



# The People Programme in FP7

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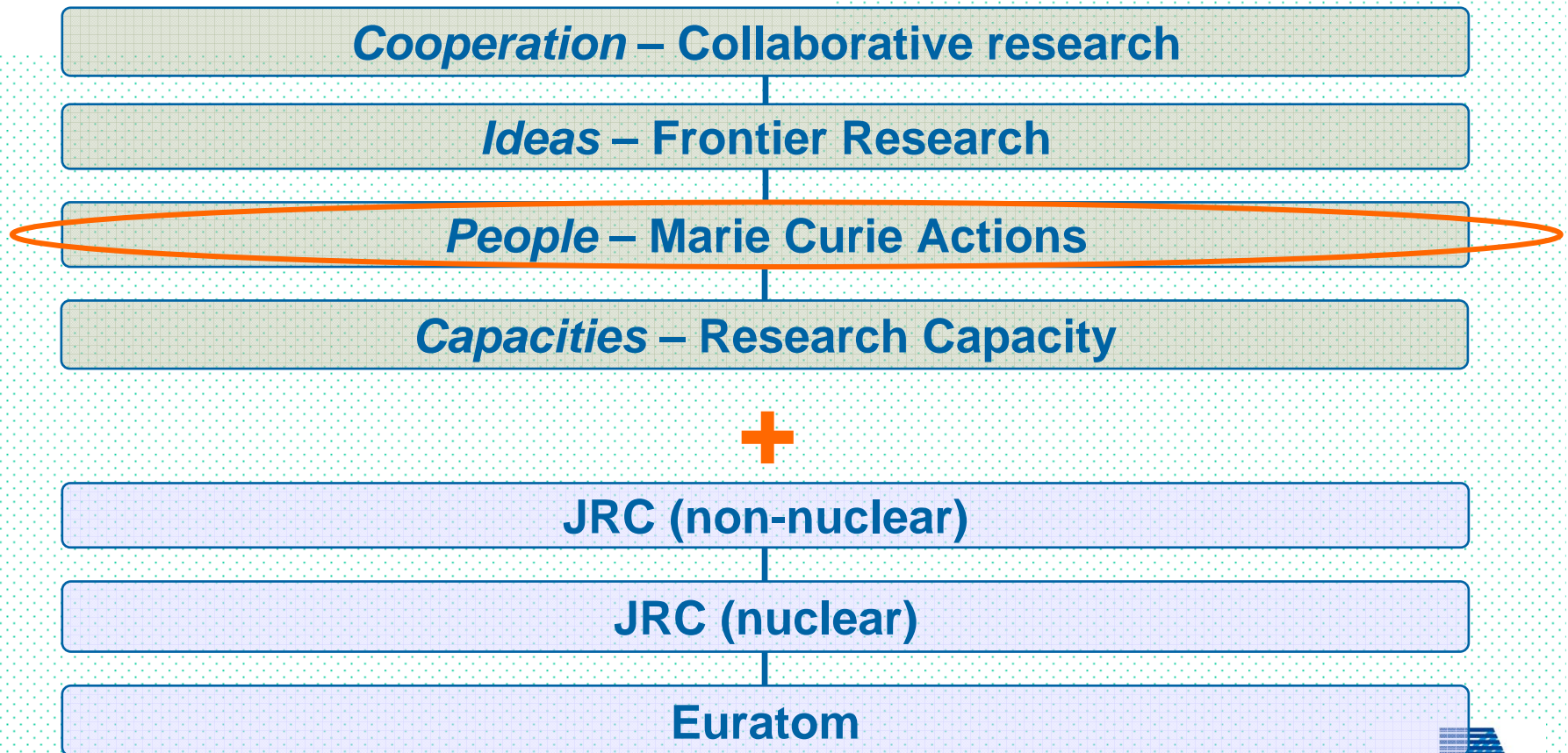




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## People programme = Marie Curie Actions

- From pure mobility actions to a dedicated programme for structuring training, mobility and career development
- Part of the integrated strategy at European level to make Europe more attractive to the best researchers
- Ultimate goal: **an open, competitive & attractive Europe for researchers**



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# The People Programme in its wider policy context

