



Regional Dimension of the 7th Framework Programme



Regions of Knowledge 2011 Call, work programme

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Regions of knowledge - Policy context

- The ***"Regions of Knowledge"*** initiative responds to a **need to increase the overall capacity of regional players** to foster **science and technology-based economic development**, by better integrating research to their regional innovation strategies
- Within the framework of the **Lisbon and EU2020 strategies** for a performing knowledge-based economy
- To help reach the **Barcelona objectives**

Regions of Knowledge objectives

Two global objectives for all European regions:

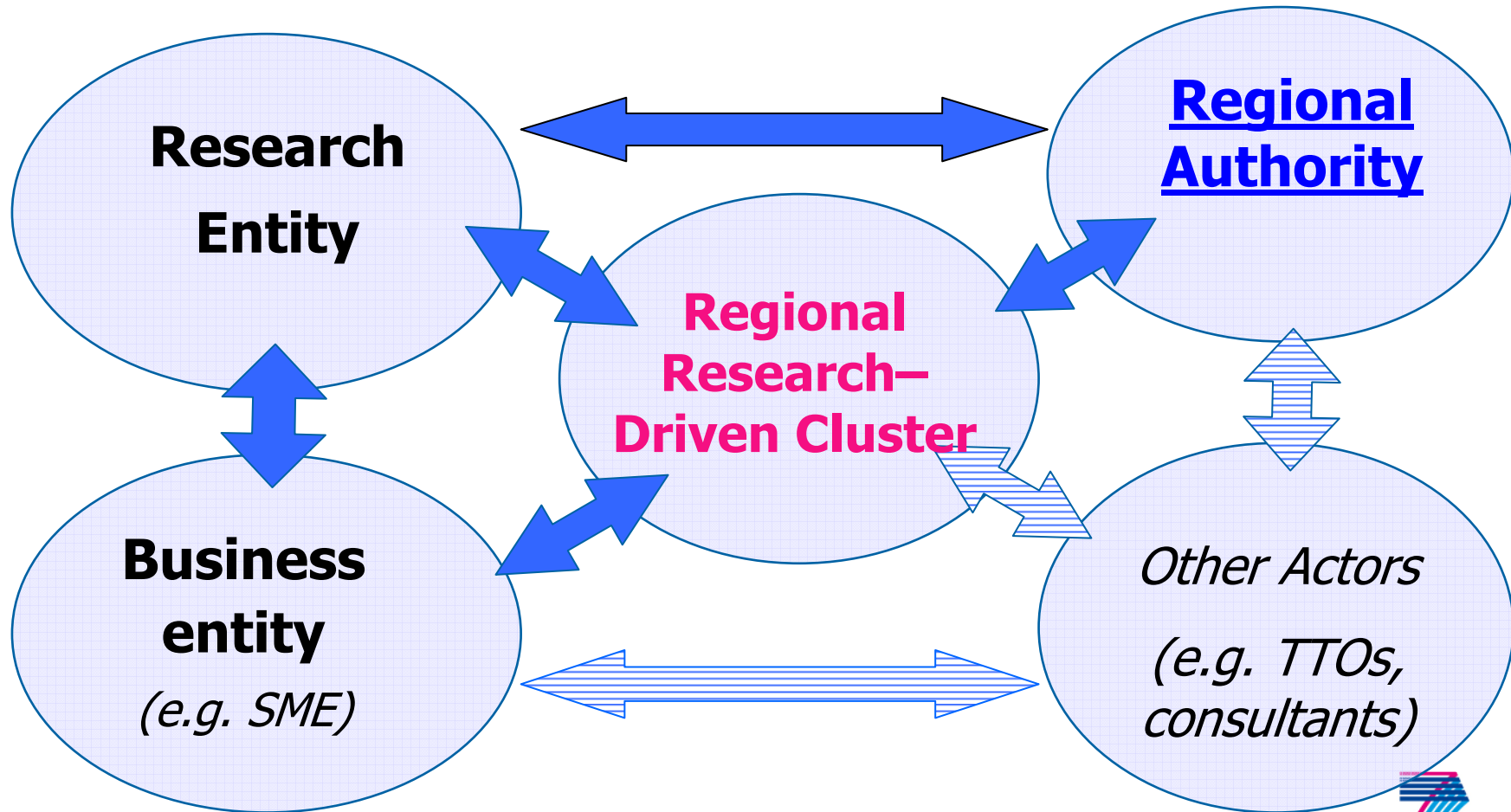
**Strengthen their capacity
For investing in RTD
and carrying
out research activities**

**Produce research strategies
that contribute
to regional economic
development**

Through the development of regional 'research-driven clusters'

Associated countries are also eligible

What is a Regional Research-Driven Cluster?





