

Invest NI Collaborative R&D Support Service

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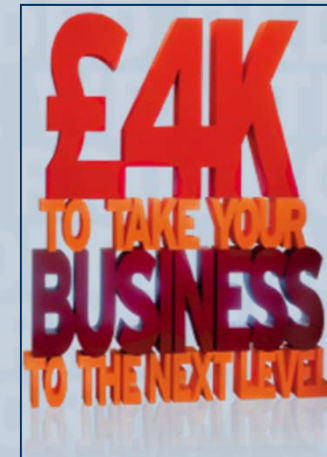
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Invest NI R&D Collaborative Service in Belfast can help:

- **Identify the most appropriate funding scheme for your needs**
- Advise on funding rules, regulations and eligibility criteria
- Assist you to find the right partners through the Enterprise Europe Network
- Signpost you to further specialist events and advice
- **Provide financial support for proposal preparation**
- **Pilot Mentoring Scheme**





Technology Strategy Board
Driving Innovation

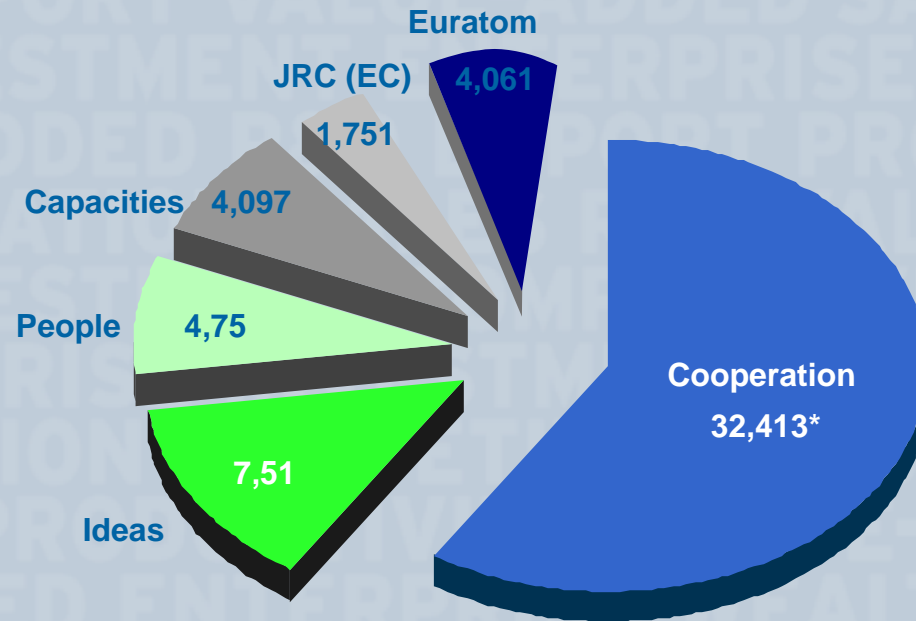


European Funding: FP7 Structure and Budget



Four Specific Programmes; total budget of €50.5 billion

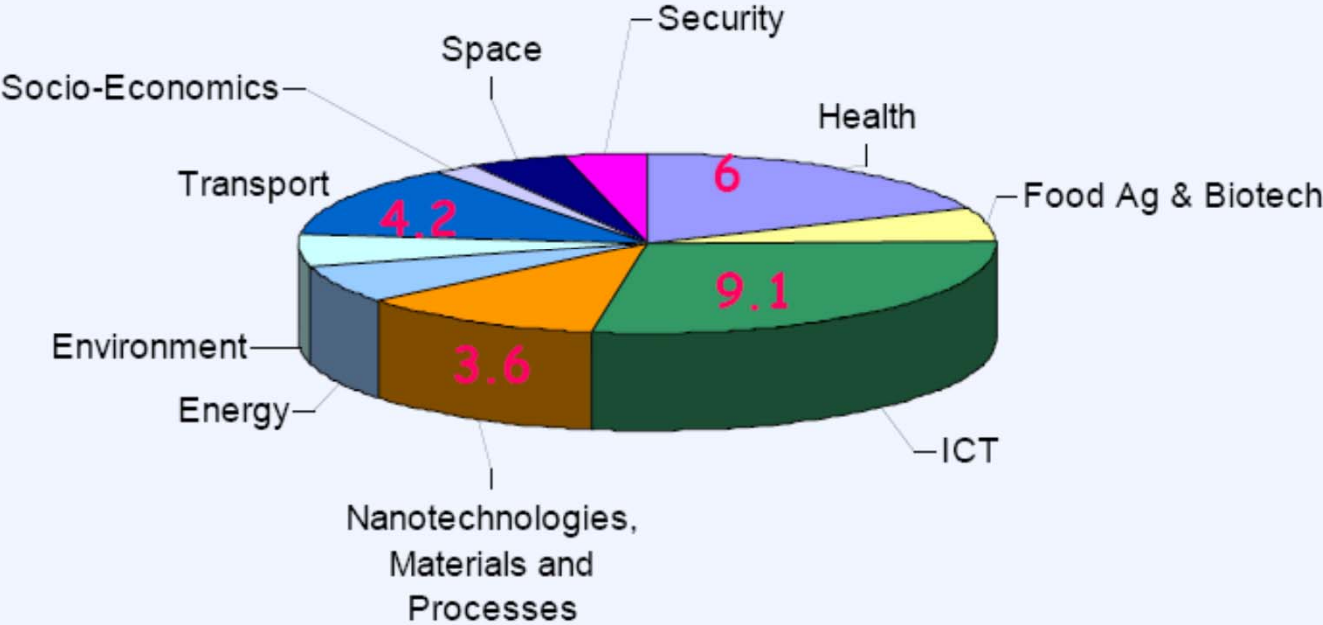
- Cooperation
- Ideas
(European Research Council)
- People
- Capacities



