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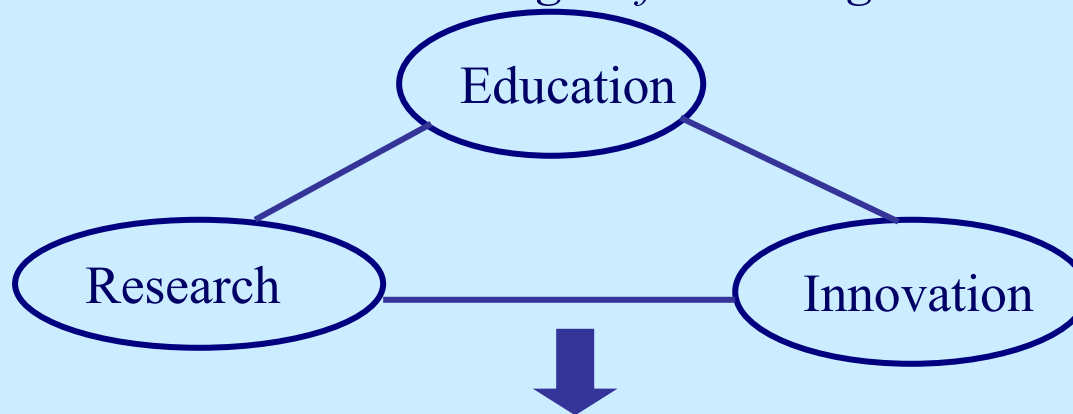
EU Funding Opportunities:

- **Education Programme:**
 - DG Education
 - Programmes:
 - Integrated Programme in the field of life-long learning (2007-2013)
 - Tempus MEDA (2002 - ??)
- **Research Programme**
 - DG Research
 - Programme: Research Framework Programme 7 (FP7 - 2007-2013)
- **Regional Programme**
 - DG Regio
 - Programmes: Structural Funds (2007-2013)
- **Cooperation Programme**
 - DG External Relation
 - Programme: European Neighbourhood policy (2007-2013)

General Introduction

- **Political framework:** The Lisbon agenda (Lisbon, Bologna, Gothenburg processes)

“The triangle of knowledge”:



growth, jobs, sustainable development,
health, life quality, etc...

- **Timeliness:** New Programming period: 2007-2013
- **Geographical area:** Barcelona process – MEDA countries: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Gaza/West Bank.



The European Education Policy





The Education Programmes

- **DG Education:**
 - Commissioner: Jan Figel
- **Overall objective:**
 - Meet Lisbon targets \Rightarrow Life-long learning & education (Bologna process)
- **Tools:**
 - Integrated action programme for lifelong learning (IAP) (former Socratès, Erasmus Mundus, elearning, etc.)
 - Tempus (remain independent under the next Financial Perspectives)



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General Overview of the IAP (1/3)

- **Objective:** to contribute through lifelong learning to the development of the EU as an advanced knowledge society
- **Actions:** to foster interaction, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems in the EU so as the EU becomes a world reference for HE matters.
- **4 vertical Programmes:**
 - (Comenius: school education)
 - Erasmus: higher education (HE) and advanced vocational education and training (VET)
 - (Leonardo da Vinci: vocational training)
 - (Grundtvig: adult education)
- **International Dimension:** only for Erasmus World
- **Budget:** €13.620 billion for 7 years foreseen



Overview on Erasmus Mundus (IAP – 2/3)

- Objectives:
 - Structuring cooperation with third countries for education,
 - Improving their human resources development,
 - Promoting dialogues and understanding between peoples;
 - Increasing EU visibility & attractiveness and EU diplomas' value
- Target: > 3 million individual participants by 2011 (Erasmus + E. World)
- Who is concerned?
 - Students/trainee in HE and VET
 - Teaching and administrative staff of the applying institutions
 - Enterprises, social partners, working in the HE area
 - Associations linked to HE and VET
- Special features for Erasmus Mundus:
 - Network dimension
 - Open to all countries



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Erasmus Mundus Actions (IAP - 3/3)

- **Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses - Network**
 - Consortium: minimum 3 HE from 3 countries (2 member states)
 - Outputs: a study period in at least two of the three universities, leading to a recognised double, multiple or joint diploma.
 - Funding: €15.000 per year for the consortium, 5 years
- **Action 2: Erasmus Mundus scholarships - Fellowship**
 - Scholarship scheme for third-country graduate students and scholars to follow Action 1 Courses or to work for them.
 - Funding: Fellowship: €1.600 per month for 10 months; travel expenses: €1.000 and scholarship: €4.000 (both per academic year)
 - Mobility compulsory from third countries to the EU (strict conditions)
- **Action 3: Partnerships – extra support for Universities selected in Action 1**
 - Outgoing mobility of graduate EU students and scholars
 - Funding: €5.000 for third countries HE, €400 for students and €4.000 for Universities (monthly), and €1.000 annually for travel expenses
- **Action 4: Enhancing attractiveness – set of specific actions**
 - Consortium: minimum 3 HE from 3 countries
 - Activities: seminars, conferences, publication, mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries



General Overview of Tempus (1/3)

- Objectives:
 - Mutual understanding: between the EU and partner regions
 - Regional Cooperation: in the HE sphere \Rightarrow better communication & networks
 - HE modernisation and transition processes \Rightarrow key instrument for MEDA, impact on national education policies following national priorities.
- International Dimension:
 - Extension to MEDA region, since 2002 onwards.
 - To be continued after 2006
- After 2006: will be pursued, independently from the IAP.



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Tempus Instruments (2/3)

- Joint European projects:
 - Objective: to help the HE sector to disseminate knowledge outside academic institutions.
 - Targets HE institutions
- Structural and complementary measures:
 - Objective: short-term interventions to support HE reforms
 - Examples: accreditation system, HE good management practice, quality insurance).
 - Targets HE institutions
 - Next call: 15/02/06
- Individual Mobility Grants: 2 windows:
 - Staff from the partner countries to be trained and to do conference abroad;
 - Staff from the EU HE to deliver training courses in partner countries, within the context of Tempus' objectives;
 - Next call: 15/02/06, for visits in August 2006 and May 2007.



How does it work? (3/3)

- Consortium:
 - Universities and Association of Universities are the core bodies:
 - HE decision-making bodies, administrative staff and teachers, ministerial officials, student organisations;
 - social partners, public/private companies linked with HE, NGOs also possible
 - Rules:
 - At least 2 partners from the EU;
 - In each country a minimum of one University;
 - For complementary Measures, Ministry of Education at least endorses project proposal, ideally is a partner.
- Calls for proposal:
 - Launched by DG Education
- Getting Support:
 - NCPs
 - European Training Foundation
 - European HE International Relations departments
 - tempus@cec.eu.int for general requests



Information Resources

- DG Education and Training:

http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/index_en.html

- The IAP:

- New programme:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/newprog/index_en.html

- Erasmus Mundus:

http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

- Tempus:

- http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/tempus/index_en.html

- <http://www.etf.eu.int>



The European Research Policy





Overview

- **DG Science & Research:**
 - Commissioner: Janez Potočnik
- **Overall objective:**
 - Meet Lisbon targets: ⇒ Achieve the European Research Area (ERA) to become a knowledge society
- **Targets:**
 - Develop the EU R&D policy ⇒ EU competitiveness
 - Coordinate & reinforce National research activities
 - Support other EU policies (Industry, Env., Aid, etc.)
- **Tools: The Framework Programmes**
 - FP6: 2002-2006: € 17.5 billion
 - FP7: 2007-2013: € 73 billion (EC proposition)



The international Dimension

- Enhancing competitiveness of the EU:

- Excellence, human resources, competitiveness

☹ High competition

⇒ *Knowing strength and weaknesses, defining priorities*

- Accompanying sustainable development

- Programme to be defined with the involved stakeholders in function of the needs of the countries

- Equitable Partnership with European teams (budget, rights, tasks, involvement, responsibilities, etc.)

- Emphasis on infrastructures and capacity building

☹ Difficulty to master policy agenda

⇒ *Networking with your national authorities*



The next FP7

- 4 Programmes:
 - Programme 1: Cooperation
 - (Programme 2: Ideas)
 - Programme 3: People
 - Programme 4: Capacities



Programme 1: Cooperation

- **Objective:** Realising the European Research Area
- **Activities:** Research projects, on 9 thematic subjects:
 - Health
 - Food, agriculture and biotechnology
 - Information and communication technologies
 - Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies
 - Energy
 - Environment (including climate change)
 - Transport (including aeronautics)
 - Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
 - Security and Space
- **International Dimension:**
 - Reinforcing competitiveness: general rules
 - Supporting cooperation (former INCO) – **Dedicated calls per thematic.**



Programme 3: People

- **Objective:** Reinforce EU attractiveness for researchers and achieve single market for research
- **Activities: Marie Curie Actions**
 - **Training Networks:**
 - for early-stage researchers (PhD Students)
 - for experienced researchers (PostDoc, <10 years of experience)
 - **Individual Fellowships:** (from and to Europe)
 - for experienced research
 - for world-class researchers
- **International Dimension:** Reinforced in this FP7, also in the participation to networks (without any justification)



