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# Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme

## Regions of knowledge and health 2010 Call, work programme, synergies

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# Structure of presentation

## Regions of knowledge

### 2010... and beyond

- Overview : policy context, objective, cluster definition, impact expected
- Lessons learned and main evolutions
- Work programme for 2010: the call
- Selection and negotiation
- Work programme for 2010 : what else ?
- Synergies : not only funding, policy too





# FP7 2007 - 2013

***Cooperation* – Collaborative research**

***Ideas* – Frontier Research**

***People* – Human Potential**

***Capacities* – Research Capacity**

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JRC (non-nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

Euratom



# FP 7- specific programme « CAPACITIES »

- 1. Research Infrastructures
- 2. Research for the benefit of SMEs
- 3. *Regions of Knowledge (RoK) born from a pilot action in 2003*
- 4. *Research Potential*
- 5. Science in Society
- 6. Coherent Development of policies
- 7. Activities of International Cooperation





# Regions of knowledge Policy context

The "***Regions of Knowledge***" initiative responds to a **need to increase the overall capacity of regional players to foster science and technology-based economic development**, by better integrating research to their regional innovation strategies

- ✓ Within the framework of the **Lisbon strategy** for a performing knowledge-based economy
- ✓ To help reach the **Barcelona objectives**



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# Regions of Knowledge objectives

Two objectives for all European regions:

Strengthen their capacity for investing in RTD and carrying out research activities

Produce research strategies that contribute to regional economic development

Through the development of regional 'research-driven clusters'

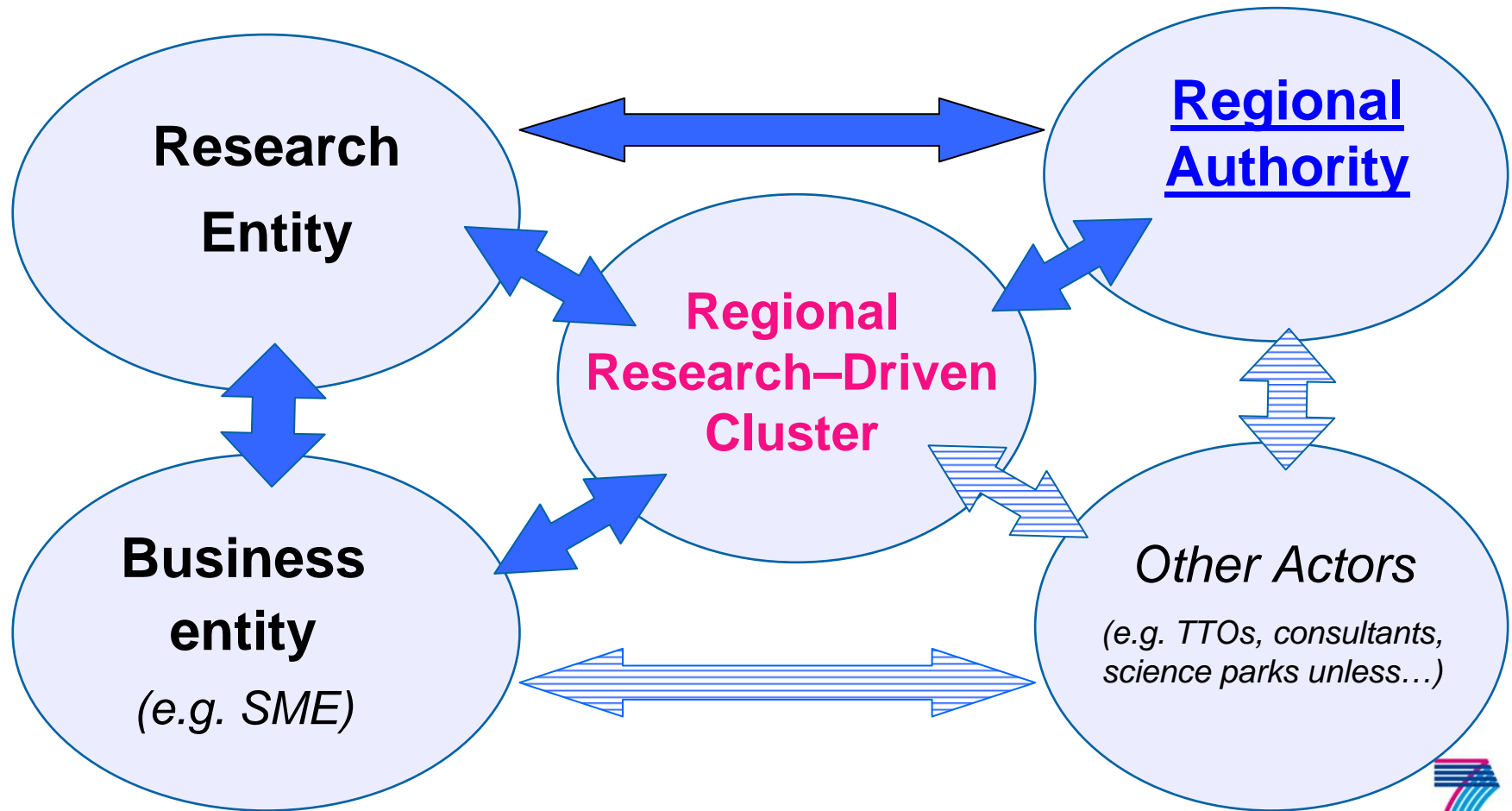
*Associated countries are also eligible*

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# What is a Regional Research-Driven Cluster?





