The European Union (EU) Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)

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WHAT IS THE FP?

- EU's main instrument for funding R&D
- Promote research collaborations and open to non-European countries
- South Africa started participating in FP4
- FP4-FP6: R150 Million investment in SA projects
 - close to 250 participations
- FP7: 7 years
 (50,5 billion EURO from 2007-2013)
 233 participations in 189 proposals

Top 10 partners

UK, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and India



SA-EU S&T partnership

EU is historically SA's most important partner for international S&T collaboration

EU one of the leading knowledge generation and innovation economies in the world

Internationalisation of SA S&T

Connection to global research

Increase of research funding

Department of Science and Technology (DST) established the European-South African Science and Technology advancement Programme (ESASTAP) as a platform to support the collaboration www.esastap.org.za/index.php



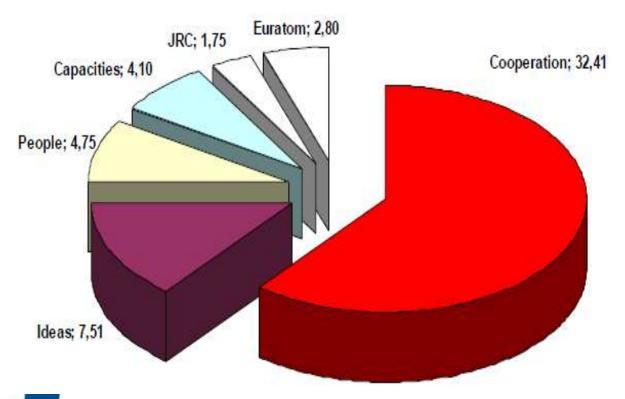
FP7 participation

- Implementation through defined calls for proposals (5 July 2012, published 10 July 2012)
- European partners are needed for participation
- Legal personality natural or legal person
- Full electronic submission
- Most projects coordinated by European partners
- Register as an independent experts for evaluation and monitoring of FP7 projects (https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/index.cfm?fuseaction=wel.wel.come)
- Guidance for IP in consortium agreements (http://cordis.europa.eu/ipr-helpdesk/en/)



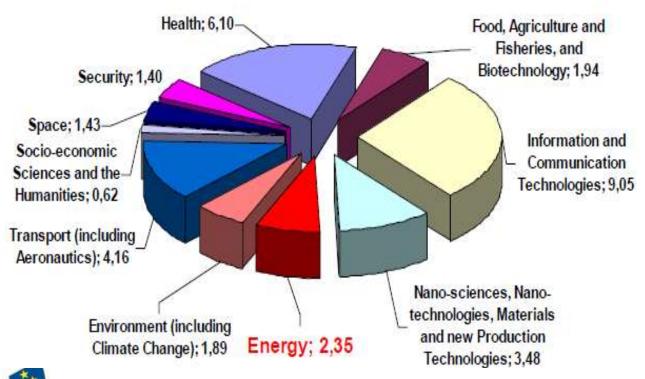
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Structure of FP7





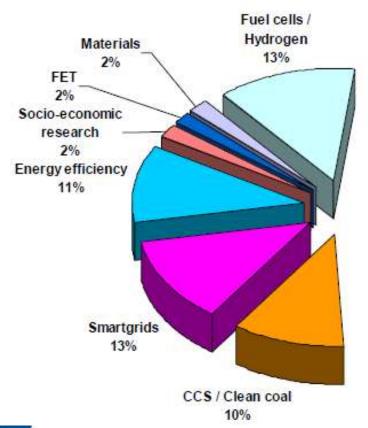
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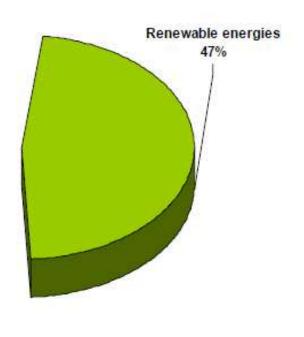




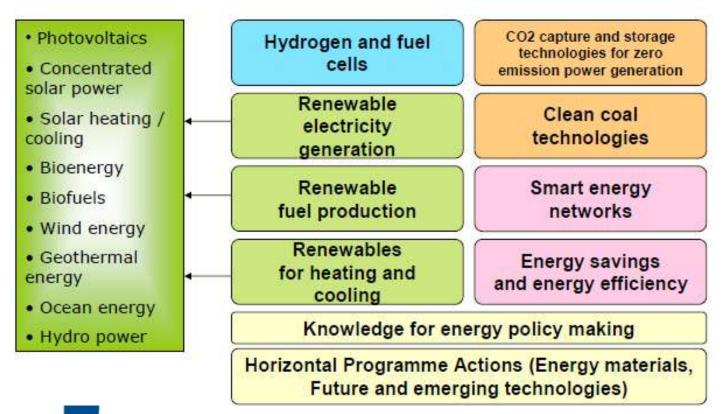
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Energy theme in FP7





Energy theme.....





