

# **FP7**

## **EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RTD**

**Results from FP6  
and new opportunities for cooperation  
between Austria and Croatia**

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# RTD LANDSCAPE OF CROATIA

- 6 universities
- 59 faculties
- 4 academies of arts
- 3 university departments
- 32 public research institutes
- 5 industry research institutes
- 4 technology centers
- BICRO
- HIT
- 8000 active registered researchers



# NEGOTIATIONS – SCIENCE AND RESEARCH ASSESMENT

- Negotiations for Chapter 25 “Science and Research” were provisionally closed on June 12, 2006
- Science and Technology policy of Croatia was assessed as compatible with EU S&T policy, while Croatia’s research infrastructure was assessed as developed and capable of further integration into the European Research Area
- MSES committed to enhancing Croatia's R&D infrastructure by implementing measures to further its research capacities, and ensure conditions for successful participation of Croatia in the FP7



# ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY FOR FP7

- The national administrative structure is designed through FP5 project CROSTIM, in cooperation with BIT (now part of FFG)
- The structure currently includes 6 National Contact Points and a supporting structure - the expert network consisting of 146 contact persons for FP7 at universities/research institutes, and One Stop Shops at Universities and Technology Centres
- The administrative structure for the implementation of the FP7 is completed by appointing delegates and expert members of the Programme Committees



# PARTICIPATION ANALYSIS OF FP6 (1)

- Croatia participated in the FP6 from beginning in 2002, but only from January 1, 2006 as associated country
- 678 project proposals with Croatian partners
- 110 contracts
- Total EC contribution to Croatia: 10,2 mil. EUR
- Average success rate 16,2%
- EC contribution to the budget of Croatian partners 7.000 – 270.000/project



## PARTICIPATION ANALYSIS OF FP6 (2)

- Highest number of retained projects in INCO (26), IST (23), SUSTDEV (10), Food (7), Life Sciences (6) and Citizens (6)
- Substantial number of projects in participation in Policies (9)
- 2 ERA-NETs, both with Austria being leading partner
- Only 3 projects coordinated by Croatian coordinators (all INCO)
- 23 evaluators



## PARTICIPATION RESULTS IN FP6 (3)

- Good response and interest in scientific community of the following profiles: ICT, medicine and biotechnology, food technologies and agriculture, constructions/engineering, microelectronics, physics, energy, chemistry and environment (source: MSES statistics)
- Compared to FP5, where only 9 projects were retained and 29 submitted, Croatia has made a significant progress in increasing its absorption capacity



# POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH AUSTRIA IN FP7

- Utilise results of mapping through SEE ERA NET
- Utilise bilateral projects facility to support drafting of new FP7 projects
- RTD community in Croatia expressed interest for Austrian partners in particular in medical & biotechnology, ICT, food and environment sectors, as well as engineering (poll conducted by MSES)
- Croatia remains interested to continue cooperation with Austria on Policy and cross-cutting projects
- Croatia is particularly interested in enhancing cooperation on mobility



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