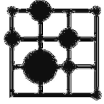


## Crossing Borders – Research Infrastructures in FP7

# Research Infrastructures

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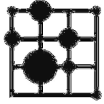




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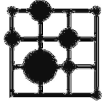
“Science is organized  
knowledge.”

*Immanuel Kant, German philosopher  
1724 - 1804*



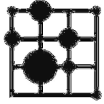
## ...but how to organize?

- Your first step: Make sure you have an **excellent consortium!**
- Basic Fact: There must be at least **three legal entities** established in different EU Member States or Associated Countries (the countries concerned are listed in section 3 of the Guide for Applicants). The entities must be independent of each other.
- Size of the consortium: In FP6 I3-projects, the average size of the consortium was **19** partners of which **7** are offering access



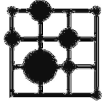
## Who can participate besides these countries?

- Any legal entity established in an FP7 International Cooperation Partner Country (**ICPC**) can apply. The list of ICPC can be found on the Cordis website, and is given in annex 1 of the Work Programme.
- There are no limitations to the participation of **industrial organizations**. However, the consortium must fulfill the specific requirements of research infrastructures (support scientific excellence; offer services etc.)



## Duration

- Integrated Infrastructure Initiative (I3) projects are expected to last typically **two to four years**.
- For your consortium this means: Make sure your partners can take part in the project until it's very end!



## What you will need:

- Partners in a consortium should offer **complementary skills**. They should be the best ones for their respective tasks.
- Last but not least: Already established collaboration is a big plus. Keep in mind you have to continue working with them for the next years – so what you'll need are partners you trust and with whom it's **fun to work!**
- In any case: Sign a Consortium Agreement, model to be found here: <http://www.desca-fp7.eu/>

We wish you a great collaboration in your consortium! **6**