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Energy in other thematic areas

Area	FP7 Theme	Further info
Energy efficiency, biofuels, fuel cells	Transport	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/transport_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/transport/index_en.cfm
Energy materials, energy storage, buildings	NMP	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/cooperation/nanotechnology_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/index_en.ht_ml
Bioenergy, energy plants	Food, agriculture and fisheries, biotechnology	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/kbbe/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/agriculture/index_en.html
Energy efficiency, smartgrids	Information & communication technologies	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/tl/research/index_en.html
Bioenergy, socio- economic research, buildings	Environment	 http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/environment/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index_en.html
Socio-economic research	Socio-economic sciences and the humanities	http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html http://ec.europa.eu/research/social-sciences/index_en.html

Analysis of SA participation

- Most successful areas
 - Health; environment; bio-economy (FAFB)
- Important progress:
 - ICT, aeronautics, transport, space, social sciences / humanities, nuclear, researcher mobility
- Challenge:
 - Energy, materials and production technologies
 - Relatively low industry / SME participation

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Benefits from South Africa's Framework Programme participation

- Not only funding long-term strategic relations
- Meaningful involvement knowledge generation builds capacity
- Enrich and complement bilateral cooperation
- R&D cooperation addressing global challenges
- Creates other cooperation opportunities



DST SUPPORT...

Marketing and promoting SA participation in FP7

- ESASTAP helpdesk for any FP7 related questions
- NCPs for technical thematic queries
- Thematic brochures reflecting SA activities and excellence per theme
- International theme specific events to market SA excellence and facilitate partner matching between SA and European researchers
- Local information and training sessions to raise awareness of FP7 and prepare the SA research communities



DST SUPPORT...

Financial support

- Seed funding for SA researchers preparing for participation in FP7, up to 80% of expenses
- Co-investment funding for SA researchers participating in approved FP7 project needing matching funding (50% of the shortfall)
- Mobility matching fund for SA researchers participating in approved IRSES project, R 30 000/month/person
- Support for COST participants, up to R50 000/visit/institution

Energy-related calls for proposals under the FP7 to be published on 10 July 2012

- **FP7-ENERGY-2013-1**: general call focusing on research with a long-term horizon;
- **FP7-ENERGY-2013-2**: general call focusing on research with a short-term horizon and on demonstration;
- **FP7-SMARTCITIES-2013**: a call in the framework of the SET-Plan Smart Cities and Communities Initiative;
- **FP7-ENERGY-2013-IRP**: a call to support integrated research programmes in the energy field;
- FP7-FISSION-2013: a call focusing on nuclear fission research;
- FP7-2013-NMP-ENV-ICT-EeB: a cross-thematic call on energy efficiency in buildings in the context of the European Economic Recovery Plan;
- FP7-2013-OCEAN: a cross-thematic call on marine and maritime research including an energy relevant topic;
- FP7-ERANET-2013-RTD: a joint call on ERA-NETs together with other FP7
 themes.



The main focus of the calls is the integration of research with innovation to tackle societal challenges and create sustainable jobs and growth by giving Europe a lead in the key technology markets of the future. All activities are open to researchers and research institutions from third countries and strong efforts are made to encourage them to seize this opportunity. Particular attention is paid to supporting strategic bilateral agreements and dialogues.

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/ShowDoc/Extensions+Repository/General+Documentation/Orientation+papers+2013/Cooperation/fp7-energy-orientation-paper_en.pdf



Cooperation with Third countries or international initiatives is particularly encouraged in the following topics:

- Topic ENERGY.2013.3.7.1: Developing regional and pan-European schemes for the sustainable delivery of non-food biomass feedstock in a pan-European integrated market;
- Topic ENERGY.2013.6.1.1: Combined Underground Coal Gasification and CO2 Capture and Storage;
- Topic ENERGY.2013.7.3.2: Enhanced interoperability and conformance testing methods and tools for interaction between grid infrastructure and electric vehicles;
- Topic ENERGY.2013.7.3.3: Understanding interfaces in rechargeable batteries and super-capacitors through in situ methods;
- Topic ENERGY.2013.10.1.2: ERA-NET Plus European wind resources assessment;
- Support to joint programmes between research performers on innovative research in support of the SET Plan Research and Innovation Agenda.

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FP7 participation

- 1.Identify relevant call for proposals (10 July 2012)
- □ Check website of CORDIS
- Check also other FP7 Themes and Programs
- 2. Receive call-specific documentation and forms
- Consult the CORDIS website
- 3. Establish a research consortium
- ☐ Use the Partner search facility on CORDIS, contact NCPs
- 4. Prepare and submit a proposal
- Consult your National Contact Point or the Commission in case of questions
- Respect the call requirements and deadlines! (12 noon in Brussels means just that!)



Thank you!

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