Programme 4: Capacities

- Objective: Reinforcing the ERA infrastructures and capacities
- International Dimension: One aspect
 - SSA / CA projects: no research but cooperation projects
 - Supporting the infrastructure building of emerging countries
 - Preparing the 9 thematic subjects of Programme 1, dedicated to the objectives of International Cooperation
 - More directed towards National authorities – But role to play at political level



Which projects to submit? (1/3)

Research Projects ⇒ Programme 1 'Cooperation'

- Special projects for emerging countries to answer to their needs – e.g. ICT
⇒ **THEMATIC APPROACH**
- Division in geographical zones (MEDA for Téthys) with specific thematic
⇒ **IMPORTANCE OF GEOGRAPHICAL PARTNERSHIP (3+3?)**
- Possibility also to join the other projects BUT excellence and competitiveness
⇒ **STRENGTH/WEAKNESS ASSESMENT**

Tools:

- Integrated Project (IP)
 - Aim: activity-driven actions, programme approach, multiple issues
 - Consortium: 10 to 20 partners (contractors)
 - EU Contribution: € 4 to 25 M (av. € 10 M)
- STREP:
 - Aim: objective-driven actions, project approach, single issue
 - Consortium: 6 to 15 partners (contractors)
 - EU Contribution: 0.8 to 3 M € (av. € 1.9 M)



Which projects to submit? (2/3)

Training Projects ⇒ Programme 3 'People'

- Marie Curie Schemes

⇒ **PARTNERSHIP WITH EU/ASSOCIATED STATES COMPULSORY**

Tools:

- Individual Fellowship: Individuals apply, in cooperation with host institutions
 - Early-stage researchers (- 4 years of experience): RTN and EST (FP6), Research Training Network (FP7) – Funding: fellowship, travel allowance, career allowance for the Fellow ; monthly support for the Host (€250-500) + network & management support
 - Experienced researchers (between 4 to 10 years of research experience): OIF and IIF – Funding: idem / rates change
- ☺ New legislation since October for foreign researchers: easier to get research visa
- Research Training Network: Universities apply
 - Research Training Network (RTN) and Early-Stage Researchers Network (EST)
 - Range of budget: until €3 million



Which projects to submit? (3/3)

Network Projects \Rightarrow Programme 4 'Capacities'

- Network and preparation for Programme 1
 \Rightarrow **POLITICAL LOBBY**
- Support for infrastructures
 \Rightarrow **PARTNERSHIP NORTH/SOUTH**

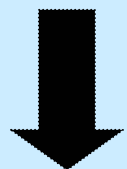
Tools:

- Coordination Actions (CA) and Specific Support Actions (SSA)
 - Aim: supporting collaboration, coordination or other activities (conferences and studies)
 - Consortium: CA: 13 - 26; SSA: 1 - 15
 - EU Contribution: CA: € 1M ; SSA: € 0.5M

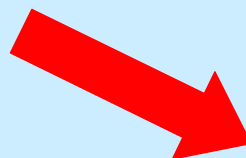


FP Projects Process

- Call for proposal
 - Draft Documents (M-4)
 - Information meeting (M+1)
- Official Launch (Work Programme) (M0)
- Deadline (M+4)
- Preparing the proposal
 - Consortium
 - Administrative parts (A1, A2, A3/cost model)
 - Project parts proposal (part B):
- Submission of proposal (EPSS)
- Evaluation by external & independent experts
- Marks / Threshold according to criteria / Ranking list



No funding



Funding:

Contract Preparation Forms (CPF)

Consortium Agreement

Signature

Launch



Project Funding Rules

FP6 Rules: (FP7 still in negotiations / Proposition on Simplification from the Commission beg. December, with new rules)

- Costs Categories:
 - Eligible costs (personnel, material, consumables, travel, dissemination & training, management) / Ineligible costs (interest rates, etc.)
 - Subcontracting / Third Parties (art.23)
 - Direct costs (eligible costs + subcontracting) / Indirect costs (flat rate of 20% of the direct costs minus subcontracting)
- Cost models:
 - Additional Costs (AC): 100% of direct additional costs reimbursed + Indirect Costs – *Only for Research Centres and Universities*
 - Simplified full costs (FCF): 50% of total eligible costs and subcontracting reimbursed + Indirect Costs
 - Full cost: 50% of total eligible costs and subcontracting reimbursed



Getting ready for FP projects (1/2)

An interesting call???