# Expected outcome

- Improve links between research actors, business community and local authorities
- Foster transnational / cross-border cooperation
- Enhance mutual learning and exchanges of experience and best practices between regional actors
- Usefulness of regional partnerships such as BIRTH for networking



# Expected impact

- **Regional economic growth and competitiveness** through the definition of strategies integrating research
- **Response to the needs of regional business communities**
- **Mobilisation of local, national and community funds** (including SF) to implement defined regional action plans in support of regional economic development
- Increase in and more effective **investment in R&D**
- **Inclusion of more regions into the European Research Area**



# Regions of knowledge : from 2009 to 2010

- **Strategic repositioning of the targeted clusters**
  - Focus on **dynamic clusters**, incl. cluster organisations
  - At least **three RDCs** involved from 3 countries
  - Focus on **a few networks**: bigger budget per project (1 to 3 M €)
- Alignment of **thematic priorities** with the Commission's ones, e.g Lead Markets Initiative
- **Mentoring** as a compulsory activity
- **Two-step approach** :
  - From analysis to JAP
  - **Accompanying the implementation** of the JAP, synergies and sustainability
- **Internationalization** activities allowed



# Regions of knowledge 2010 Call for proposal

**One call, REGIONS-2010-1**, targeting the **transnational cooperation** of regional research driven clusters  
- for a total of 16,95 M €

## **Participants**

- Consortia of **at least 3 regional research-driven clusters** from 3 different Member States or Associated countries
  - Possible representation by one member - under conditions
  - Compulsory description of the full cluster
- **Coordinator** : either a regional authority or a fully fledged RDC (with legal entity)



# Regions of knowledge 2010 thematic priorities

- Support **regional economic development**, including through supporting the emergence of the e-health lead market
- By boosting the competitiveness of **health-related economy**
- Support the innovative capacity of European health-related industries and businesses
- While improving the health of European citizens
- And addressing **global health issues** including major diseases
- From prevention to diagnosis, treatment and monitoring
- Healthy ageing and child care, including nutritional aspects and pursuit of personalized healthcare are also covered
- we favour **innovative** and **cross-disciplinary approaches**





# REGIONS-2010-1 activities

## Transnational cooperation of RDCs

- **Analysis**, development and implementation of research agendas
- **Mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile for capacity building, target emerging clusters (compulsory)
- Initiatives to improve **integration**: definition of **joint action plans**, together with **business plans** – following SWOT analysis and definition of RTD needs
- Measures **towards the implementation of the JAP**
- **International cooperation** activities (optional)
- **Dissemination** activities

**Beware:** Neither the implementation of the JAP nor any research can be funded under Regions





# Expected outputs

- Inventory of RTD offer and demand
- Analysis (incl. SWOT) from an economic and R&D perspective
- Analysis of complementarities with potential other partners (mentoring and international cooperation)
- Regional strategy for research-based economic development
- Joint Action Plan (JAP) with its financing plan  
... and with indicators for the foreseen measures



# Funding scheme overview

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

**Duration:** up to 36 months

– the JAP being finalized during the first half of the project

**Community contribution:** approx. 1 to 3 M €

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



# Selection and negotiation

## Timetable of procedure

- ✓ Calls for proposals published : 30/07/2009
- ✓ Pre proposal check service  
[RTD-PRECHECK-REGIONS-2010@ec.europa.eu](mailto:RTD-PRECHECK-REGIONS-2010@ec.europa.eu)
- Deadline for submission : 14/01/2010
- Selection, with help of independent experts – within 3 months of call closure
- Negotiation phase (May-September)
- Commission decision in October
- Signature of grant agreements from November



# Selection and negotiation

**Reminder : eligibility criteria**, in particular for:

- Cluster composition

**Selection and award criteria:**

- *Financial capacity*
- Relevance to the objectives of the work programme
- **Scientific and technological excellence**
- **Potential impact** – through the development, dissemination and use of project results
- **Quality and efficiency** of the implementation and management



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# Work programme 2010

## Work programme and associated documents

[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call\\_id=167](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=167)

### In addition to the call, the WP 2010 includes :

- European week of innovative regions, Spanish Presidency event
- Expert group on synergies between FP, CIP and the Structural Funds
- Study to assess the impact of Regions of knowledge

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# Further information

- **Research Enquiry Service** : <http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>
- **FAQs** : <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=faq>
- **On line submission (EPSS)**  
  
