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Turning to the future: a new approach for EU socio-economic and humanities research until 2013

Professionalisation of research management

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Observations

- **More than half of the projects request project extensions**
- **In 1% of the projects the financial reports are immediately correct**
- **For up to 10% of the reports the total approval period exceeds 12 months**



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Consequences

- **Delays and potentially interruptions in the project**
- **High administrative effort both on Commission and on the project side**
- **Increased risk for friction within consortium and consortium and Commission**



Key competences in European collaborative research

- **Excellence in Research**
 - **Need to deliver excellent scientific work and output**
 - **Researchers need to be able to concentrate on research**

- **Management**
 - **Decision making process**
 - **Monitoring of objectives and finances**
 - **Reporting**

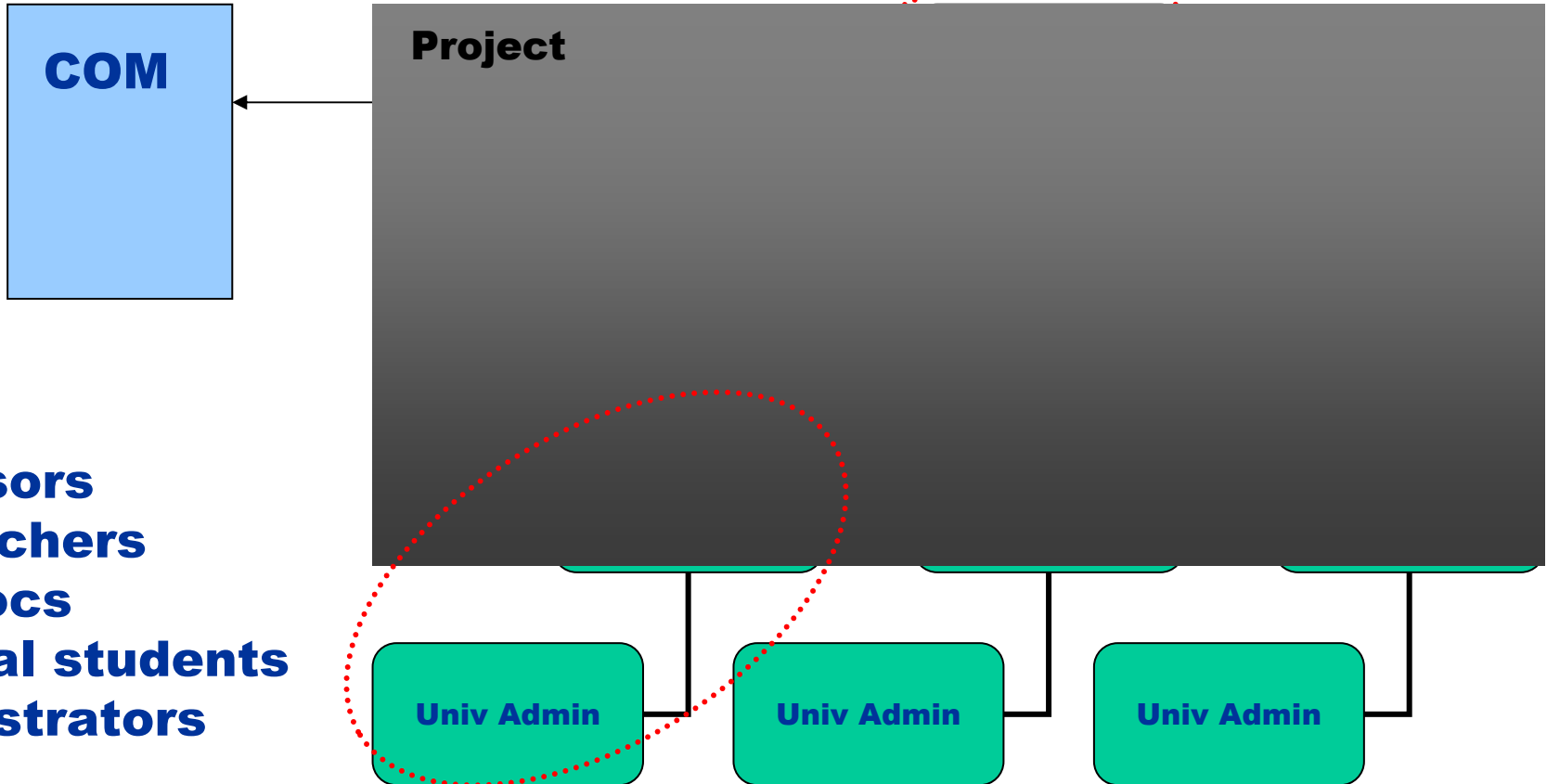
- **Two key competences required:**
 - **Research and Management**



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Interfaces



Actors:

- Professors
- Researchers
- Post-docs
- Doctoral students
- Administrators



Management tasks according to FP7 Grant agreement and guide to financial issues

Management tasks (100% reimbursed)	
Management as an activity	Tasks of the coordinator
Maintenance of the consortium agreement	Administration of the EC financial contribution (allocation between beneficiaries and activities)
Overall legal, ethical, financial and administrative management (including obtaining audit certificates)	Keeping records and financial accounts of distribution of EC contribution
Implementation of competitive calls for new beneficiaries (if foreseen in Annex I)	Information of the Commission on the EC contribution and transfer to beneficiaries
Any other management activity foreseen by the annexes of the contract, except coordination of RTD activities, i.e. "scientific coordination"	Review of consistency of reports
	Monitoring the compliance by beneficiaries with their contractual obligations



Professionalisation of management – **Next steps**

- Seminar 22 June
 - In-depth discussion on practices and suggestions concerning project management
- Intermediate step ?
- Final step
 - Best practice guidelines?