⇒ Make yourself known: Be reactive

- Contact your existing partners in the EU
- Publish your profile / Write a declaration of interest

⇒ **This implies some previous necessary steps:**

- Visibility of your University
- Existing contacts, notably with EU partners
- Reactivity and Update
- Link with National Authority in Brussels and the EU Commission office in your country



Getting ready for FP projects (2/2)

How to start?

- Know yourself! Information to gather:
 - Internal Strength and weakness
 - Existing collaborations (Academia and industry)
 - Existing projects
- Read relevant documents:
 - EC Communication “Building the Europe of knowledge”
 - EC Proposition to the Council: Annex 1 and Annex 3
 - Read documents on FP6 (e.g.: guidelines)
- Inform yourself on the existing initiatives in your field
- Publish a profile of your institution on Cordis

☺ Don't panic! The EC is famous for its jargon and its complexity... It is just a question of getting used to it!



Information Resources

- Cordis web site (project-focused): www.cordis.eu.int
 - Partner Search:
<http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6PartnersPage>
 - INCO: http://cordis.europa.eu.int/inco/home_en.html
 - Support (NCP): <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/getsupport.htm>
- DG Research (policy focused) :
http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/research/index_en.cfm
 - INCO :
http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/iscp/index_en.cfm
 - FP7: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp7/>

The European Regional Policy





Regional Programme

- **DG Region:**
 - Commissioner: Danuta Hübner
- **Overall objective:**
 - Meet Lisbon and Gothenburg targets \Rightarrow Cohesion, convergence, growth, employment and innovation
- **Targets:**
 - Regions of the EU ; in one programme third countries also allowed
- **Tools:** 4 Structural Funds / 2 targeted to Universities:
 - European Social Fund (ESF / FSE)
 - European Regional Development Funds (ERDF / FEDER)
- **Budget:** € 336.1 billion (EC proposition)



New Regional Policy Structuration

- (Objective 1: Convergence:
 - For new Member States)
- (Objective 2: Regional Competitiveness & Jobs:
 - No more zoning)
- Objective 3: Territorial cooperation
 - Fostering economic development and growth, by counter-balancing boundaries obstacles
 - Challenging issues with clear regional and/or supranational boundaries
 - Areas: sustainable development, education thematic, environmental problems, infrastructures/transport, etc.

⇒ International dimension: only for objective 3 on territorial cooperation, for 2 actions out of 3 actions



Innovative aspects of 2007-13 programming for Objective 3

- Geographical extension:
 - Rule of max. 10% of the budget for the two actions (cross-border and transnational cooperation) for **financing activities outside the EU** provided they benefit the regions of the EU
 - Rule of max. 20% of the budget for the same actions to be spent in **adjacent regions from outside the area**
- Cooperation between / responsibilities of partners:
 - More like the FP6 rules
 - 4 new cooperation criteria: joint development, implementation, staffing, financing \Rightarrow for the cross-border and transnational cooperation actions, need to meet minimum 2 out 4 criteria.



Territorial Cooperation

- **Cross-border cooperation:**
 - Partners: cross-border regions
 - Priorities: support of growth and job creation
 - Focus: strengthen competitiveness
 - Examples of actions: innovation actions, education/training, health, cross-border business activities, dealing with environment/threats, labour market integration, support for networks, etc.
- **Transnational cooperation:**
 - Partners: amongst macro-regions (TBD) sharing the same geographical issue, etc.
 - Priorities: To increase cooperation amongst Member states, in order to increase economic and social integration and cohesion ('EQUAL spirit')
 - Focus: improve physical interconnections of territories and intangible connections
 - Examples of actions : sustainable transport, prevention of natural hazards, water management, R&D/innovation networks



How is the Objective 3 financed?

- ERDF funding
- Programmes will receive up to 75% of funding
- Joint management of funding:
 - Joint budget,
 - Equally available to all the partners: activity criteria instead of geographical one
- 10% of funding max. for activities located outside the EU.



How is the cohesion policy implemented (1/2)?

- **Community Strategic Guidelines**
 - EC priorities to achieve Lisbon and Gothenburg goals
- **National Strategic Frameworks:**
 - Defined by MS;
 - Identify links between the EC priorities and the national / regional ones’.
- **Discussion:**
 - Between EC Committees, Social partners, stakeholders;
 - On the basis of this discussion, the EC will list the selected programmes to be financed and their level of funding.
- **Operational Programmes:**
 - Programmes allowing to meet successfully the objectives laid in the National Strategic Frameworks.
 - Monitoring and assessment



How is the cohesion policy implemented (2/2)?