## Three broad objectives

1. Create conditions for researchers to be mobile without obstacles
2. Enhance status & attractiveness of a career in Europe
3. Finance researchers' training, mobility & career development



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## Breaking down obstacles to mobility

- The European Researcher's Mobility Portal
- ERA-MORE, the European Network of Mobility centres
- Directive on **Scientific Visa** to be transposed into national law by October 2007



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# Attractiveness of a career in Europe

2005 Commission Recommendation on the « *European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for their Recruitment* »

<http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/europeancharter>

**Framework for MS, employers and funders of research to remedy:**

- Huge differences in career structures in European countries
- Non-transparent recruitment procedures
- Lack of career development prospects

**Impact on FP7:**

Charter and Code will be addressed at the evaluation phase in the "People" Programme and at the contract negotiation stage in other Specific Programmes





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# The People Programme in FP7

## Significant budget increase:

- Dedicated Specific Programme **People** budget of **€ 4,75 billion** over 7 years (€ 0,68 billion/year on average)
- This represents 50% budget rise on average as compared to FP6

## How to handle this budget increase:

- Administration: Outsourcing the People Programme into an executive agency:  
More staff to follow the individual contracts – better response
- Simplification: - Concentration by reduction in number of main actions  
- Lighter financial management  
- Lighter reporting



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## Guiding Principles:

- **Continuity** of FP6
- with focus on **structuring impact**
- increased **private sector** participation
- Strengthened **international** dimension
- Balanced **gender** objective
- No thematic priorities, **bottom-up**





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# Marie Curie Actions

## Initial training

Initial Training Networks\*

## Life-long training and career development

Intra-European Fellowships / European Reintegration Grants  
Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes

## Industry dimension

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways\*

## International dimension

Outgoing & Incoming International Fellowships\*; International Cooperation Scheme\*; International Reintegration grants\*; Support to researcher 'diasporas'\*

## Policy support actions

Mobility and career enhancement actions; Excellence awards

**Relevant for EU-Russia co-operation.** \*Open to third-country nationals

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## Russian participation in FP6

### Research Training Networks (RTN):

Russian proposals: **10% success rate** (average: 6%); 8 contracts i.e. 8 Russian institutions participating as training partners = encouraging:

- there are EU 10 member states without a single successful proposal submitted
- participation of Third Country organisations had to be exceptionally well justified

### Incoming International Fellowships:

5 Russian Contracts, **20% success rate** (~15% for EIF)

### Host Fellowships (EST, RTN, ToK, Excellence Teams) & Conferences:

Participation of Russian postgraduates, PhDs, Postdocs **in significant numbers**

With the much more flexible rules regarding Third Country participation in FP7 we hope for even better results in the future.



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## Initial training of researchers- Marie Curie Networks (ITN)

### Improving young researchers' career perspectives in both public & private sector through:

- Joint training through research programme (4 years contract)
- Complementary skills acquisition: entrepreneurship, management, IPR, grant writing, communication
- Better Industry participation

### Structuring the Initial Training of Researchers at EU level through:

- International Networks of Participants
- Mutual recognition of Training/Diplomas
- Opening training events to external researchers



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# Initial training of researchers- Marie Curie Networks (ITN)

**Participants:** Trans-national network of participants

At least three participants established in at least three Member States/Associated countries (of which 2 in Member States)

Single research organisations or twinings (proof of well-established trans-national collaborations)

**Direct or indirect involvement of private business sector as:**

full network partner

provider of research training

members of the supervisory board of the network



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# Initial training of researchers- Marie Curie Networks (ITN)

**Eligible researcher:** Member States, Associated States & Third Countries

- early-stage researchers (funding: 3-36 months)
- experienced researchers (funding: max 24 months)
- visiting scientists (experienced researchers)

**Mobility Rules:** Trans-nationality

**Community Contribution:**

- Salaries of recruited / visiting scientists
- Networking costs
- Organization of training events open to external researchers



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# Initial training of researchers- Marie Curie Networks (ITN)

**Date of Publication:** 22 December 2006

**Budget:** € 240 million

**Evaluation procedure:** two-stage submission

**Deadlines:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: 7 May 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: 25 September 2007

