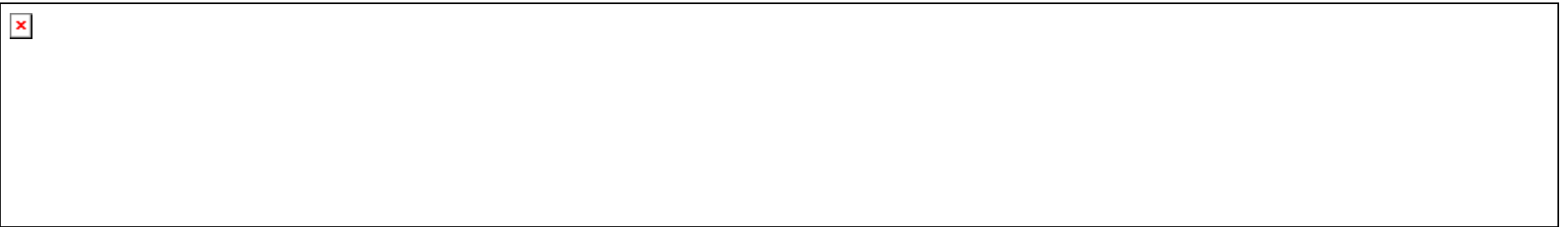




# Coordination between National Research programmes



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## European Research Area

*3 concepts*

- the creation of an **"internal market" in research** (free movement of knowledge, researchers and technology)
- the **restructuring** of the **European research fabric** (improved coordination of national research activities and policies)
- the development of a **European research policy** (taking into account other EU and national policies)



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## Co-ordination & Integration of public research in the ERA

### Policy level

- ✓ open method of coordination
- ✓ mapping, benchmarking, etc.
- ✓ legislation



### Programme level

- ✓ ERA-NET
- ✓ ERA-NET Plus
- ✓ Article 169 initiatives

### Project level

- ✓ FP7 funding schemes

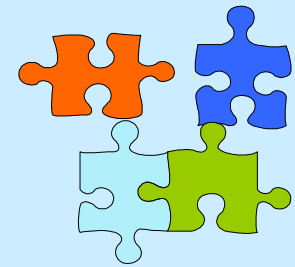


## Coordination of national programmes Overview FP7

### ERA-NET

Like in FP6: Coordination of programmes

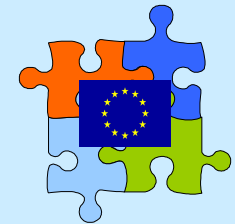
- ✓ MS agree and fund joint calls/programmes
- ✓ EU funding only for coordination



### ERA-NET Plus

New in FP7: To up of a single joint call

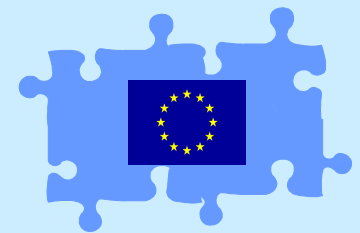
- ✓ MS contribute to a joint trans-national call 2/3
- ✓ EU funding for research: 1/3 of the joint call



### Art. 169

Full integration of national programmes

- ✓ Scientific and financial: strong EU funding
- ✓ Single implementing structure





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## ERA-NET actions Objective

To develop and strengthen the coordination of public research **programmes** carried out at national or at regional level.

“**Programmes**” should be understood as entire research programmes, or parts of such programmes, or similar initiatives having the following characteristics:

1. be strategically planned
2. be carried out at national or regional level
3. be financed or managed directly by national or regional public bodies, or by structures closely related (e.g. agencies)



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## ERA-NET actions Participants

All participants should be either:

- **programme owners**, such as national ministries or regional authorities managing a research programme
- **programme managers** (e.g. research councils, agencies) which implement research programmes under programme owners' supervision
- in justified cases: **programme owners without a research programme** but planning to set up one (**NEW!!!**)

Participants from **at least 3 different MS or AS**

In addition to the minimum number of participants **other legal entities** (e.g. charities) managing research programmes, may participate



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## ERA-NET actions Activities

A step by step approach is proposed

ERA-NET may include the following **activities** to foster coordination and cooperation between programmes:

- 1 – Systematic **exchange** of information & best practice
- 2 – Definition and **preparation** of joint activities
- 3 – Implementation of **joint activities**
- 4 – **Funding of transnational research**





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## ERA-NET in FP7



**Continuity** of ERA-NET for new topics as the scheme which provides a framework for the coordination of public research programmes