Content of an Operational Programme:

- Themes of the project
- Ex-ante evaluation and expected outcomes
- Justification of relevance with programme priorities
- Breakdown of spheres of assistance
- Financial tables
- Monitoring of the project and its evaluation
- Identification of any major projects expected (€50 million) if any.



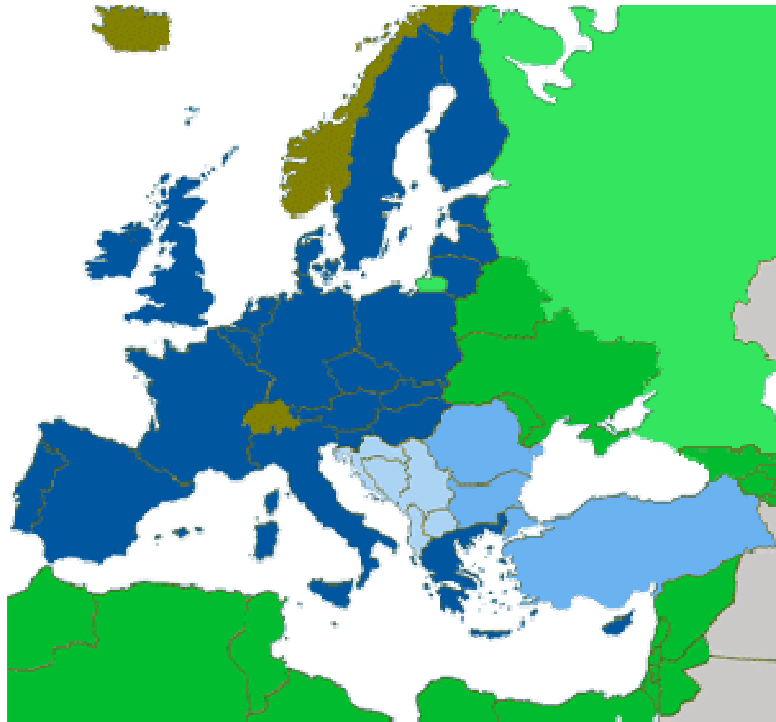
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- **DG Regio:** http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/index_en.htm
- **Next Programme:**
http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/regional_policy/sources/docoffic/2007/osc/index_en.htm
- **INTERACT:** <http://www.interact-eu.net/4098/411497/0/0>



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The European External Policy towards the MEDA countries





The European Neighbourhood Policy

- **DG External Aid:**

- Commissioner: Benita Ferrero-Waldner

- **Overall objective:**

- To create a ring of friends around the borders of the new enlarged Union
⇒ peace, stability and prosperity
- Sharing fundamental values, and privileged cooperation arrangements (political, security, economic and cultural cooperation)
- Concerns 17 countries, ≠ accession countries

- **Cornerstones:**

- Respect for the rule of law
- Respect for human rights
- Sustainable development
- Good governance
- A market economy

- **Tools:** European Neighbourhood and Partnership instruments (ENPI)

- Financial: to replace MEDA instrument, from 2007 onwards
- Technical Support



How does the ENP work ?

- Areas of actions: political dialogue and cooperation, trade, international market policies, energy, transport, IST, environment, R&D, social policy, cultural aspects
- Strategy:
 - Action Plans to be defined by the country and the EU (for 3 years, renewable tacitly): definition of key priorities, taking into account national problematic and issues.
 - Bilateral Agreement
 - Possibility of cross-border cooperation between 2 or more neighbouring countries or countries facing the same issue
 - Implementation of priorities: ENPI:
 - Window 1: support cross-border cooperation – joint structure involving national, regional and local authorities of EU MS and partner countries
 - Window 2: wider transnational cooperation involving actors from both the EU and partner countries

⇒ Partnership between countries key for successful projects, around common identified issues (e.g.: water management, etc.)



Information Resources

- DG External Relations: <http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/world/>
- The ENP:
 - Web Site: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/world/enp/index_en.htm
 - Key Documents: Communication from the EC: “*European Neighbourhood Policy – STRATEGY PAPER*”, 12.5.2004 (COM (2004) 373 final)
- The National Action Plans and strategic papers:
http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/world/enp/document_en.htm (to know the key priorities agreed between the EU and the partner states)
⇒ Already available for the following Téthys partners: Morocco and Tunisia.
For Lebanon, Egypt and Algeria: on the way to be finalised.



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