EPSS Helpdesk, tel. 32.2.233 37 60  
EPSS user guide : <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7SubmitProposalPage>
- **Partner search** : [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html)
- **IPR Helpesk** : <http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>



# FP7 and the Structural Funds: more synergies

- FP 7 has a new regional dimension, under “Capacities”
- ...while Structural Funds are reinforcing R&D investment
  - R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship as the first **priority** in Convergence regions
  - Innovation and the knowledge economy as the first priority for the competitiveness and growth objective
  - **Earmarking**: at least 60% or 75% of funds for Lisbon priorities
- Complementary funding where possible
  - ... but no double funding

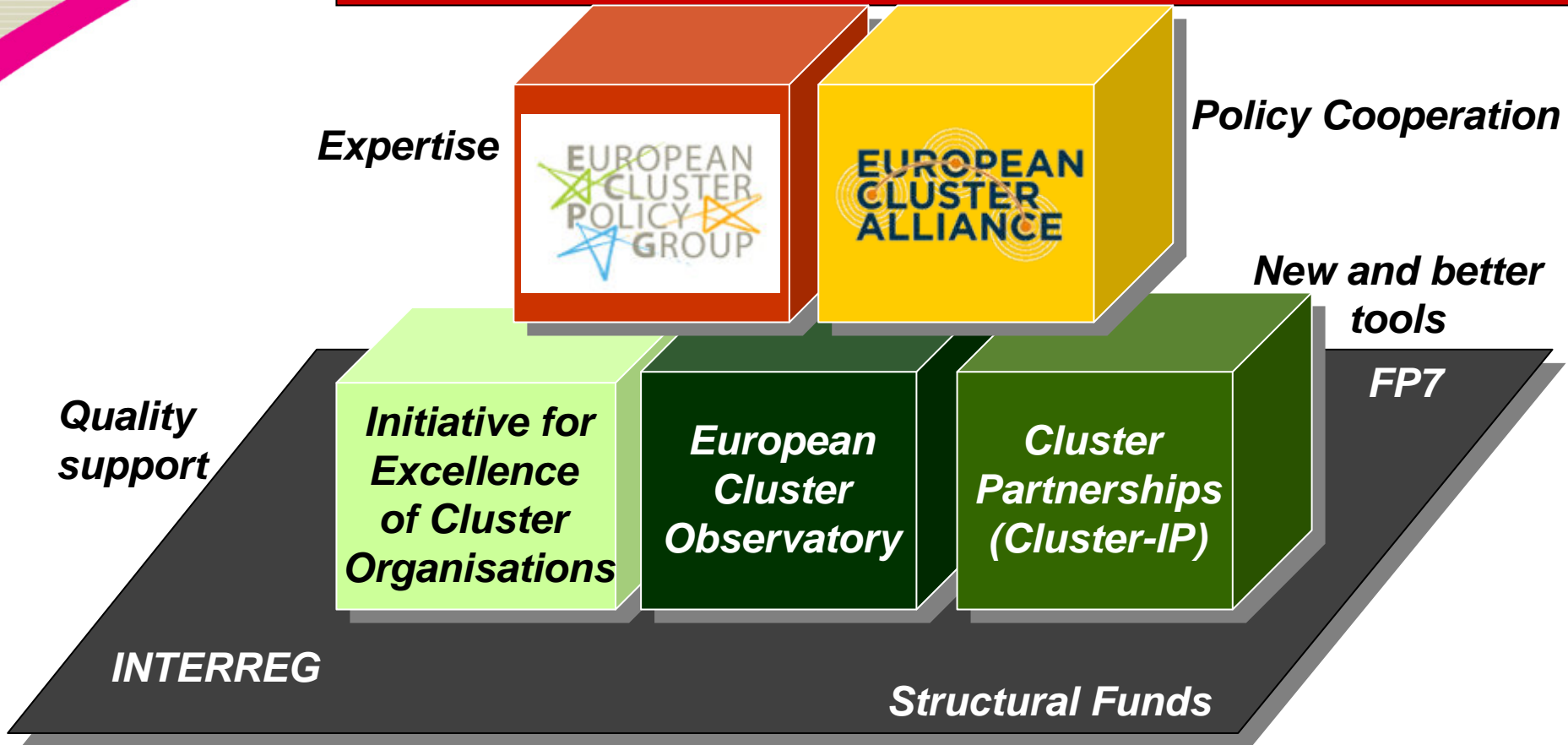




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# Synergies also needed with the EU initiatives in support of clusters



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# Synergies : not only funding, policy first of all

- **Practical guide on EU fundings and opportunities :**  
[http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home_en.html)
- **based on a communication on “competitive European regions through research and innovation” (16.08.07)**
- **Territorial cohesion : Green paper, Lisbon Treaty, then what ?**
- **Follow up to the Lisbon strategy**
- **Budget mid term review... new financial perspective post 2013**
- **Health policies, how can we better involve regions ?**



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***Thank you for your attention !***

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