

EU RESEARCH FUNDING 2007-2013 7TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

REPORT CARD



EVALUATION SNAPSHOT

MAIN FINDINGS OF THE EX-POST EVALUATION OF FP7:

SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE



1700

patent applications so far



170 000

publications



up to **30%**
of publications
rank among the
TOP 5%
highly-cited
publications
in their disciplines

well above the EU and US averages

COHERENCE

CONTRIBUTION TO
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

76%
of funding



75%
of topics

69%
of projects



open to the world
involved participants from
170 countries

**worked with
other EU policy
initiatives**



such as the Competitiveness and
Innovation Programme,
and Structural Funds

But... there could have been
greater synergies

SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

€6.4bn

for SMEs
surpassing the 15% target set
for the Co-operation Programme

VALUE ADDED



most projects

would not have gone ahead
without FP7 investment



**big and complex
research**

could only be carried out
at EU level



**created durable
research and
innovation networks**

across borders, sectors
and disciplines



**helped EU countries
align research
agendas**

including through common
research agendas and joint
calls, and by mobilising
€2.75bn in national funding

But... FP7 could still have been further
simplified and different components
operated too much in isolation.

EFFICIENCY

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

€1 spent = €11



estimated direct and indirect economic
effects from innovations, new technologies
and products.

SIMPLIFICATION



Reduced costs for participants
=
saved +€550m
compared to FP6

But... some administrative rules were still
too complex, particularly for SMEs

RELEVANCE



Took actions
in response to the
economic crisis



**Addressed societal
challenges**

e.g. food safety, climate change,
health



Invested €45.3bn
in 25 282 projects
in 4 specific programmes

But... could achieve greater scope to adapt
to other unexpected and emerging issues

EFFECTIVENESS

JOBS



130 000 research jobs over 10 years

160 000 additional jobs over 25 years

GROWTH



€500bn in total
over 25 years