Expected general impact

- **Regional economic growth and competitiveness** through the definition of strategies integrating research
- **Response to the needs of regional business communities**
- Involvement of **local authorities** in setting up **Joint Action Plans**
- **Mobilisation of local, national and community funds** (including SF) to implement defined regional action plans
- Increase in and more effective **investment in R&D**
- **Inclusion** of more regions into the **European Research Area** via **cross-border co-operation and mutual learning**



FP7 and the Structural Funds: more synergies

- **FP 7 has a new regional dimension, under “Capacities”**
- **... while Structural Funds will reinforce R&D investment**
 - ▶ R&D, innovation and entrepreneurship as the first **priority** in Convergence regions
 - ▶ Innovation and the knowledge economy as the first priority for the competitiveness and growth objective
 - ▶ **Earmarking**: at least 60% or 75% of funds for Lisbon priorities
- **Complementary funding where possible**
... but no double funding

Some strategic aspects

- Strategic repositioning of the targeted clusters
 - ▶ Focus on **dynamic clusters**, incl. cluster organisations
 - ▶ At least **three RDCs** involved from 3 countries
 - ▶ Focus on **a few networks**: budget per project (1 to 3 M €)
- **Alignment of thematic priorities with the Commission's ones, e.g Lead Markets Initiative, INNOVA, cluster policy initiative**
- Mentoring **as a compulsory activity**
- Two-step approach :
 - ▶ From analysis to JAP
 - ▶ **Accompanying the implementation** of the JAP, synergies and sustainability
- Internationalization **activities allowed and encouraged**

Regions of knowledge 2011 Call for proposals

One call, REGIONS-2011, targeting the **transnational cooperation** of regional research driven clusters
- for a total of 18,66 M €

Participants

- Consortia of **at least 3 regional research-driven clusters** from 3 different Member States or Associated countries
 - Possible representation by one member - under conditions
 - Compulsory description of the full clusters and their triple helix structure
- **Coordinator** : either a regional authority or a fully fledged RDC (with legal entity)





Regions of knowledge WP 2011 thematic priorities

- Boosting the competitiveness of transport related economy
- Support innovative capacity of European transport related industries and business
- Promote sustainable transport in an integrated technology-led and user friendly way
- Examples: greening of transport, development of intermodal regional transport, urban mobility, safety or security

We favour **innovative** and **cross-disciplinary approaches** !



REGIONS-2011 activities

Transnational cooperation of RDCs

- Analysis, development and implementation of **research agendas**
- **Mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile for capacity building (compulsory)
- Initiatives to improve **integration**: definition of **joint action plans (JAP)**, together with **business plans** – following SWOT analysis and definition of RTD needs
- Measures **towards the implementation of the JAP**
- **International cooperation** activities (optional)
- **Dissemination** activities

Beware: Neither the implementation of the JAP nor any research can be funded under Regions



REGIONS 2011: Expected key outputs

- Directory of RTD offer and demand
- Analysis (incl. SWOT) from an economic and R&D perspective
- Analysis of complementarities with potential other partners (mentoring and international cooperation)
- Regional strategy for RTD and innovation driven economic development
- Joint Action Plan (JAP) with its (mandatory) business plan about financing the implementation of the JAP





REGIONS 2011: Expected specific impact

- Developing and integrating **research-driven clusters across Europe** in order to promote **regional economic development and worldwide competitiveness** in a particular scientific and technological topic
- Delivering **more effective investments in R&D** at regional level through the definition and implementation of **regional strategies** based on **business needs**
- or the reinforcement of **private and public partnerships**, which would mobilize European, national and regional funds and promote **synergies notably with the Structural Funds, and the CIP**
- **Including more regions** into the "Regions of Knowledge" action, into the knowledge economy and the **ERA**, especially through the **mentoring** of regions with a less developed research profile



Funding scheme overview

Funding scheme: CSA –CA (coordinating action)

Duration: up to 36 months

– the JAP being finalized during the first half of the project

Community contribution: up to 3 M €

Financing rate: up to 100 % of eligible costs



Selection and negotiation

Timetable of procedure

- ✓ Calls for proposals published : 20/07/2010
- ✓ Pre proposal check service until 09/11/2010
RTD-PRECHECK-REGIONS-2011@ec.europa.eu
- Deadline for submission : 09/12/2010
- Selection, with help of independent experts – within 3 months of call closure
- Negotiation phase (March-July 2011)
- Commission decision in July
- Signature of grant agreements from August



Selection and negotiation

Reminder : eligibility criteria, **in particular for:**

- Cluster composition

Selection and award criteria:

- **Scientific and technological excellence**
(including conformity with objectives of work programme)
- **Quality and efficiency** of the implementation and **management** *(including financial aspects)*
- **Potential impact** – through the development, dissemination and use of project results

Work programme 2011

Work programme and associated documents

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=338

In addition to the call, the WP 2011 includes :

- European week of innovative regions (WIRE 2011), three day conference organised by the Hungarian Presidency.



Further information

- Research Enquiry Service:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/enquiries>

- FAQs:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=faq>

- 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.FP7SubmitProposalPage> X

- Partner search

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html

- IPR Helpesk

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>



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