

TRANS REG NCP

The NCP Network for FP7-Regions of Knowledge

# Regional Research Clusters: Funding Opportunities under EU-FP7

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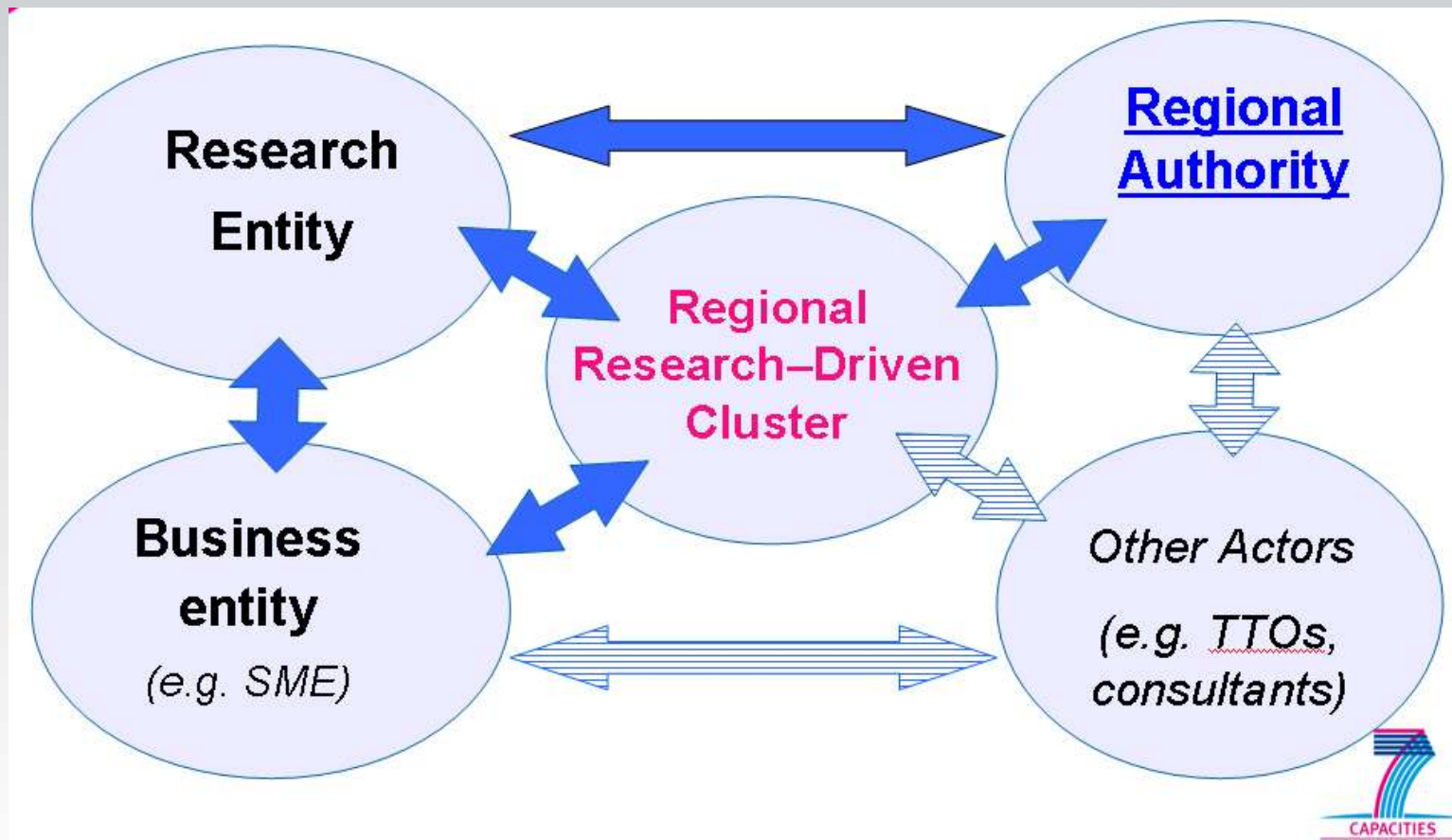
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1. **Funding clusters under FP7: Regions of Knowledge**
2. Support by **National Contact Points: TRANS REG NCP**
3. **Success stories** of regional research-intensive clusters

## FP7 – CAPACITIES: Regions of Knowledge Budget: 126 M Euro (2007-2013)

### Regional Competitiveness through Triple-Helix Clusters



## Regions of Knowledge: Policy & Goals

- Integrate research to regional strategies
- Support regional stakeholders to foster S&T-based economic development
- Respond to needs of regional business communities
- Mobilize cluster networks of enterprises, research bodies, local policy makers and stakeholders
- Mobilize local, national & community funds for regional plans
- Include more regions in the ERA