• **Fully new FP7 ERA-NETs** should address steps 1-2-3 but preferably go beyond

Under FP7  
New actions  
start here





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## ERA-NET Plus actions

Objective is to organise joint calls for proposals between national and/or regional research programmes. Actions shall cover subjects which have **sufficient European added value**, whereby:

- The joint call shall **pool the financial resources** between the participating programmes
- The Community shall provide a **financial top up**

[ Applicable only in a limited number of cases ]



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## ERA-NET Plus in FP7

Provide an **incentive** to organise joint calls for proposals between national and/or regional research programmes. Actions shall cover subjects which have **sufficient European added value**, whereby:

- **One joint call** to be implemented per **ERA-NET Plus proposal**
- **Joint evaluation** of proposals, based on **international peer review**
- **Only transnational projects** can be financed out of the joint call

### Rules of 5 :

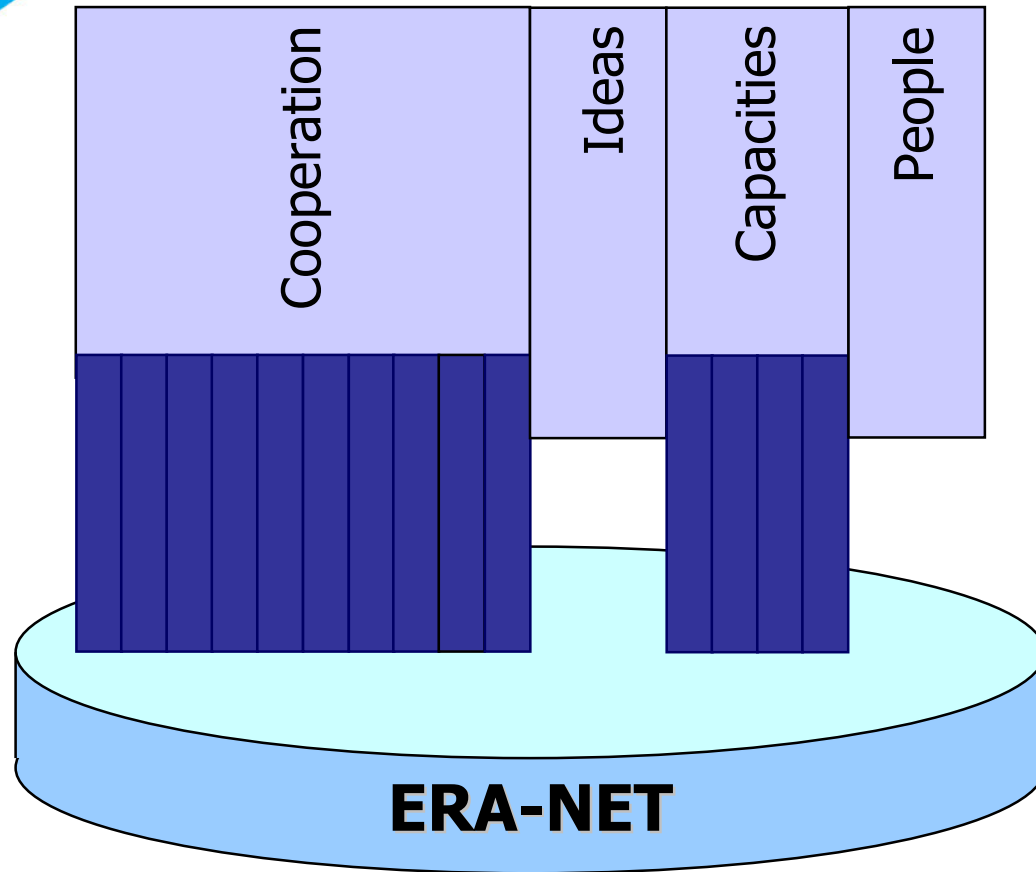
- 5 participants of 5 different MS or AS
- Joint call of minimum 5 million euro
- Maximum duration of 5 years

**Max.** Community contribution **1/3** of the total joint **call budget** composed of:

- small part for call management (eligible cost) **and**
- the bulk of the 1/3 **to top up joint call** budget  
(fixed % of nat. call contribution - tbd. in the contract)



## ERA-NET scheme in FP7



- Close links with FP7 research priorities (**NEW!**)
- Implemented under Cooperation and Capacities (**NEW!**)
- In addition, support for actions of a horizontal nature or not directly linked to Cooperation or Capacities



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## Joint call in 2007



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# ERA-NET and Plus issue papers

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