



The Research Executive Agency (REA)





The Executive Agencies

- **Created by Commission Decision**
- **Standard activities:**
 - Implement programmes of the Commission for the lifetime of the programme concerned
 - Operational tasks only – no policy role
- **Executive Agencies in FP7 implementation:**
 - The **European Research Council** Executive Agency: **Ideas** Programme
 - The **Research Executive Agency**:
 - ✓ Parts of the other FP7 Programmes: People - Cooperation –Capacities
 - ✓ FP7 support services



Reasons for creating executive agencies

- Constant staff numbers in the financial perspective 2007 to 2013
- Explosion in FP budget after 2010
- New areas to manage within FP7
- Professionalise programme management
- Staffing stability



Interface with the community

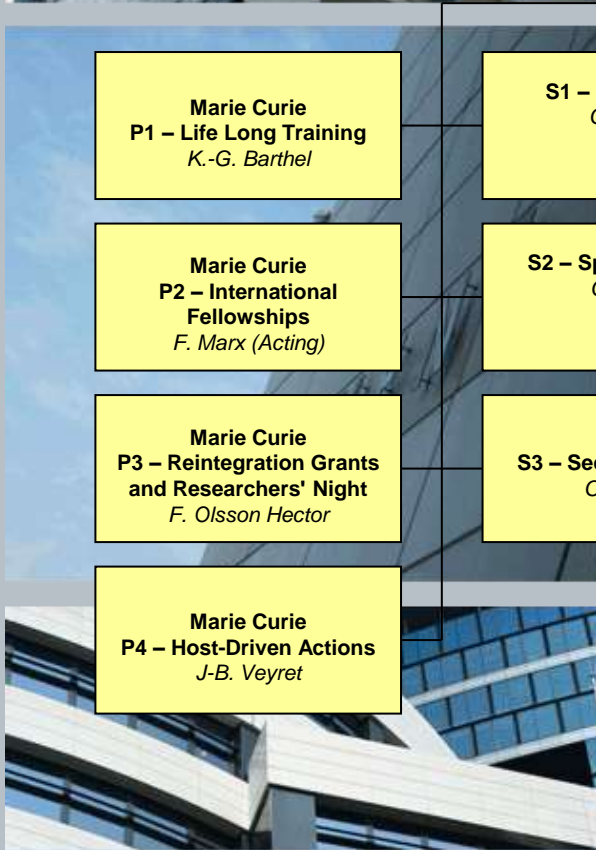
- The REA is part of the FP7 identity
- Autonomous, not independent
- **Separate legal entity owned by the Commission**
 - ✓ Part of the Commission's systems: publishing of Work Programmes, submission of proposals, publicity for projects
 - ✓ Uses Commission's Europa and Cordis web systems and IT systems
- **Transfer should appear seamless to the research community and others**



Overview of the Research Executive Agency (REA)

- **Located in Brussels**
- **Total budget managed: € 6.5 billion**
- **2008 – 2017**
 - Lifetime of FP7 (to 2013), then a run down to 2017 of projects under management
 - Reviewed every three years
 - Potential to extend after FP7
- **Staff: 415 people on 01.02.2011**
- **Still expanding**

Organisational chart

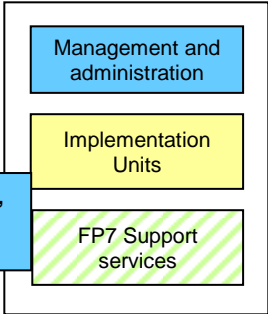


01 – Internal Audit
J. Sherwin (Acting)

02 – ICS & legal affairs
J. P. Renney

Director
G. Stroud

A0 – Head of Administration, Finance and FP7 Support
M. Tachelet



Marie Curie
P1 – Life Long Training
K.-G. Barthel

Marie Curie
P2 – International Fellowships
F. Marx (Acting)

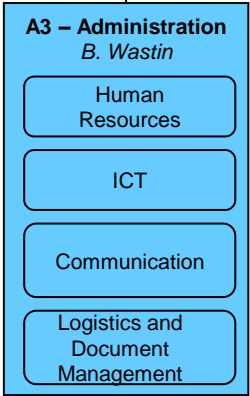
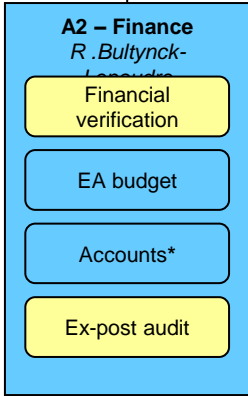
Marie Curie
P3 – Reintegration Grants and Researchers' Night
F. Olsson Hector

Marie Curie
P4 – Host-Driven Actions
J.-B. Veyret

S1 – SME Actions
C. Amting

S2 – Space Research
C. Bernot

S3 – Security Research
C. Bernard



**reporting to the Director*



REA – Tasks (1)

Implements parts of FP7:

- **People programme**
 - Marie-Curie Actions (DG EAC € 4 billion)
- **Cooperation programme**
 - Security and Space themes (DG ENTR, € 1.5 billion)
- **Capacities programme**
 - Research for the benefit of SMEs (DG RTD € 1 billion)



REA – Tasks (2)

Provides “horizontal” services across the three specific Programmes: Cooperation, People, Capacities

- **Runs the evaluation facility**
- **Provides a central service for contracting and paying external expert evaluators**
- **Provides services for the URF (Unique Registration Facility) and legal and financial viability service**
- **Runs the central FP7 enquiry service**



Latest results

At end-2010:

- Running 4241 projects (half of FP7)
- Reduced time-to-grant for Reintegration Grants, IAPP, Researchers' Night, Space, Security
- Reducing time-to-grant in all other areas
- Reduced time-to-pay in all areas
- Reduction in time-to-pay for experts particularly marked
- No bottlenecks in participant validation services
- Cheaper than the Commission!



Future prospects

- **All agencies and joint undertakings linked to the Framework Programme – budget to 2013**
 - Allowance for the running down of activities until 2017
- **However,**
 - If successful, potential to renew
 - If successful, potential to expand
- **Political decision**
 - Council and Parliament

Giving REA « a face »...











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