

REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR COOPERATION WITH SOUTHEAST EUROPE

Southeast European Era-Net (SEE-ERA.NET)

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The SEE-ERA.NET target region:

- The 17 SEE-ERA.NET partners come from 14 European countries, including all “Western Balkan countries”
- Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYR of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia

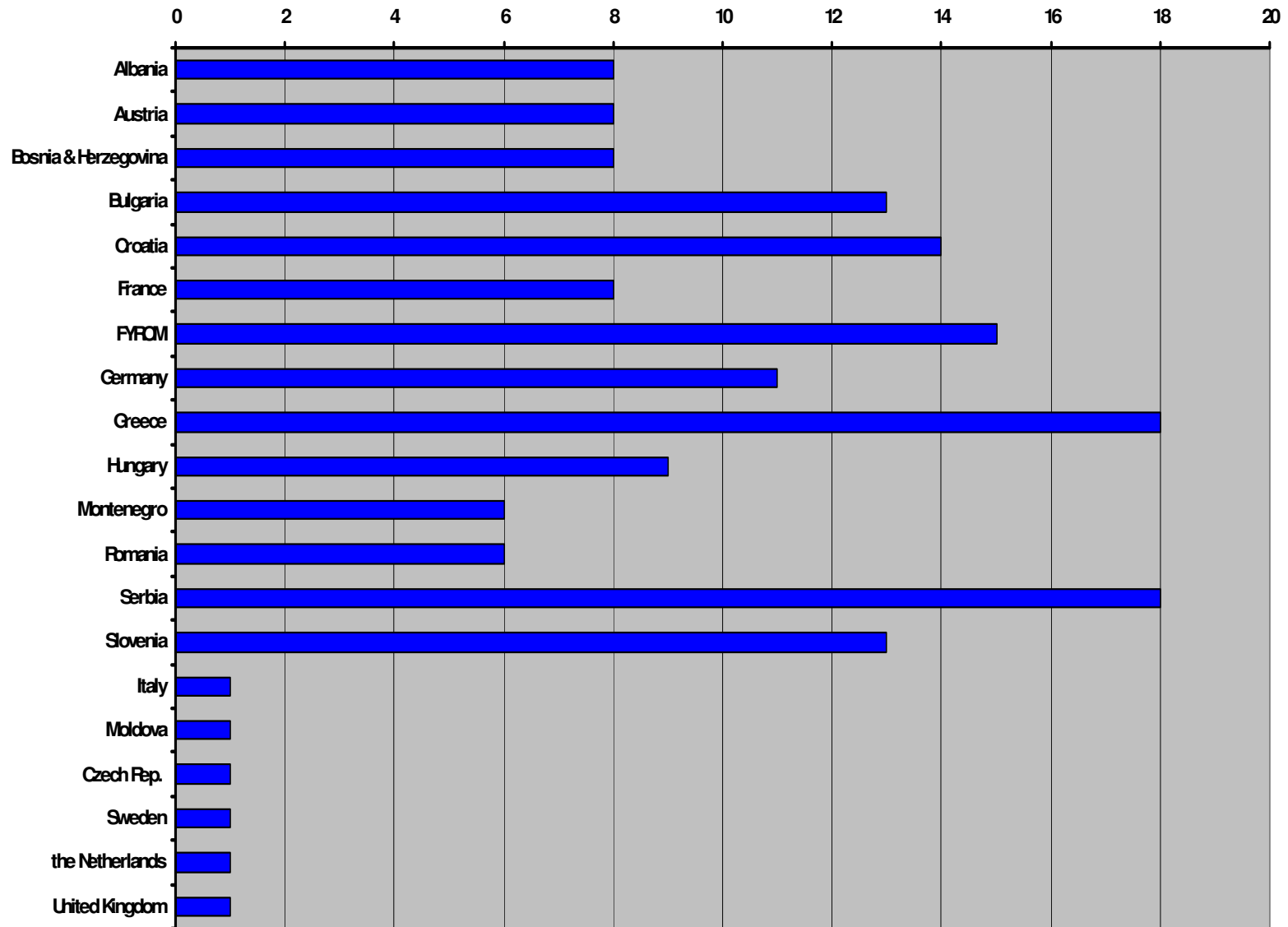


Three main phases of the project

- **Collecting information**
 - Regional studies about running projects, bilateral RTD programmes, agreements, and national systems of research
 - Study on the needs of the WBC region
 - Policy recommendations and lobbying on EU level
- **Pilot Joint Call**
- **Regional Programme for Cooperation with Southeast Europe**

Main Characteristics of the Pilot Joint Call

- ❑ The Joint Call (pilot phase) – 2006/2007 is one of the **best example** of Joint SEE-ERA.NET activities
- ❑ The 14 SEE-ERA.NET partner countries **provide national funding for multinational research teams** through the Joint Call for Proposals.
- ❑ **The INTAS' electronic web based tool** (Call Management System) supported the central administration
- ❑ Set-up of the SEE-ERA-NET **evaluator's database**.
- ❑ **Pilot Joint Call's external monitoring and evaluation from independent experts**



The concrete messages

Coming from the researchers:

- ❑ The oversubscription of this joint call, shows that there is a high demand from the researchers in the SEE and especially the West Balkan Countries for regional multilateral joint calls.
- ❑ The Pilot Joint Call, covered to an extent their aspirations and acted as catalyst to initiate and facilitate the coordination and collaboration of researchers or research teams from different countries, independently of their origin (WBC countries or EU-MS / AC countries).

Coming from the partner countries:

- ❑ The SEE-ERA-NET partner countries have shown their will to support the pilot joint call and have collaborated in an extreme functional and successful way to overcome any barrier in this cooperation.

Regional Programme for the Co-operation with South-East Europe (ReP-SEE)

- building on the experience of the PJC and widening the activities of SEE-ERA.NET
 - inviting additional stakeholders, such as regional partners, the European Commission
 - Outlined in the SEE-ERA.NET White Paper and Joint Action Plan
 - **Joint RTD (Joint Calls)**
 - **Accompanying Measures**
 - **Young Scientist Programme**
 - **Innovation Programme** (Preparatory Innovation Conference in November 2007, Thessaloniki)
- } **SEE-ERA.NET plus**

SEE-ERA.NET plus – sneak preview

Funding of

- “Collaborative Research Projects”
- Preparatory Grants for Collaborative Research Projects
- Docking Grants for Collaborative Research Projects

Aims at:

- building on regional strengths of SEE
- targeting regional needs of South-East Europe
- enhancing joint participation in FP7
- fostering joint utilization of large-scale infrastructure

Based on:

- the frame posed by the ERA-Net plus call; 3 Mio.€ budget required as a minimum

How to get the **latest information** about **SEE-ERA.NET** activities and calls?

- The framework for further SEE-ERA.NET activities is detailed in the **SEE-ERA.NET White Paper**; published Oct.2007, Transition Studies Review, Springer Verlag
- Programming of ReP-SEE is outlined in the **SEE-ERA.NET Joint Action Plan**; to be published on <http://www.see-era.net/attach/JAP090707doc.doc>
- Short information will be published in the eJournal of the Information Office on Research (subscribe for free at: <http://www.see-science.eu/ejournal/list>)

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