Collaborative R&D in FP7 – Cooperation



Co-operation Programme: Budget breakdown



Typically 5+ Partners across at least 3 member states



Research for the benefit of SME's



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- The programmes aim is to strengthen the “innovation capacity” of SMEs (and SME associations) in Europe and support their contribution to the development of new technology-based products and market

Consortium Requirements

- At least 3 independent SMEs established in different member states
- At least 2 research providers independent from any other participant

Features

- Project is defined by the consortium
- IP belongs to the SMEs but research provider funded 100%



EUROSTARS



- The Eurostars programmes purpose is to provide funding for market-oriented research and development, specifically with the active participation of R&D-performing SME's*.
- Collaborative - must involve at least two partners from two different Eurostars member countries.
- Project duration is no more than 36 months and market introduction is foreseen within 2 years after project ends.
- Open to all thematic areas and project managed from the bottom up
- Funding level 50% of eligible costs – up to €300 K per UK partner (must show match funding)

**10% of Turnover or Full time equivalent dedicated to R&D*



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Invest NI EU R&D Liaison Service in Brussels

- **EU Funding and Policy Information services**
 - Early Intelligence on EU calls (EU Funding Briefs)
 - EU R&D and Innovation Policy Monitoring (Brussels Bulletin)
- **Project Development Support**
 - Partner searches
 - Organization of meetings with the EC, potential partners
- **EU Networking activities and profiling the Region at EU level**
 - Relations with EC officials
 - Build strategic links with other regions, networks, etc.
 - Organize Events to showcase Northern Ireland R&D expertise



EU Networking: Promoting its R&D Expertise at EU level

ICT2010 (EC week for ICT 27-29 September 2010)

Momentum NI, ECIT, ANSIN, Seagate visited Brussels:

- All NI organisations on a stand during this major annual event
- Invest NI Breakfast Networking Session in presence of the Commission, UK & RoI ICT NCPs
- Around 10 meetings with EC officials

EIP Active Healthy Ageing – Invest NI Conference (December 2010)

- Event organised with the Support of the European Commission
- 100 attendees from across Europe
- Active participation of the European Connected Health Campus and NI Public Health Agency (Brian and Damian O'Connor, and Eddie Ritson)



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EU Networking: Supporting Regional Development

- **What's so Smart about Smart Specialisation ? (Open Days 2011)**
 - Early intelligence on this EC proposal
 - Exchange of best practice with other EU regions
 - Open dialogue with the European Commission
 - Learn how to set up an S3, etc.
- 140 attendees from across Europe
- MEP Danuta Huebner active participation
- Cooperation with 5 leading EU regions
- Organised in the framework of leading EU network, ERRIN

