

FP7 - RESEARCH POTENTIAL

REGPOT-2011-1 *Core Call*



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RESEARCH POTENTIAL Work Programme 2011

A Unique Call:

REGPOT-2011-1: Unlocking and developing the Research Potential of research entities in the EU's Convergence regions and Outermost regions

Budget: 64.68 M€ (+0,64 M€ *for Experts*)

Call Deadline: 7 December 2010, 17h00 Brussels time



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Objectives

- **Support** the realisation of the *Full Research Potential* of the enlarged *European Research Area*
- **Improve** the Research Capacity of *high quality research entities of significant scientific size* (e.g. University Depts., Faculties, specialised Research Inst. or important size research laboratories with at least 10 permanent experienced researchers) established in the *Convergence* or *Outermost* Regions of the EU (& equivalent C.R. in A.C.)
- **Reinforce** S&T cooperation between the selected *high quality research entities* and *at least 3 European outstanding research ‘partnering organisations’* (in the same S&T domain or in a complementary field) *established in 3 different MS/AC*

(*) *All Thematic Domains* of EC FP7



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Applicants established in the sole
CONVERGENCE & OUTERMOST
Regions

Partnering Organisations:
*EU Member States and
Associate Countries*

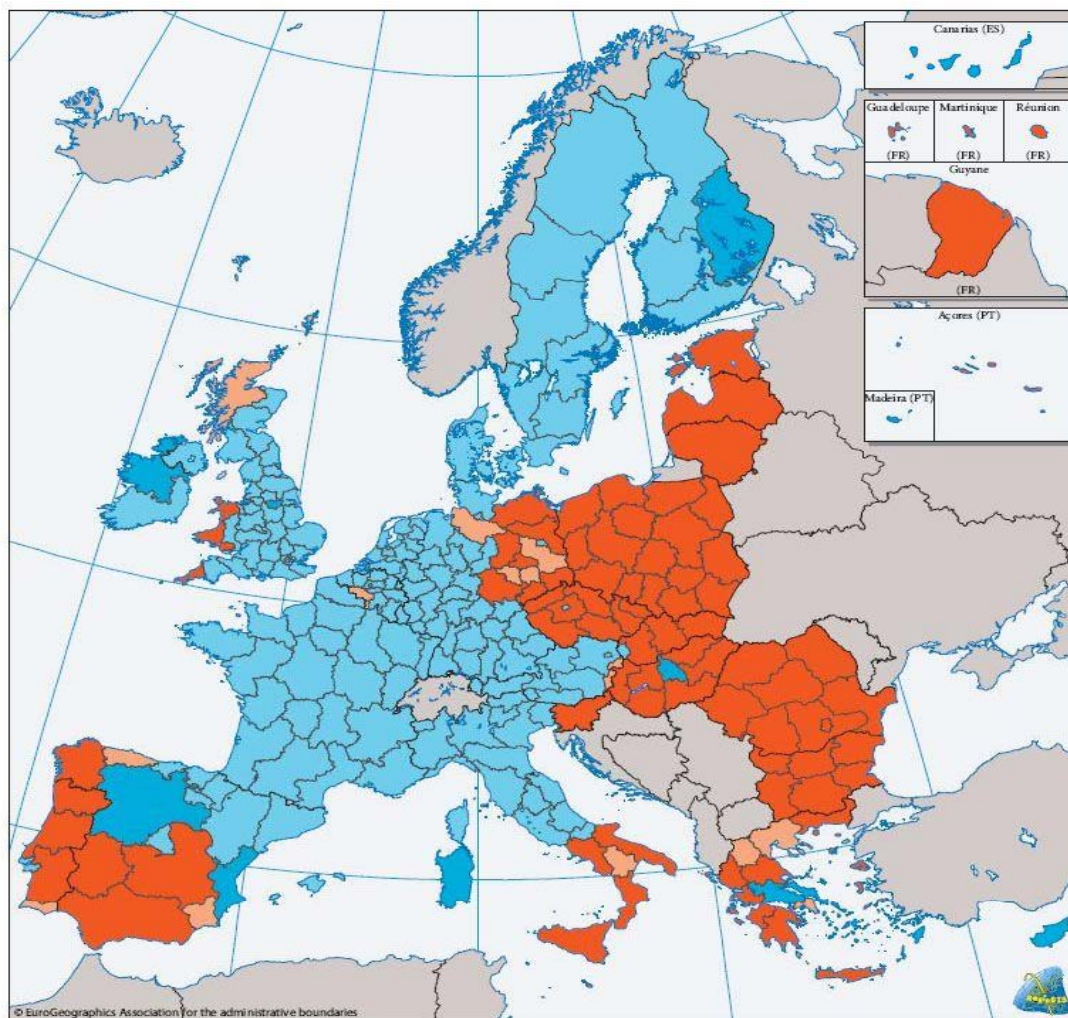




CONVERGENCE REGIONS

eligible for financing by the
Structural Funds (2007-2013)
under objective

« convergence » - whose per
capita gross domestic product
(GDP) is less than 75 % of the
average GDP of the EU-25



**Structural Funds 2007- 2013:
Convergence and Regional Competitiveness Objectives**

- Convergence Regions
- Phasing-out Regions
- Phasing-in Regions
- Competitiveness and Employment Regions

Position as of October 2006.

0 1,000 Km

CAPACITIES



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Funded Activities (1)

An Action Plan based on a set of 4 coherent measures:

- ✓ **Exchange** of know-how and experience through trans-national two-way **secondments** of research staff between the applicant and **at least 3 European outstanding research 'partnering organisations'** established in **at least 3 other different EU Member States or AC**; **Return mechanisms** to be described, additional partners from applicant's country can be added including stakeholders
- ✓ **Recruitment** by the applicant of experienced researchers; return of nationals having left the country is particularly encouraged
- ✓ **Upgrade** and develop their research **equipment** (not more than 30% of the total project budget); **maintenance possible**
