



AER Funding Tracker

Name of Programme	FP7 Capacities - Transnational cooperation between regional research-driven clusters
Theme(s)	Regional research clusters, health and e-health
Overview	<p>Objective is the strengthen the research potential of European regions, in particular by encouraging and support the development, across Europe, of regional “research-driven clusters” associating regional authorities, universities, research centres, enterprises and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The “Regions of Knowledge” initiative in FP7 responds to a need at European level to increase the overall capacity of regional players in enhancing science and technology based development. Its purpose is to enable regions to strengthen their capacity for investing in and conducting research and technological development activities in a way which can contribute significantly to economic development. This shall maximise the potential for a successful involvement of regional actors in the European Research Area (ERA).</p> <p>To this end, Regions of Knowledge will support the cooperation, development and integration of regional research-driven clusters on a transnational basis. For the implementation of this work programme, regions shall not necessarily be defined along administrative boundaries nor according to the European statistical NUTS nomenclature.</p> <p>The 2010 Work Programme will develop "Transnational cooperation between regional research-driven clusters" by covering the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Analysis, development and implementation of research agendas ● Mentoring of regions with a less developed research profile by highly developed ones ● Initiatives to improve integration of research actors and institutions in regional economies <p><u>In the 2010 call, proposals should support economic development, including through supporting the emergence of the e-health lead market as defined by the Lead Market Initiative, by boosting the competitiveness of health-related economy.</u></p> <p>Projects should favour innovative and cross-disciplinary approaches, integrating for example nanotechnologies, biotechnologies, research on new (bio)materials and information and communication technologies for health.</p>

	(NOTE: In 2011 the projects are expected to address the following area: Sustainable transport.)
Potential beneficiaries	Proposals must be submitted and the selected projects must only be coordinated, either by regional research-driven clusters established as a legal entity, or by regional/local authorities (or any regional entity they have mandated to implement their economic development and/or research and innovation policy) involved in the existing clusters. Research-driven clusters must be composed of at least three types of legal entities (so called 'triple helix'): legal entities conducting research, business entities, regional/local authorities.
Geographical eligibility	
Number of trans-national partners required	Consortia of partners representing a minimum of <u>three regional research-driven clusters</u> from at least three different European countries.
Maximum percentage financed by the Commission	Up to 100% The applied funding scheme is "Coordination and Support Actions" (Coordinating Action(CSA-CA)).
Maximum grant	€ 1 to 3 million
Project duration	Up to 4 years
Eligible costs	The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Capacities work programme. In accordance with Annex 3 of this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions.
Date of call for proposals	30 July 2009
Deadline for submission of applications	14 January 2010
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