research potential* by unlocking and developing the research potential in the **EU's convergence regions** and **outermost regions**
- to *strengthen the capacities* of their researchers to successfully participate in research activities at EU level



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What are.....

CONVERGENCE REGIONS:

Regions eligible for financing by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) under objective « convergence »

i.e. Andalucia, Castilla la Mancha (ES), Martinique (FR), MT, Calabria (IT), Baltic Countries...

OUTERMOST REGIONS:

Regions defined by art. 299§2 of EC Treaty

i.e. Canary Islands (ES), 4 DOM (FR), Azores & Madeira (PT)

DOM = Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique, Réunion



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Expected Impact

OPTIMISATION of :

- International exposure and recognition
- Leadership potential
- Quality of their scientists
- Visibility of their research groups

INCREASE of:

- Visibility of their research groups
- Participation in the ERA/FP