



Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme

Regions of Knowledge

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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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Policy context

The "*Regions of Knowledge*" initiative responds to a need to increase the overall capacity of regional players to enhance science and technology for **economic development** of all European Regions

Expected Outcome

- * improve links between stakeholders and local business community
- * foster transnational / cross-border cooperation
- * enhance mutual learning of regional actors
- * exchange experience and best practice



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Expected impact

- **Regional economical growth** in selected domains
- **Response to the needs** of regional business communities
- **Mobilisation** of local, national and community funds to implement defined **regional “action plans”**



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FP7 and the Structural Funds - more synergies -

- FP 7 has a **new regional dimension**, under “Capacities”
- ... while Structural Funds will reinforce R&D investment
 - R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship as the **first priority in Convergence regions**
 - Innovation and the knowledge economy as the first priority for the competitiveness and growth objective
 - **Earmarking**: at least 60% or 75% of funds for Lisbon priorities
- Complementary funding where possible
 - ... but **no double funding**