



Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme

Research Potential

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Activities

- **Exchange of know-how and experience** through trans-national two-way **secondments** of research staff
- **Recruitment** of incoming experienced researchers
- Acquisition, development or upgrading of **research equipment** for the selected centres
- Organisation of **workshops and conferences** to facilitate knowledge transfer at (inter-)national level
- **Dissemination and promotional activities**



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MAIN ACTIVITIES - 2007

REGPOT-2007-1 (23.5 M€)

Unlocking and developing the **research potential** in the EU's convergence and outermost regions

REGPOT-2007-2 (1 M€)

Providing **evaluation facilities** for research organisations in the EU's convergence and outermost regions

REGPOT-2007-3 (8 M€)

International cooperation focused on **Western Balkan Countries**

REGPOT-2007-4 (0.5 M€)

Transnational cooperation among **NCPs**



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REGPOT-2007-1

*Unlocking and developing the **research potential**
in the EU's convergence and outermost regions*

Participants

Any existing and autonomous public or private
research entity in the eligible regions

Expected output

Action plan to upgrade excellence centre through
a mix of foreseen eligible activities



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REGPOT-2007-2

Providing **evaluation facilities** for research organisations in the EU's convergence and outermost regions

Activities

- **Evaluation of research quality and infrastructures** by high level independent experts (*SWOT analysis*)
- Preparation of an **Action Plan to upgrade and reinforce its RTD potential** by the selected centre

Participants

Public or private **research centre** in the EU's **convergence regions** and **outermost regions**



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REGPOT-2007-3

International Cooperation

focused on **Western Balkan Countries**

Objectives

To **promote closer S&T cooperation opportunities** between European Union and in particular its convergence regions and the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) - through a mix of foreseen eligible activities.

Participants

Proposals should include at least **3 participants**: one from a *convergence or outermost region* in the EU, one from a *Member State* or an *associated country* and at least one from a **WBC**



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Transnational cooperation among **NCPs**

Activities

- **Reinforcing the network** of National Contact Points (NCP) by focussing on identifying and sharing good practices (*benchmarking, joint workshops, training, and twinning schemes, trans-national brokerage events*)
- Specific approach to be adapted to the nature of the theme, capacities and priorities of the NCPs concerned
- special attention to **helping less experienced NCPs**
- proposals to **include all officially appointed NCPs**
- action to **involve official FP7 contacts from Associated Countries.**



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Instruments

Projects will be implemented through **Coordination and Support Actions (CSAs)**.

➤ **Coordination Actions** promote the creation of added value by bringing together on-going activities in a given field in different countries and providing them with a European dimension.
→ for REGPOT-2007-03

➤ **Support Actions** will be used to provide support to foster seed-beds to **create new research-driven clusters** and to **promote systematic mutual information exchange** (analysis, workshops, roundtables, expert group meetings, dissemination activities)
→ for REGPOT-2007-01, REGPOT-2007-02, REGPOT-2007-04



Funding scheme overview

	<i>funding scheme</i>	<i>duration</i>	<i>Community contribution</i>	<i>% of total eligible cost</i>
REGPOT-2007-1 <i>research potential</i>	coordination and support action	up to 3 years	approx. 1-1.2 Mio. €	up to 100%
REGPOT-2007-2 <i>evaluation facilities</i>	coordination and support action	up to 12 months	up to 200.000 €	up to 100%
REGPOT-2007-3 <i>WBCs</i>	<i>coordination</i> and support action	up to 3 years	approx. 1.2 Mio. €	up to 100%
REGPOT-2007-4 <i>NCPs</i>	coordination and support action	max. 5 years	indicatively 500.000 €	up to 100%