Dave Harmon: *'Northern Ireland is upping its game'*

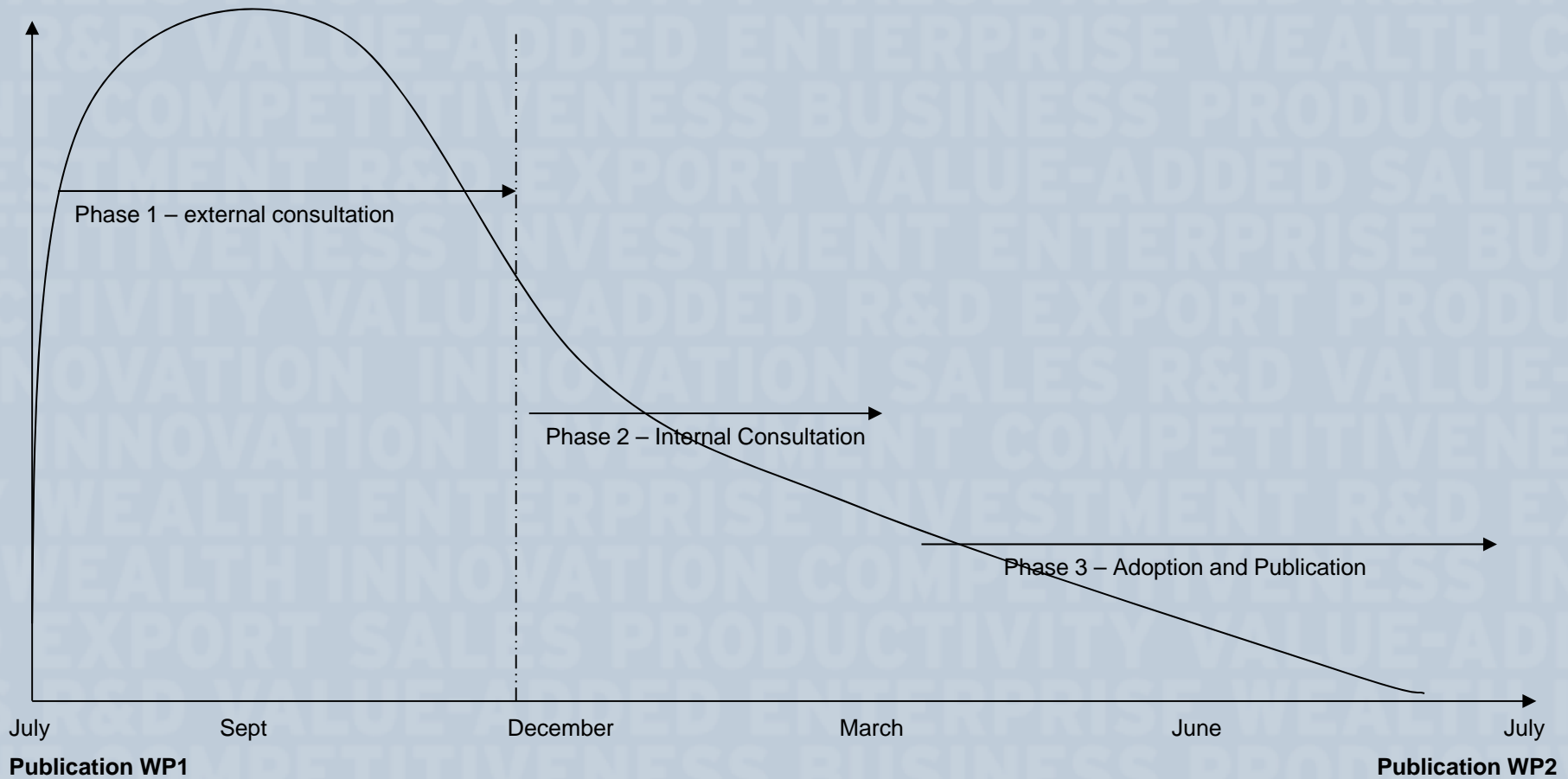


Project Development Support

- **ERRIN – European Regions Research and Innovation Network**
 - More than 90 regions are members
 - Key interlocutor of the Commission
 - Project Development activities
 - NI is now leading 1 subgroup (Health technologies) et co leading the KBBE group
- **15 June 2011– Health Partnering Event**
 - 7 project ideas developed into FP7 project proposals, 4 NI stakeholders
 - 30 researchers from across Europe participated
- **22 June 2011 – KBBE Brokerage/project development Event**
 - 4 consortia to be built, 1 including NI
 - 40 researchers from across Europe participated



Lobbying EU Calls: Level of influence against Commission's timeline



Lobbying to participating in EU Calls: When and What to do ?

Preliminary: Get prepared	Phase 1: Lobby EU calls	Phase 2: Work on your project proposal	Phase 3: Work on your funding application
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build your knowledge of EU policies -Attend and/or organise workshops, seminars, etc. -Build contacts (partners, networks, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with your NCP -Coordinate efforts with Potential partners -Make use of networks, ETPs, etc. -If already FP7 funded, contact your EC project officer 	<p>Prepare your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Work on your consortium -Meet with peers to get feedback -Look for possible support at regional level (meet with the INI R&D Service) 	<p>Prepare your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Try to get feedback from the EC and/or the NCPs -Attend Project development sessions (organised by the INI EU R&D Service in Brussels)



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