



The People Programme in FP7

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Cooperation – Collaborative research

Ideas – Frontier Research

People – Marie Curie Actions

Capacities – Research Capacity

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JRC (non-nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

Euratom



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Significant budget increase:

- Dedicated Specific Programme People budget of € 4,75 billion over 7 years (€ 0,68 billion/year)
- This represents 50% budget rise on average as compared to FP6

How to handle this budget increase:

- Administration: Outsourcing of the People Programme into an executive agency: More staff to follow the individual contracts – better response
- Co-funding of national and regional programmes
- Simplification



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- Guiding Principles:
 - Continuity of FP6
 - with focus on structuring impact
 - increased private sector participation
 - Strengthened international dimension
 - Balanced gender objective, also reintegration
 - No thematic priorities, bottom-up



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People programme = Marie Curie Actions

- From pure mobility actions to a dedicated programme for structuring training, mobility and career development
- Part of the integrated strategy at European level to make Europe more attractive to the best researchers
- Ultimate goal: an open, competitive and attractive Europe for researchers



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Participation in the people programme:
without researchers, no research....

- European and international researchers
- The public and the private sector
- From post graduate level upwards
- Increased participation of women



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Breaking down obstacles to mobility

- The European Researcher's Mobility Portal
- ERA-MORE, the European Network of Mobility centres
- Directive on **Scientific Visa** to be transposed into national law by October 2007



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The European Charter for Researchers

**To be
implemented....
on a
voluntary
basis**



The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment

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The Aim of the Code and the Charter

- Enhancement of quality of research environment
- Clarify commitments and obligations
- Ethical standards and professional responsibility
- Accountability and supervision, career development
- Working conditions
- Funding and salaries
- Gender and equal opportunities
- Selection and transparency
- Recognition of qualifications etc...



Scientific visa

- A European Directive (adopted by Council October 2005) to set up a specific procedure for admitting third-country researchers coming into Europe to carry out a research project.
- The main concept is to create a specific residence permit for foreign researchers independently from their contractual status (employee, self-employed, "stipendee").
- In the new system, a non-EU researcher wishing to carry out a research project in Europe will have to sign a "hosting agreement" with an accredited public or private European research organisation.



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In summary three broad objectives:

- Create conditions for researchers to be mobile without obstacles
- Enhance status and attractiveness of a career in Europe
- Finance researchers' training, mobility and career development



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Initial training

Initial Training Networks*

Life-long training and career development

Intra-European Fellowships / European Reintegration Grants
Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes

Industry dimension

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways*

International dimension

Outgoing & Incoming* International Fellowships; International Cooperation Scheme; International Reintegration grants; Support to researcher 'diasporas'*

Policy support actions

Mobility and career enhancement actions; Excellence awards

* **Open to third-country nationals**

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Initial training of researchers- Marie Curie Networks

Improving young researchers' career perspectives in both public and private sector through:

- Joint training through research programme
- Complementary skills acquisition: entrepreneurship, management, IPR, grant writing, communication
- Better Industry participation

Structuring the Initial Training of Researchers at EU level through:

- International Networks of Participants
- Mutual recognition of Training/Diplomas
- Opening training events to external researchers



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Life-long training and career development

Support to experienced researchers:

- Complementing or acquiring new skills and competencies
- Enhancing inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral mobility
- Resuming research career after a break and re-integration into longer term research position in Europe
- Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes

Actions:

Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)

European Reintegration Grants (ERG)

Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes (COFUND)



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Industry–academia partnerships and pathways

Intersectoral mobility and skills exchange through Partnerships between public and private research organisations

→ including universities, SMEs, manufacturing industries

- Based on common research project
- Staff secondments and recruitments of experienced researchers
- Networking activities

Action:

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)



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International Dimension

- Life long training and career development of EU researchers
- To attract research talent from outside Europe
- Foster mutually beneficial research collaboration through international staff exchanges
- From 2008 new scheme: staff exchange scheme for EU Neighbourhood policy and S & T agreement countries

Actions:

International Outgoing Fellowships for career Development (IOF)

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)

International Reintegration Grants (IRG)



Policy support - Specific actions

- **European Researchers *Charter & Code of conduct for the recruitment of researchers***
- The European Researcher's Mobility Portal
- ERA-MORE, the European Network of Mobility centres
- Directive on **Scientific Visa** to be transposed into national law by October 2007
- ***ERA LINK (EU researchers abroad link) - scientific diaspora***
- Excellence Awards
- Researchers Night



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For more information

- FP7:
http://ec.europa.eu/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm
- The European Researcher's Mobility Portal:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers>
- Newsletter "Europe4Researchers":
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/newsletter>
- EU DG Research:
<http://ec.europa.eu/com/research>

