EU FUNDING FOR RESERCH AND INNOVATION IN THE OUTERMOST REGIONS (OR)

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Agenda of the Workshop

- European project success manager
  - REGPOT SISTER project, Roumen Nikolov, University of Sofia, Bulgaria
- Presentation of the FP7 and CIP work programme by National contact points
  - FP7 – ICT thematic area, Calos Salema, portugese representative at the ICT Committee
  - ICIP - ICT initiative, Elisabete Pires, National Contact point for ICT in CIP
- Local project success manager
  - ESA Satellite Tracking Station at Santa Maria (Açores), Ricardo Conde

What are the main assets/potentials for specialisation of outermost regions?

- Geography and physical conditions
  - Unique natural features of interest in many fields (space, geophysics, oceanography,...)
  - ICT as enabling technology for these fields
- Small islands are natural laboratories
  - Potential for industry to test and deploy new technologies

What are the main difficulties faced by outermost regions in order to develop their potentials in the FP7 and the CIP?

- Increased costs due to remoteness, fragmentation and low & sparse population
  - To participate in European consortia & networks
  - To make broadband communications available similarly to the mainland
- Relative scarcity of local locomotives
- Everything is more difficult for small islands in fragmented ORs

What solutions and actions to overcome those difficulties?

- Eligibility of increased travel costs in consortia with ORs
- Actively invite ORs to participate in FP & CIP activities (eg. Workprogram preparation, open days, consortia discussions, etc)
- Why not recover “statement 14” from FP6 in order to add reasonable incentives for consortia including ORs?