

Abstract of Presentation

THE EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME ; A PROPONENT OF THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA

In 2000, the EU decided to create the European Research Area (ERA); a unified area across Europe allowing a seamless movement of researchers, deeper involvement in international scientific initiatives and coordination of national and regional research programmes.

European policies on R&D and Innovation, and Cohesion influence the same sectors and play complementary roles in supporting growth and job creation in Europe. Synergies between them contribute to reduce disparities within the Union. Multi-level governance is done through coordinated action between the EU, the Member States and the regional authorities.

FP7 benefits from a substantial increase in budget (2007-2013; 54.6 billion EUR). The International Cooperation dimension plays a relevant role within all research areas. This includes bilateral and multilateral cooperation initiatives which are translated into concrete actions (collaborative research projects) to develop new knowledge and technologies.

Furthermore, several European research initiatives will be taken to support the Lisbon strategy and major policy areas including energy and environment.