

# FP7Service

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*Helping you to access Framework Programme 7  
funding for your innovative projects*

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**A fundamental challenge, identified in the East Midlands Innovation Strategy and Action Plan, is one of addressing the current innovation deficit. This deficit is evident in areas such as the low levels of new product generation and spend on Research & Development by businesses.**

To help address this innovation deficit East Midlands Innovation has invested in a dedicated and comprehensive Framework 7 Support Service to unlock the potential of East Midlands businesses to access funding.

The FP7 Service will ensure East Midlands based businesses are helped to become more innovative through deployment of new technologies and processes, and ensuring that the region's universities play their role by continuing to develop leading edge research and development.

The FP7 Service will encourage increased regional participation in the programme and help to leverage EU funds into the region to support the commercial application of research.

The FP7 Service will support existing regional priorities and strategies in addition to contributing to future policy development and actions. It aims to improve the competitiveness of the regional economy by stimulating high technology innovation through the exploitation of research and development.



## Framework Programme 7 is...

The main financial tool through which the European Union supports research and development activities covering almost all scientific disciplines. FP7 will run from 2007 until 2013 and has a total budget of over €50 billion reflecting the high priority of research in Europe.

### Who can participate?

FP7 is designed to support a wide range of participants: from universities, through to public authorities to small and medium enterprises and researchers.

### What fields will FP7 support?

The broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into four categories: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities. The themes supported correspond to major fields in the progress of knowledge and technology, where research must be supported and strengthened to address European social, economic, environmental and industrial challenges.

### When can you participate?

The European Commission produces annual 'Work Programmes' which include a schedule of 'Calls for Proposals'. You can participate when a call is published which covers your area of interest.

### How do you participate?

You respond to a call by developing and submitting a proposal meeting the requirements of the programme.



## You have an innovative idea...

Whether you are looking to lead your own project or join another, the FP7 Service will help you access the funding that could allow:

- research and development of innovative products or technologies
- driving forward knowledge and scientific excellence

The FP7 Service can provide a tailored package of support to meet your exact requirements.

If you are not familiar with applying for funding, the FP7 Service will untie the language and take the mystery out of the application process.

Assistance available from the FP7 Service includes:

### **Information & Advice**

- relating to EU programmes and financial instruments or General FP7 questions

### **Evaluating your Idea**

- to confirm that your idea is eligible to apply for FP7 funding

### **Calls for Proposals**

- identification of relevant FP7 calls in relation to your idea

### **Partner Search**

- helping to identify and build your EU-wide consortium

### **Project Search**

- helping to identify consortiums seeking additional partners

### **Application Development**

- helping you to develop and write your funding proposal

### **European Commission Liaison**

- facilitating meetings with Project Officers in your call area



## You need researchers...

FP7 promotes excellence in research training, mobility, and career development for researchers at all levels, both inside and outside the European Union.

Industry involvement is strongly supported through opportunities directed at the initial training of researchers. In parallel another aim will be to build long term cooperation between academia, industry and SMEs.

The EU wish to open and foster dynamic pathways between public research organisations and private commercial enterprises, in particular SMEs, including traditional manufacturing industries, based on longer term cooperation programmes with a high potential for increasing knowledge-sharing and mutual understanding of the different cultural settings and skill requirements of both sectors.

Assistance available from the FP7 Service includes:

### **Information & Advice**

- relating to EU programmes supporting researchers

### **Partner Search**

- helping to identify partners from academia, industry and SMEs

### **Application Development**

- helping you to develop and write your funding proposal

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If you would like to discuss your innovative ideas or FP7 funding in general, you can contact the dedicated FP7 Service helpline on:

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