## Regions of Knowledge: 2007-2011

- **Dynamic clusters:** transnational collaboration, mentoring, internalization
- **New clusters:** facilitation of their emergence

**Topics:** SMEs & research, Rural economies, Research Infrastructures, Reducing CO2 emissions, Sustainable use of natural resources, Health, Sustainable Transport

**Submitted:** 272 proposals, **Funded:** ~ 58 proposals  
**EC Contribution:** 71,86 million euro

- ✓ Wide geographical distribution
- ✓ Focus on specific economic/technological sectors
- ✓ Simple flexible projects

## **Regions of Knowledge: Call 2012-2013**

(expec.: July 2011)

**Trans-national cooperation of regional research intensive clusters**

**Topics** related to Europe 2020 flagship initiatives:  
Innovation Union, Digital agenda, Resource efficiency ??

**Budget: approx. 46 M euro** (~ 1-3 million per project)

**Participants:** Consortia of at least 3 mature regional research-driven clusters from 3 different Member States or Associated countries

## Call 2012-2013: Funded Activities

### From Analysis..

- Economic analysis, SWOT, analysis of R&D needs
- Inventory of RTD offer and demand
- Analysis of complementarities of potential partners
- Regional strategy for research-based economic development

### ..To Joint Action Plan (JAP) and Financial Plan & measures accompanying implementation:

- mutual learning, exchange of practices between regional actors
- joint events, etc.

## Call 2012-2013: Funded Activities

- Mentoring of less experienced clusters
- Internationalization to open up clusters beyond the EU
- Contribution to regional smart specialization strategy from R&D / novel products-services perspective

Need for: Synergies with structural funds/liaising with management authorities, Sustainability

## Call 2012-2013: Expected impact

- Better links between research actors, business community, regional authorities, local stakeholders
- Mutual learning and exchanges of experience and best practices between regional actors, sustainable partnerships between academia and business
- Transnational / cross-border cooperation
- Boosting competitiveness, business opportunities for SMEs

## Call 2012-2013: Deadline & Evaluation

**Deadline** for submission: early 2012

**Duration:** up to 36 months

**Financing rate:** up to 100 % of eligible costs

**Funding scheme:** CSA –CA, coordinating action

**Award criteria:** scientific and technological excellence, potential impact, quality and efficiency of the implementation and management

# TRANS REG NCP Network

**Who We Are:** European Network of National Contact Points for “Regions of Knowledge” programme (repres. 36 countries)

## **What We Offer:**

- **Comprehensive information:** website, e-newsletter, FAQs, success stories, reports & studies, etc.
- **Partner Search Facility**
- **Success stories:** successful clusters/REGIONS projects
- Information on **complementary EU policies:** links, contacts for other funding sources, Networks, etc.
- **Dissemination** at European level: promotion of research clusters in European events, electronic publications, etc.

[www.transregncp.eu](http://www.transregncp.eu)

- Funding opportunities
- Success stories
- RDC Database
- Links & Sources
- News & Events

and...

## Partner Search Database

- Dissemination of validated proposal ideas
- Promotion of trans-national cooperation between regional clusters



The screenshot displays the TRANS REG NCP website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home page', 'Intranet', and 'My account'. The main content area features a 'Welcome to TRANS REG NCP project!' message, followed by a description of the project's goals and a section for 'Regions of Knowledge in FP7'. A sidebar on the left provides navigation links for 'About the project', 'Research Driven Clusters', 'FP7 - Regions of Knowledge', and 'Contact us'.

The 'Check list for Cluster Characterisation' form is shown in the foreground, detailing various criteria for cluster selection:

- Cluster participants' structure:**
  - Companies:  Yes,  No (1)
  - Research entities:  Yes,  No (2)
  - Local authorities:  Yes,  No (3)
- Geographical concentration - cluster region(s) of rooting:**
  - Number of regions involved: 4
  - Nuts level of the regions of rooting:  NUT 2,  NUT 3,  Local character (5)
- Research activities:**
  - Conducting research in the frame of a cluster:  Yes,  No (6)
  - Developed Research and development strategy of the cluster:  Yes,  No (7)
  - Developed Cluster action plan for research and development:  Yes,  No (8)
- International cooperation:**
  - International cooperation readiness:  Yes,  No (9)

