



FP7- Structure

The Seventh Framework Programme will be organised in **four programmes** corresponding to four basic components of European research:

- **Cooperation:** trans-national research
- **Ideas:** investigator-driven research
- **People:** support of individual researchers
- **Capacities:** support of research capacities

Duration: 2007-2013 (7 years!)



FP7 – Cooperation

The programme on **cooperation** covers 9 themes:

- **Health;**
- **Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology;**
- **Information and Communication Technologies;**
- **Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies**
- **Energy**
- **Environment (including Climate Change)**
- **Transport (including Aeronautics);**
- **Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities;**
- **Security and Space.**



FP7 – Ideas

- Supports '**investigator-driven**' **research projects** across all fields **by individual teams** competing at a European level. Projects will be funded based on proposals presented by researchers **on subjects of their choice**, evaluated on scientific excellence by peer review.
- The **European Research Council** consists of a **Scientific Council** which establishes the scientific strategy, supervises its implementation and ensures the integrated operation of the ERC, and a **Dedicated Implementation Structure** which is in charge of the ERC's operational management.
- The **Scientific Council** the ERC consists of **22 eminent researchers** - drawn from across Europe - and spanning the spectrum of science and technology and chaired by **Fotis Kafatos**.
- In the start up phase, priority will be given to an **ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grant scheme**.
- In addition, a second funding stream, the **ERC Advanced Investigator Grant scheme** will be established as soon as feasible thereafter for projects led by Investigators at all subsequent career stages.



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The **ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants** (ERC Starting Grants).

- The objective is to provide adequate support to the independent careers of **excellent researchers**, whatever their nationality, located in or moving to the EU and associated countries, who are **at the stage of establishing and leading their first research team or programme**.
- The Principal Investigator can be of **any age, nationality and country of residence**. He/she must have been awarded his/her **first PhD** (or equivalent doctoral degree) **more than 2 and less than 8 years** prior to the deadline of the call for proposals (exceptions only for eligible career breaks).
- **Evaluation criteria: Excellence as sole criteria** – applied to the PI, the research project and the research environment.
- **ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants: between €100,000 and €400,000 per year for a period of up to 5 years.**
- **Up to 200 Starting Independent Researcher Grants could be made annually, each for up to 5 years**
- **Amount for the first call: 300M€**
- **First deadline: ? (draft work program of 28/10 at http://ec.europa.eu/erc/index_en.cfm?p=3_library)**



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The **ERC Advanced Investigator Grants** (ERC Advanced Grants):

- The objective is to encourage and support excellent, innovative investigator-initiated research projects by **leading advanced investigators**
- This funding stream will **complement the Starting Grant scheme** by targeting the population of researchers who have already established themselves as being independent research leaders in their own right.
- Will be published in a **second call** later in 2007



FP7 - People

- **The international dimension**
 - **Outgoing fellowships**
 - **Incoming fellowships**
 - **Reintegration grants:** The objective of this action is to reinforce the attractiveness of Europe by encouraging European researchers **who have carried out research outside Europe for at least 3 years,** to return to a Member State or to an Associated State