



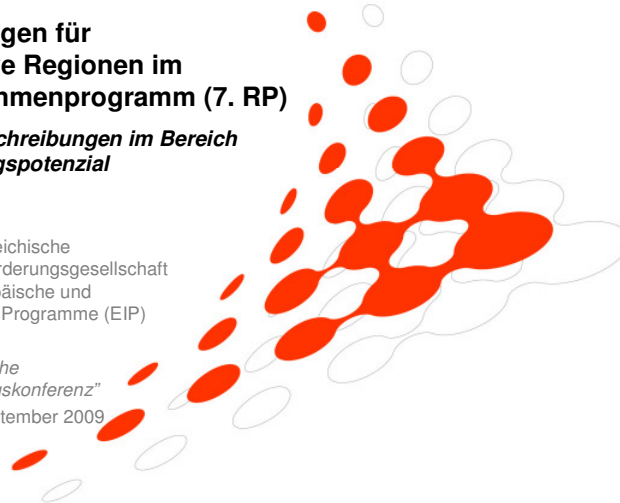
**Förderungen für  
innovative Regionen im  
7. EU-Rahmenprogramm (7. RP)**

***Neue Ausschreibungen im Bereich  
„Forschungspotenzial“***

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## **RESEARCH POTENTIAL**

Two objectives

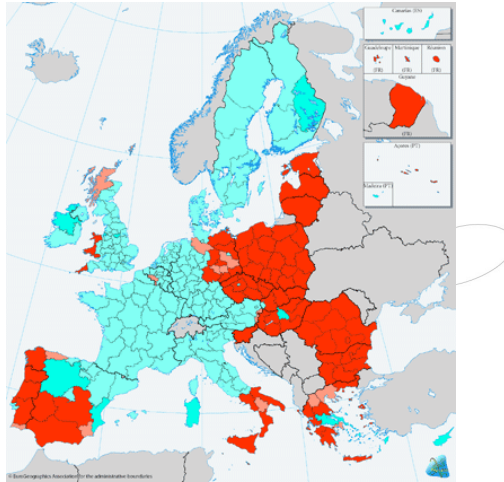
for **CONVERGENCE & OUTERMOST** regions only :

- to stimulate the **realisation of the full research potential** by unlocking and developing the research potential in the **EU's convergence regions** and **outermost regions**
- to **strengthen the capacities** of their researchers to success fully participate in research activities at EU level

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## Regions eligible for financing by the Structural Funds (2007-2013) under objective « convergence »

where capita  
gross domestic  
product (GDP)  
is less than 75 %  
of the average  
GDP of the EU-  
25



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## Calls in Work Programme 2010

### FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions

### FP7-REGPOT-2010-5

Unlocking and developing the research potential of research entities established in the *Western Balkan Countries*' regions equivalent to convergence regions



## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

### Major specifics of 2010 call

- **Up-Scaling:** Any public or private research entity (as a single proposer) established in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions of significant size such as University Departments, Faculties, specialised Research Institutes or important size research laboratories with at least 10 permanent experienced researchers
- ensure synergies with local, regional or national policies or programmes
- optional integration of evaluation facility as distinct work package
- Community contribution up to 4 Mio. €



## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

### Particular requirements for participation:

- projects must be proposed by a **single** public or private research entity of **significant size** such as University Departments, Faculties, specialised Research Institutes or important size research laboratories with at **least 10 permanent experienced researchers** which is established in the EU's convergence regions and outermost regions
- research entities must not be a subsidiary or branch of another legal entity established in a different country.
- projects must involve **compulsory cooperation** with at **least 3 outstanding research 'partnering organisations**, established in at **least 3 different Member States or Associated Countries** (with equiv. to 'Convergence' regions ), other than that of the applicant



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### Particular requirements for participation:

- All regions of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey are eligible for participation
- Research entities should **explain the synergies** between the measures set out in the Action Plan and related actions supported or to be supported through the **cohesion policy programmes** (specifically through the **European Regional Development Fund**), whether in terms of human resources, the acquisition, development or upgrading of research equipment or activities for knowledge transfer.



## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

### Action Plan

- defined by the **highest quality or promising research entities** established in the eligible regions
- derived from a **SWOT analysis** of the applicant's research entity
- in the thematic priorities domains of the EC FP7
- **Evaluation facility:** In addition to the measures in the Action Plan, the applicant research entity can optionally apply for an international independent expert evaluation of its overall research quality and capability (including management and infrastructure). This evaluation will take place after the end of the implementation of the Action Plan, over a period of up to 6 months and it will be carried out by high-level, independent international experts nominated by the Commission.



## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

### Action Plan

- **Exchange of know-how and experience** through trans-national two-way secondments of research staff between the applicant and three or more knowledgeable and experienced 'partnering organisations' established in at least 3 different EU/ACs
- **Recruitment** by the applicant of experienced researchers
- **Upgrading, development or acquisition of research equipment**
- **Organisation of workshops and conferences** to promote knowledge exchange at European and international level.
- **Dissemination and promotional** activities to ensure increased visibility of the applicant's excellence and know-how, its activities within the EU



## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-1

### Expected impact

- Better integration of the selected research entities in the European Research Area as a whole (partnership, including twinning with research groups elsewhere in Europe)
- Upgrading the RTD capacity and capability (human potential: number of new researchers and training of research staff, improvement of research management, scientific equipment) as well as the quality of research carried out by the selected research entities
- Improved research capacity for increased contribution to regional economic and social development
- Improvement of the potential of the selected research entities to participate in FP7 projects



### Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-5: Cooperation with Western Balkan Countries

- improvement of the Western Balkan Countries' (WBC) participation in the 7th Framework Programme
- favour brain-gain environments
- trans-national two-way exchanges of research staff between research entities established in the WBC and elsewhere in EU/AC
- help to reinforce their research infrastructure/equipment
- strategy presented in the Action Plan will be implemented in cooperation with the research 'partnering organisations'
- steering Committee for research strategy might be foreseen with top class scientists



### Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-5: Cooperation with Western Balkan Countries

- enable highest quality or most promising research entities of **significant size** (such as University Departments, Faculties, specialised Research Institutes or important size research laboratories with at **least 10 permanent experienced researchers**) in the regions equivalent to the convergence regions of the WBC, qualified in any S&T field within the scope of Community research eligible under the EC FP7, **to become actively integrated in the ERA**
- explain synergies between the measures set out in their Action Plan and related actions supported or to be supported through the IPA programmes



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### Action Plan

must include a set of 5 coherent measures:


- **Exchange of know-how and experience** through trans-national two-way secondments of research staff between the applicant and three or more knowledgeable and experienced 'partnering organisations' established in at least 3 different EU/ACs
- **Recruitment** by the applicant of experienced researchers
- **Upgrading, development or acquisition of research equipment**
- **Organisation of workshops and conferences** to promote knowledge exchange at European and international level.
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## Call FP7-REGPOT-2010-5: Cooperation with Western Balkan Countries

### Expected impact

- Better integration of the Western Balkan Countries research entities in the European Research Area and in the FP7
- Accelerate the setting up of sustainable partnerships between the most competitive RTD entities established in the Western Balkan Countries, Member States and Associated Countries whilst boosting regional cooperation contributing to socio-economic needs
- Upgrading the RTD capacity and capability (human potential: number of new researchers and training of research staff, improvement of research management, scientific equipment) as well as the quality of research carried out by the selected research



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