**Evaluation Results:** 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: July 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: December 2007

**Contract Signature:** March 2008





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## Life-long training and career development

### Support to experienced researchers:

- Complementing or acquiring new skills and competencies
- Enhancing inter/multidisciplinary and intersectoral mobility
- Resuming research career after a break and re-integration into longer term research position in Europe

### Actions:

- Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF)
- European Reintegration Grants (ERG)
- Co-funding of regional/national/international programmes (COFUND)



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## Industry–academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)

Intersectoral mobility and skills exchange through

### **Partnerships between public & private research organisations**

→ including universities, SMEs, manufacturing industries

- Based on common research project
- Staff secondments and recruitments of experienced researchers
- Networking activities

### **Action:**

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP)



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# Industry–academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)

## Participants

- At least 1 research organization from public sector & 1 from private sector
- Located in 2 different Member/Associated States of which at least 1 Member State
- Additional partners **from any sector** and **from any other country** welcome



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# Industry–academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)

## Staff exchange:

- Any level of experience, incl. technical & managerial staff
- Exchange always between sectors and countries
- When  $\geq 2$  participants, inter-sector mobility allowed between 2 participants of same country: max. 30% total researcher-months
- Exchange period: 2 months to 2 years
- Obligatory return for at least 1 year

## *Optional:* Recruitment:

- Only experienced researchers
- Nationals of any country other than the country where host is located
- **No limit on 3<sup>rd</sup> countries nationals**
- Transnationality required
- Recruitment period: 1 to 2 years



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# Industry–academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)

## Community Contribution

- Staff secondments
- Temporary hosting of recruited researchers
- Networking and workshops/conferences organisation costs for both staff members and researchers from outside the partnership
- Specific small equipment for SMEs: <10% total contribution



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# Industry–academia partnerships and pathways (IAPP)

## Some dates and figures

- Call Date: **28 February 2007**
- Budget: **€ 38,4 million**
- Deadline: **31 May 2007**
- Procedure: **Single stage submission/evaluation**
- Evaluation results: **~ September 2007**
- Contract signature: **~ December 2007 – April 2008**





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# International Dimension

## Aim:

- Life long training and career development of EU researchers
- To attract research talent from outside Europe
- Foster mutually beneficial research collaboration through international staff exchanges

## Actions:

- International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF)
- International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
- International Reintegration Grants (IRG)
- 2008: Staff exchange scheme for EU Neighbourhood policy and S&T agreement countries



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# International Dimension

## Career Development/life-long training for EU researchers :

- International outgoing fellowships (IOF)
  - 1-2 years outside EU & 1 year return to Europe
  - For experienced researchers (doctorate or 4 years of research experience)
  - Obligation of return
  - Contract with return institution
  - Community contribution similar to Intra-European fellowships
- International reintegration grants (IRG)
  - To support European researchers returning from third countries
  - Financial contribution of 25000€/year during 3-4 years
  - For research costs, including salary of researchers or assistants



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# International Dimension

## International co-operation through researchers from Third Countries:

- Marie Curie **host driven actions** open to third country researchers
  - Initial training networks (ITN)
  - Industry-academia pathways and partnerships (IAPP)
- **Incoming international fellowships (IIF)**
  - for transfer of knowledge and collaboration with Third Countries
  - For experienced researchers (doctorate or 4 years of research experience)
  - **1-2 years in EU/AS, + 1 year return grant** (15.000 €) for researchers from ICPC countries (incl. Russia)
  - Community contribution similar to Intra-European fellowships



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# International Dimension

## International co-operation through researchers from third countries:

- **International partnerships based on staff exchange**
  - between European & Third Country research institutions (covered by the EU neighbourhood policy & S&T agreements)
  - Between research institutions (at least 2 EU/AS of two different countries + Third Country/-ies)
  - Short to medium term exchange periods
  - Funding mechanism still to be discussed
  - Starting from 2008



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## For more information

- FP7:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/research/future/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm)
- The European Researcher's Mobility Portal:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers>
- Newsletter "Europe4Researchers":  
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/newsletter>
- EU DG Research:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/com/research>

