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“Research Funding and Structural Funds Workshops”

“Towards effective and efficient
synergies of support / instruments in
RTD and innovation between EC,
national and regional levels”

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The context (1/4)

- Promotion of knowledge economy (through R&D and I) is central to the realisation of the **Renewed Partnership for Growth and Jobs** (“Lisbon”)
- New challenges facing the EU (increasing complexity, **financial and economic crisis**) call for **more structured and strategic mix of Community, national and regional policies.**

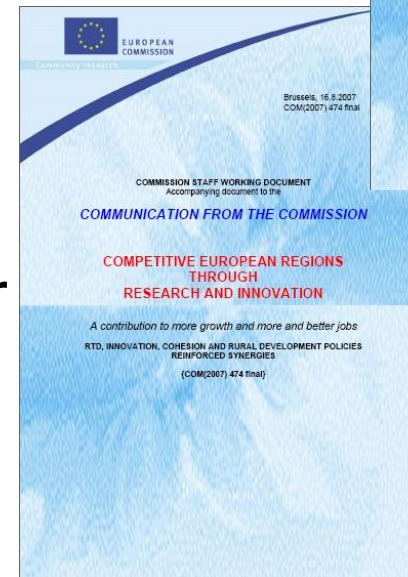
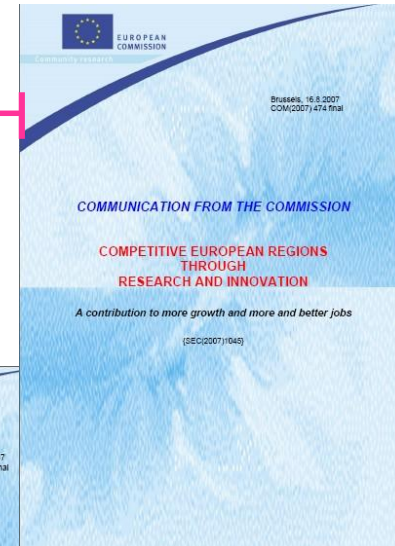


The context (2/4)

- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION
"COMPETITIVE EUROPEAN REGIONS THROUGH
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION: A contribution
to more growth and more and better jobs"

COM(2007) 474 final (16.08.2007)

- COMMISSION Staff Working Paper
SEC(2007) 1045 (16.08.2007)





The context (3/4)

- **From synergies of design ...**

- FP7, CIP, SF: same duration (2007-2013)
- FP7, CIP, SF: possibility of complementarities (combined funding)
- Around €86 billion of Cohesion policy funding have been « earmarked » by MS for RD&I

- **... To synergies of action !**

How to ensure at national and regional levels:

- ◆ **coordinated use of the instruments to support RD&I**
- ◆ **improved information / communication**
- ◆ **stimulation of actors**



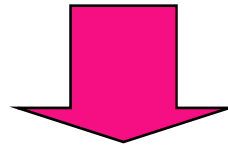
The context (4/4)

- **EC: acting as a facilitator**
- **It proposed various actions to make better use of European funding:**
 - ➔ A **practical guide** to help research institutions and companies to identify the most appropriate source of funding for them.
 - ➔ Improving information exchange with national/regional authorities so that they know what organisations receive FP7 and CIP grants , with a view to providing complementary support from national, regional and European funds.
 - ➔ **Regular events at which those involved in research, innovation and regional development can come together to share ideas, exchange best practice and access support and advice.**



Objective of the Workshop(s)

- **Better understanding of the management and use of Structural Funds at regional level in combination with national and EC policies/instruments (FP7, CIP)**



- **Identification of best practices / ideas in order to ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness of use in a frame of strengthened synergies / complementarities**



The Stakeholders

- **Three levels**

- ➔ National level: Member States

- ➔ Regional level: Regions

- ➔ Beneficiaries: industry, universities, research centres, ...



National Level

● Questions

- ➔ How synergies are ensured between national research priorities and regional research priorities via the structural funds?
- ➔ How synergies are guaranteed between the use of EU programmes (CIP/FP7) and Structural Programmes by the regions?



Regional Level

● Questions

- ➔ How regional research programmes are taking into consideration national priorities of the country?
- ➔ How synergies between National Programmes and EU Programmes (Structural Funds, CIP, FP7) are ensured?



Beneficiaries

● Questions

- Is there transparency between the three levels of support?
- Are you satisfied with the information provided?
- Are you satisfied with the assistance provided?



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Thank you for your attention !