# Newsletter, Studies & Benchmarking

## Research Driven Clusters:

- Overview on RDC Policies
- Examples of best practices
- Success Stories
- Call news, Events, Publications

	Strategy	Programme	Initiative
<b>National ministries</b>	Define	Define Review	Review
<b>National agencies, regional governments</b>	Provide input	Define based on strategy Initiate Manage	Initiate Manage Participate
<b>Local governments</b>	Provide input	Provide input	Initiate Manage Participate
<b>Universities</b>	Provide input	Provide input	Initiate Manage Participate
<b>Trade associations, Chambers of commerce</b>	Provide input	Provide input	Initiate Manage Participate
<b>Companies</b>	Provide input	Provide input	Initiate Participate
<b>Consultants, cluster organisations</b>			Manage Participate

### eNEWSLETTER

- The "Regions of Knowledge" Network
- FP7 Calls Update
- News & Events
- Research Driven Clusters
- Publications & Links
- Project News

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Read on our 6th issue:

- Annual Forum for Regional NCPs in Istanbul, Turkey
- WIRE II Conference in Debrecen, Hungary
- 30 proposals submitted in REGIONS-2011 call
- Successful FP7-Clusters

#### ■ The "Regions of Knowledge" Network

The "Regions of Knowledge" Network ("Coordination action to improve trans-national co-operation of NCPs Regional", TRANS REG NCP project) supports the development of research-driven clusters across Europe, associating universities, research centres, enterprises and regional authorities, through the FP7 "Regions of Knowledge" programme. Interested parties can contact TRANS REG NCP for information and support on European "research and cluster" policy, synergies and funding from FP7 and the Structural Funds, strategic partnerships building, networking, success stories and useful contacts. More information: [www.transregncp.eu](http://www.transregncp.eu)

#### ■ FP7 Calls Update

- **REGIONS-2011 call results:**  
The REGIONS-2011 call closed on 9 December 2010. 31 proposals were submitted. The evaluation is ongoing and expected to conclude by late January 2011.
- **REGIONS projects 2007-2010:**  
46 projects in total are ongoing or completed with a total EU funding of 54 million euro. The 4 calls that were implemented in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, on varying topics, funded joint actions plans based on the integration of the research agenda of regional research-driven clusters. Apart from the core calls, the programme has also funded the Conferences "Week of Innovative Regions" in Spain (WIRE I) and in Hungary (WIRE II), the setting up of an Expert Group on synergies between FP, CIP and the Structural Funds and a study to assess the impact of "Regions of Knowledge" programme itself.
- **REGIONS-2012 call**  
The call for proposals "REGIONS-2012-1" is expected to be launched in the summer 2011. There is ongoing discussion regarding the focus of the call on two themes (including the budget of 2013, 46 million in total): Resource efficient technologies and Regional digital agenda. Simplifications, adaptation to regional needs and wider internalization activities are on the agenda.

#### ■ News & Events

- **New Head of Unit for Regional programme**  
Dr Dimitris CORAPKIS is the new Head of Unit C5 "Regional Dimension of Innovation" (Directorate C: Research and Innovation) as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011. Dr Corpakis has long experience in the Research sector of the European Commission. From April 2007 till December 2010, he was Head of Unit on "Horizontal aspects and Coordination" at the Directorate "Science, Economy and Society" of the Directorate General for Research, that manages 2 Programmes of the 7th Community RTD Framework Programme (Research on Socio-economic sciences and Humanities and Science in Society).

## Success story in Water Management

**SWAM Project:** Clusters from Spain (Murcia), Israel (Eastern Galilee) and Greece (Western Greece)

**Topic:** Competitiveness of regions in the sector of water management & water technology, Water-Tech lead market

**Consortium:** Regional Authorities, SME Associations, Research Entities, etc

**Coordinator:** Comunidad Autónoma de la Región de Murcia, Murcia

**EC contribution:** 1,31 million euro



[www.swam-project.eu](http://www.swam-project.eu)

## Success Story in ICT

**CReATE:** Clusters from Germany, Italy, France and the United Kingdom

**Topic:** ICT innovations in Creative Industries (growing areas, such as advertising, digital media, gaming and interactive design, etc). Special focus on SMEs.

**Coordinator:** MFG Medien- und Filmgesellschaft Baden-Wuerttemberg mbH, Stuttgart

**EC Contribution:** 984,239 euro



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More information:

**[www.transregncp.eu](http://www.transregncp.eu)**

**[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/regions-knowledge\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/regions-knowledge_en.html)**

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