- ✓ **Organisation of workshops and conferences, dissemination and promotional activities** for knowledge sharing, networking and for better visibility at national and European level



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Funded Activities (2)

Evaluation of their overall research quality and capability (including management and infrastructure) by *international independent experts* (**optional measure** – separate Work Package - 6 additional months for up to 100.000 €)

- The **Action Plan** derives from a complete **SWOT analysis** of the applicant which should be included in the proposal
- The **strategy** presented in the Action Plan will be implemented in collaboration with the '**Partnering Organisations**'. A Steering Committee (for Research Strategy) is recommended where **Regional Authorities** and **national RTD representatives** might also participate
- Duration of projects: up to **36 months**; up to **6 additional months** if the optional evaluation facility is proposed
- Participants: **Single proposer**, public or private **Research entities** established in the Convergence & Outermost Regions and equivalent regions in the AC
- CSA (**Support Action**), up to **4 M€** per project Community contribution
- RTD joint projects are not eligible for funding under this call



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Expected Impact

- ✓ *Better integration* of the selected research entities *in the ERA* as a whole (partnership with excellent research groups elsewhere in Europe)
- ✓ *Upgrading the RTD capacity* (human potential, improvement of research management, scientific equipment) and the *quality of research* carried out by the selected research entities
- ✓ Increased contribution to *regional economic & social development*
- ✓ Improvement of the potential of the selected research entities to *participate in FP7* projects



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Timetable

- ✓ ***Calls for proposals published on 20/07/2010***
- ✓ ***Deadline for submission: 7/12/2010***
- ✓ ***Evaluation, with help of independent experts – & Selection within 3 months of call closure (from 31/01/2011)***
- ✓ ***Negotiation of grant agreements (May-Sept. 2011)***
- ✓ ***Commission decision (October-November 2011)***
- ✓ ***Signature of first grant agreements before end 2011***



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Assistance

- ✓ **Research Enquiry Service:**
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>
- ✓ **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.FP7SsubmitProposalPage>
- ✓ **Partner search :** http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html
- ✓ **IPR Helpdesk :** <http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>



Thank you for your attention

