



Health

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Main policy drivers
 in the Health theme

- Improving health of European citizens
- Increasing competitiveness of European health-related industries and businesses
- Addressing global health issues, e.g. emerging epidemics


Budget:

➤ €6.1 billion (19%) over 7 years (2007-2013)

Both basic and applied research is supported

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 Collaborative research in FP7:
The Cooperation programme

Thematic Priorities

➤ 1. Health	6.1
➤ 2. Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotechnology	1.9
➤ 3. Information and communication technologies	9.1
➤ 4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies	3.5
5. Energy	2.3
➤ 6. Environment (including climate change)	1.9
7. Transport (including aeronautics)	4.2
8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities	0.6
9. Security & 10. Space	2.8
Total for collaborative research	€32.4 billion

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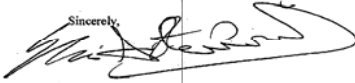
Dr. Janez Potočnik
 Commissioner, Science and Technology
 European Commission
 B-1049 Brussels, Belgium

Dear Dr. Potočnik:


First of all, let me thank you and your staff for the cordial meeting and the warm hospitality we received at the EU Delegation's headquarters in Washington, D.C., on February 13.

I think we made significant progress. I was particularly pleased to learn from you that the FP7 policy allows for productive and open collaborations between the EU and the U.S. And I was very glad to find out that, after the meeting, the language in the FAQ excluding the U.S. from EU funding was changed. This action clarifies the current rules for EU participation with industrialized third countries.

It was very nice meeting you again, and I am looking forward to concrete progress on the issue of reciprocity.

Sincerely,

 Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D.
 Director

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Funding schemes in the Health theme (3rd call)

Funding schemes	lower limits	upper limit	min. partners
Collaborative Projects (CP):			
Large-scale (CP-IP)	€6m	€12m	≥3
Medium-scale	€3m	€6m	≥3
Small-scale (CP-FP)	up to	€3m	≥3
Network of Excellence (NoE)	up to	€12m	≥3
Coordination action (CA)	up to	€1.5m	≥3
Support action (SA)	up to	€0.5m	≥1

NB: the limits for minimum and maximum requested EC grant and for the minimum number of partners are **eligibility criteria** !

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Collaborative Health Research: Pillar 1

1: Biotechnology, generic tools and technologies

- High-throughput research – only 2-stage in 3rd call
- Detection, diagnosis and monitoring
- Predicting suitability, safety and efficacy of therapies – mainly implemented through Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)
- Innovative therapeutic approaches and interventions

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Collaborative Health Research Pillar 2

2: Translating research for human health

- Integrating biological data and processes – only 2-stage in 3rd call
- Research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing
- Translational research in major infectious diseases
- Translational research in other major diseases

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Collaborative Health Research: Pillar 3

3: Optimising the delivery of healthcare

- Translating clinical research into clinical practice
- Quality, efficiency and solidarity of healthcare systems
- Enhanced health promotion and disease prevention

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Collaborative research on the Health theme

4. Actions across the Theme

- Coordination & Support Actions across the theme
- Responding to EU policy needs
- Specific International Cooperation Actions (SICA)


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Other opportunities in FP7


Mainly through Collaborative Research, but also:


- Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI)
 - Joint public-private initiative between EFPIA and EC
- European Research Council (ERC)
 - Grants to individual research groups
- People Programme (Marie-Curie)
 - Individual fellowships

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Key figures from 1st & 2nd calls


call: 2007-A (19 April 2007)	call 2007-B (18 Sept. 2007)
➤ budget: € 635 million (2007)	€ 567 million (2008)
➤ proposals received: 914	902
➤ proposals evaluated: 893 (ineligible 21)	865 (37)
➤ proposals to be funded: 152 (+1)	167 (+5)
➤ % of proposals evaluated: 17%	19% (20%)
➤ av. grant per participant: €412,000	€334,000
➤ SMEs in 120/152 projects (79%)	128/167 (77%)
➤ 299 SMEs* involved (19%)	353 (20%)

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Selection rates and reserve lists

Outcome of evaluation/selection of 1st & 2nd calls

- above all thresholds: 48-50% of proposals
- short-listed for grant negotiation: 17-19%
i.e. 36-38% of proposals above threshold
- Cut-off for funding:
 - 1st call: 0 proposals funded under 11.0 (only 10 under 12.0)
 - 2nd call: 0 proposals funded under 12.0 (only 2 at 12.0)
- Reserve lists:
 - 1st call: only 1 proposal retrieved
 - 2nd call: not considered yet (5 proposals on reserve lists)

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Information

www.cordis.lu all documents
www.smesgohealth.org partner

