

EU Funding Potential

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POTENTIAL INSTRUMENTS

1. 7th Research Framework Programme 2007 – 2013
2. CIP. The Competiveness and Innovation Framework Programme 2007 – 2013
3. The Structural Funds – Cohesion Policy 2007 - 2013
4. LIFE+ programme for environmental and nature conservation. The financial instrument for the Environment 2007 - 2013
5. Any national instruments (no further information here)
6. European level research-related initiatives, not depending on the Community budget: Eureka, COST (no further information here)

7th Research Framework Programme

- Main EU level instrument to support R&D
- Strategic objectives: strengthening the scientific and technological base of European industry and encouraging its international competitiveness
- Programme period 2007 – 2013, total budget over 50000 Million €
- No fixed national or regional allocations
- Open to participation from any country in the world. **Call / funding scheme** specific rules.
- Research **challenge** addressed at European level and **consortia** with participants from different European and other countries
- Funding schemes: Collaborative projects, networks of excellence, coordination and support actions, individual projects, support for training and career development of researchers, research for the benefit of specific groups (SMEs)
- Co-financing: grants to projects contributing to the project costs
- Max reimbursement rate for the costs vary; from standard 50 % to consortium management, networking, training etc even 100 %
- Calls for Proposals , announced in the EU's Official Journal and CORDIS
- Further information: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html and the most interesting key thematic areas for construction sector are
 - nano-sciences, nanotechnologies, **materials and new production technologies**
 - **environment** (including climatic change)

The Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme CIP

- Aims to encourage the competitiveness of European enterprises
- SMEs are its main target
- Supports innovation activities, inclusive eco-innovation
- Programme period 2007 – 2013, total budget over 3,6 Milliard €
- Programmes:
 - Entrepreneurship and innovation programme (EIP), 2170 M€ – supporting e.g. **eco-innovation** to make sustainable development a business reality 430 M€
 - Information Communication Technologies Policy Support Programme (ICT-PSP); 730 M€
 - Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE); 730 M€
- Main funding schemes include (2+3: 430 M€)
 1. loans like micro credits, and venture capital
 2. Co-financing of pilot and market replication projects concerned with innovative or eco-innovative techniques, processes, products or practices of European relevance
 - which have to be technically demonstrated with success but which, owing to residual risk, have not yet significantly penetrated the market
 3. Co-financing of policy analysis, development, coordination, twinning, best practice exchange and thematic networks
- Max reimbursement rates etc.: defined for each specific call
- EIP: (2) calls for proposals or (3) also calls for tenders

The Structural Funds – Cohesion Policy

- Aim: to reinforce economic and social cohesion by redressing the main regional imbalances through support for the development and structural adjustment of regional economies
- Management and programming decentralised: the implementation and allocation of funds to projects is handled by Managing Authorities: for each operational programme responsible e.g. for the calls for proposals, eligibility and funding conditions and award procedures
- Programme period 2007 - 2013
- Main funds:
 - ERDF: European Regional Development Fund for regions, cross-border co-operation, trans-national co-operation and interregional co-operation
 - Cohesion Fund for the least-developed Member States and regions
 - ESF: European Social Fund
- Objectives
 - Convergence (development of least-developed EU Member States)
 - Regional Competitiveness and Employment (ERDF other regions than above)
 - European Territorial Co-operation (see ERDF); e.g. INTERREG / Baltic Sea Programme and transnational co-operation

LIFE+ programme for environmental and nature conservation

- EU funding instrument for the Environment and projects linked to e.g. environmental technology, nature conservation, communication of environmental matters
- Covering period 2007 – 2013. Call 2008 open – deadline of proposals to national authorities 21.11.2008; the projects may start 1st January 2010 (earliest).
- Components: 1. Nature & Biodiversity, 2. Environment Policy & Governance (former LIFE Environment), 3. Information & Communication
- LIFE+ Environment Policy & Governance: co-financing innovative or pilot projects that contribute to the implementation of European environmental policy and the development of innovative policy ideas, technologies, methods and instruments. No financing of R&D
- Average EU contribution 1 Million Euros / max. 50 %. Project beneficiaries also have to provide a reasonable contribution to the project.
- The award criteria include now compliance with NAP (national annual priorities)
- Expenditure of participants of EU countries (public/private bodies) is eligible
- Further information: <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Further information 1

Practical Guide to EU Funding Opportunities for Research and Innovation

7th Framework Programme, CIP, Cohesion policy

http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/home_en.html

SME portal for information on EU policies and support to SMEs

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sme/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/research/sme-techweb/index_en.htm

A network of over 550 regional actors covering more than 40 countries and delivering business and innovation support services particularly designed for SMEs but are also available to all businesses, research centres and universities across Europe

http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm