

European Research and the Seventh Framework Programme.

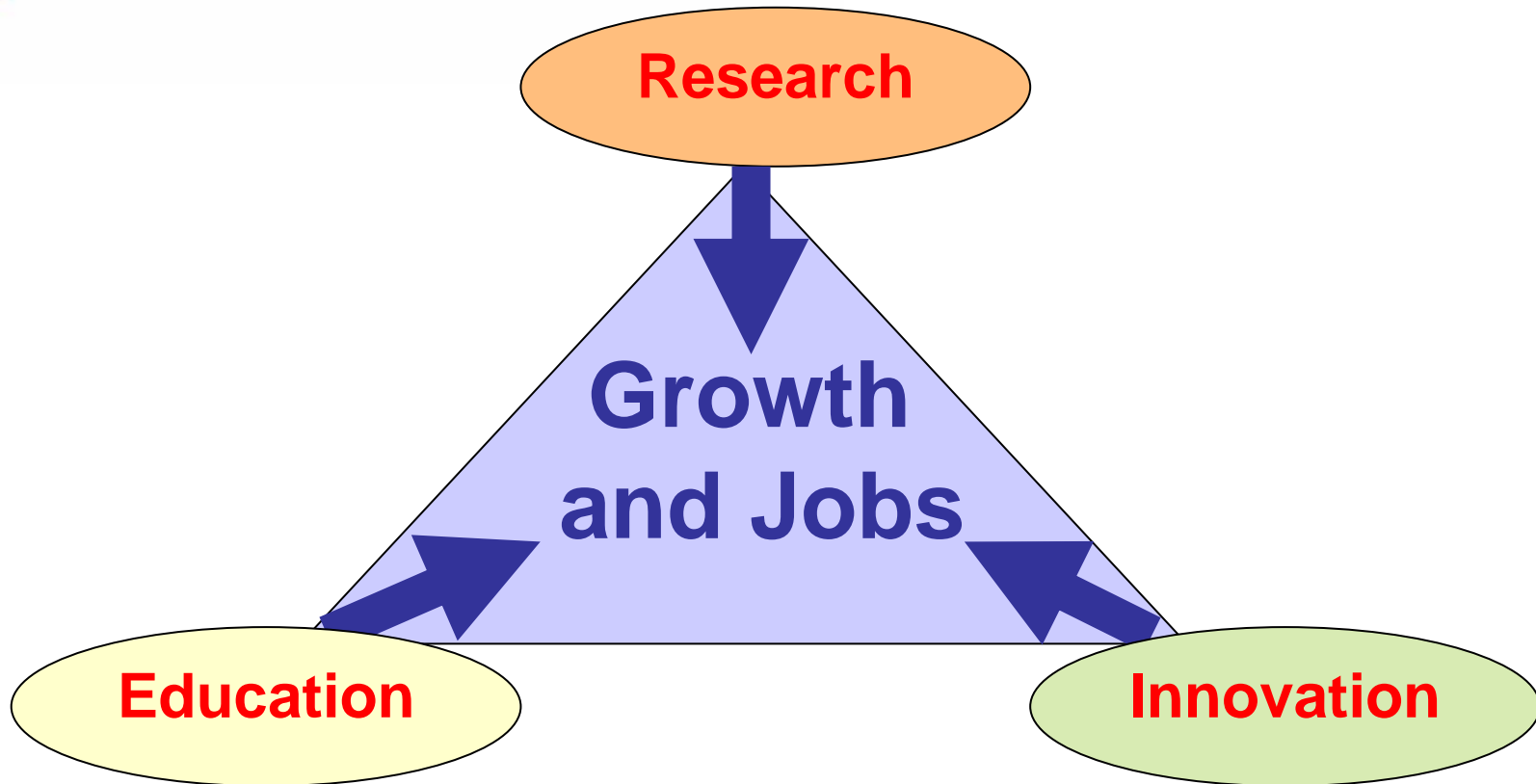
The role of Regions

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WHY RESEARCH

- To generate new knowledge
- To support innovation, competitiveness & job creation
- To contribute to sustainable development
- Etc etc etc

Lisbon strategy

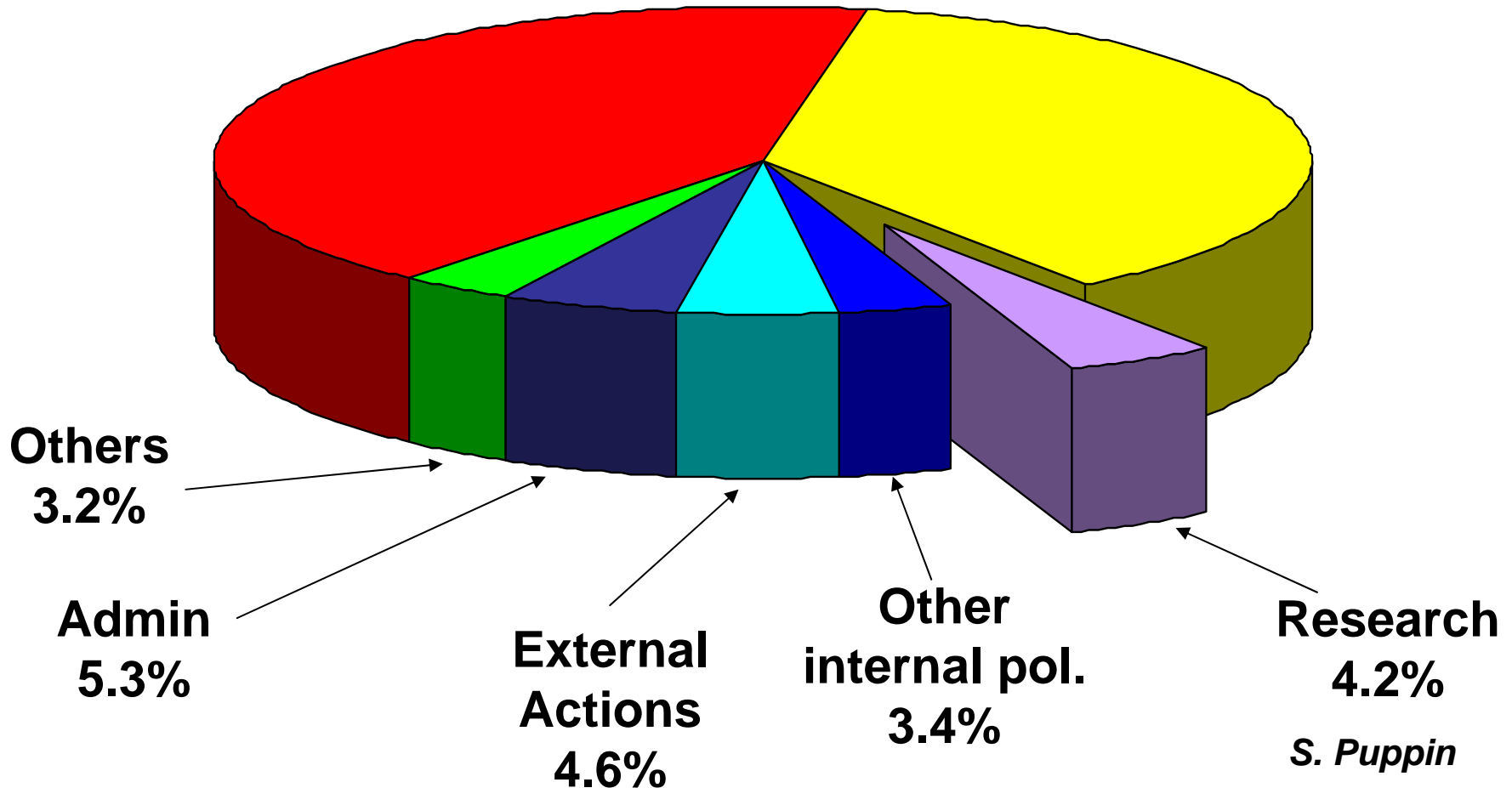


S&T contributes to the **Lisbon** objectives: economic **growth**, **employment** creation, **environmental** protection, **social** challenges: fight **poverty**, improve human **health** and **quality** of life (GSM, remote working, safe roads, etc.)

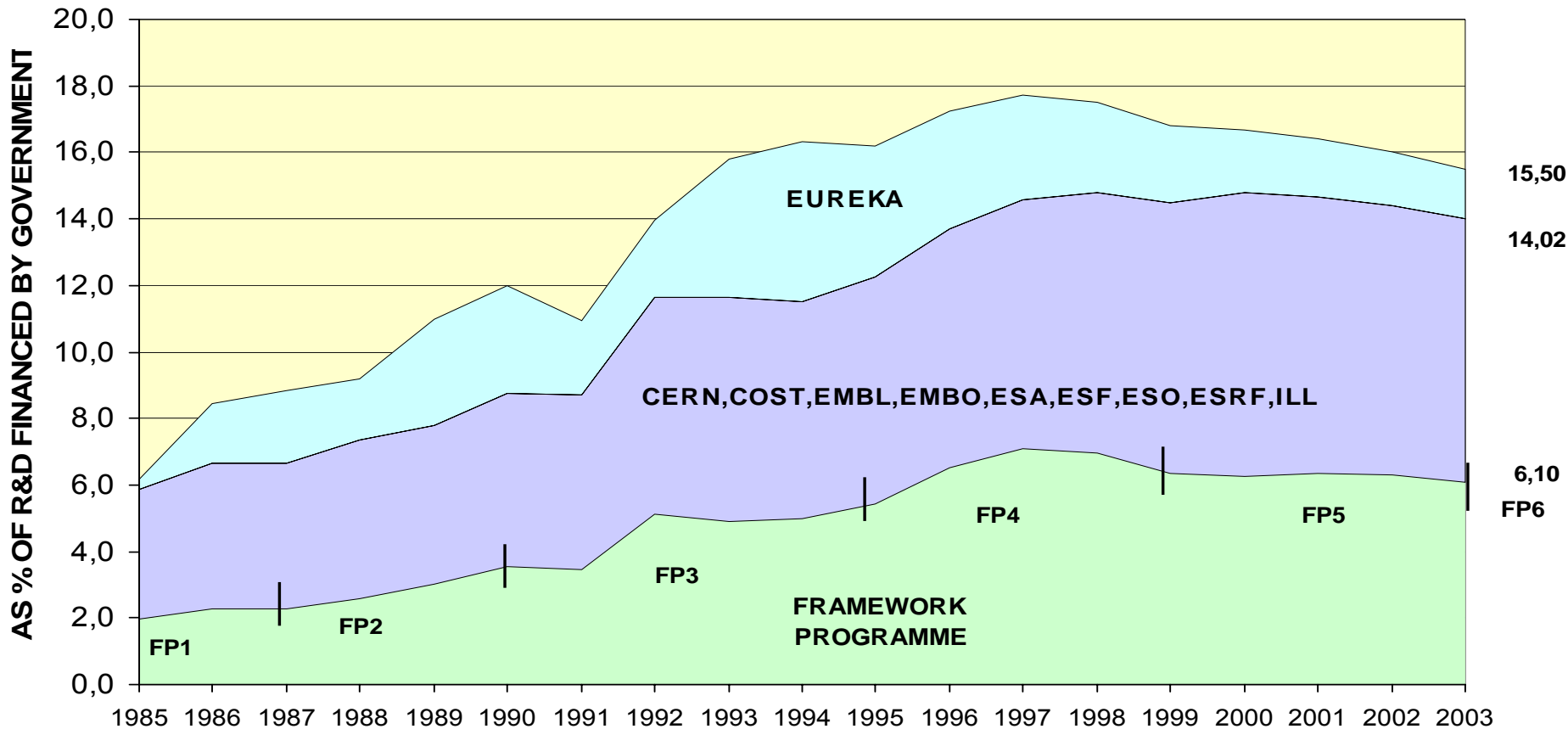
EU Budget 2004

Agriculture
41.3%

**Structural
Funds**
36.2%

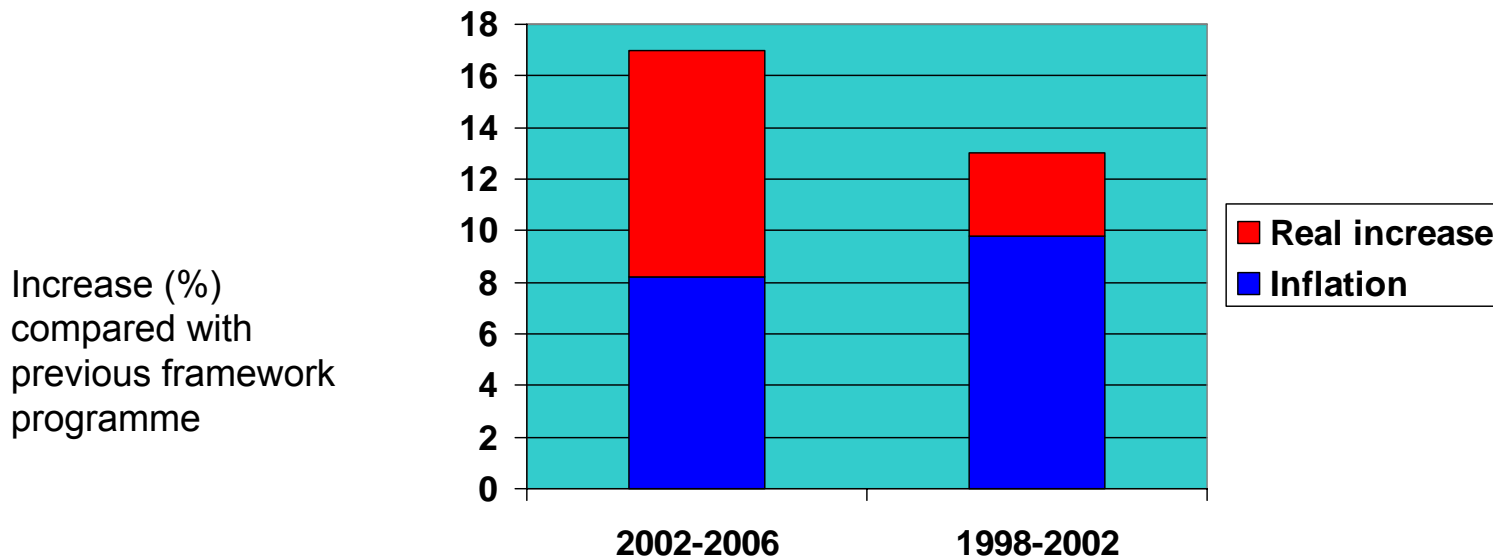


European research: increasing budgets



FP6 BUDGET

- Budget: EUR ~17.5 billion (~19.2 after enlargement)
- Budget: EUR ~5 billion in 2005
- = ~ 4% of the EU's budget
- = ~ 6% of the EU's public (civilian) research budget



EU Research Policy

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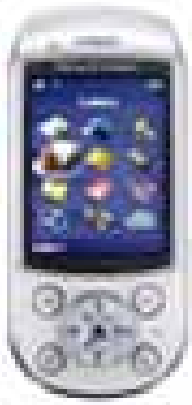
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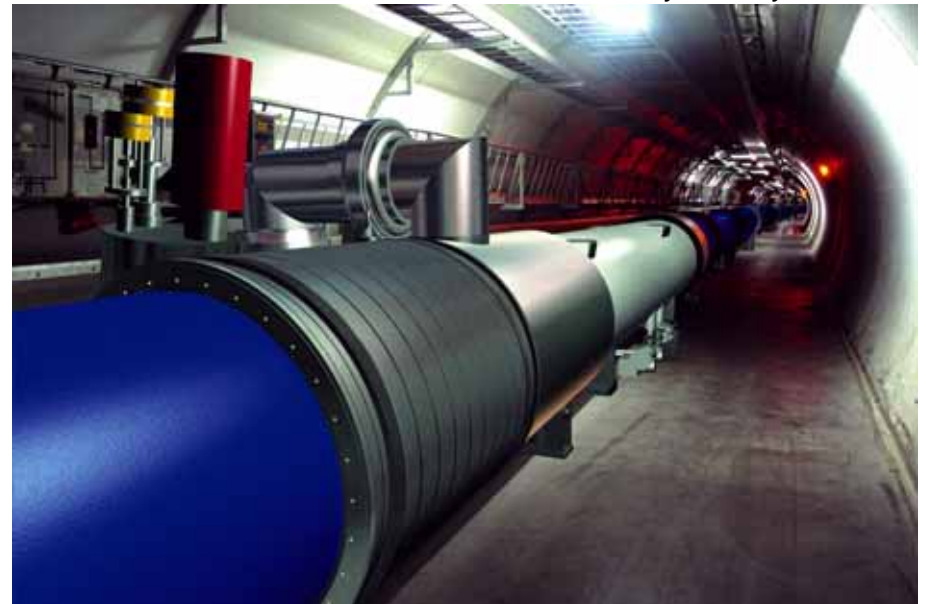
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Community Relations

Success through co-operation



By courtesy of Airbus

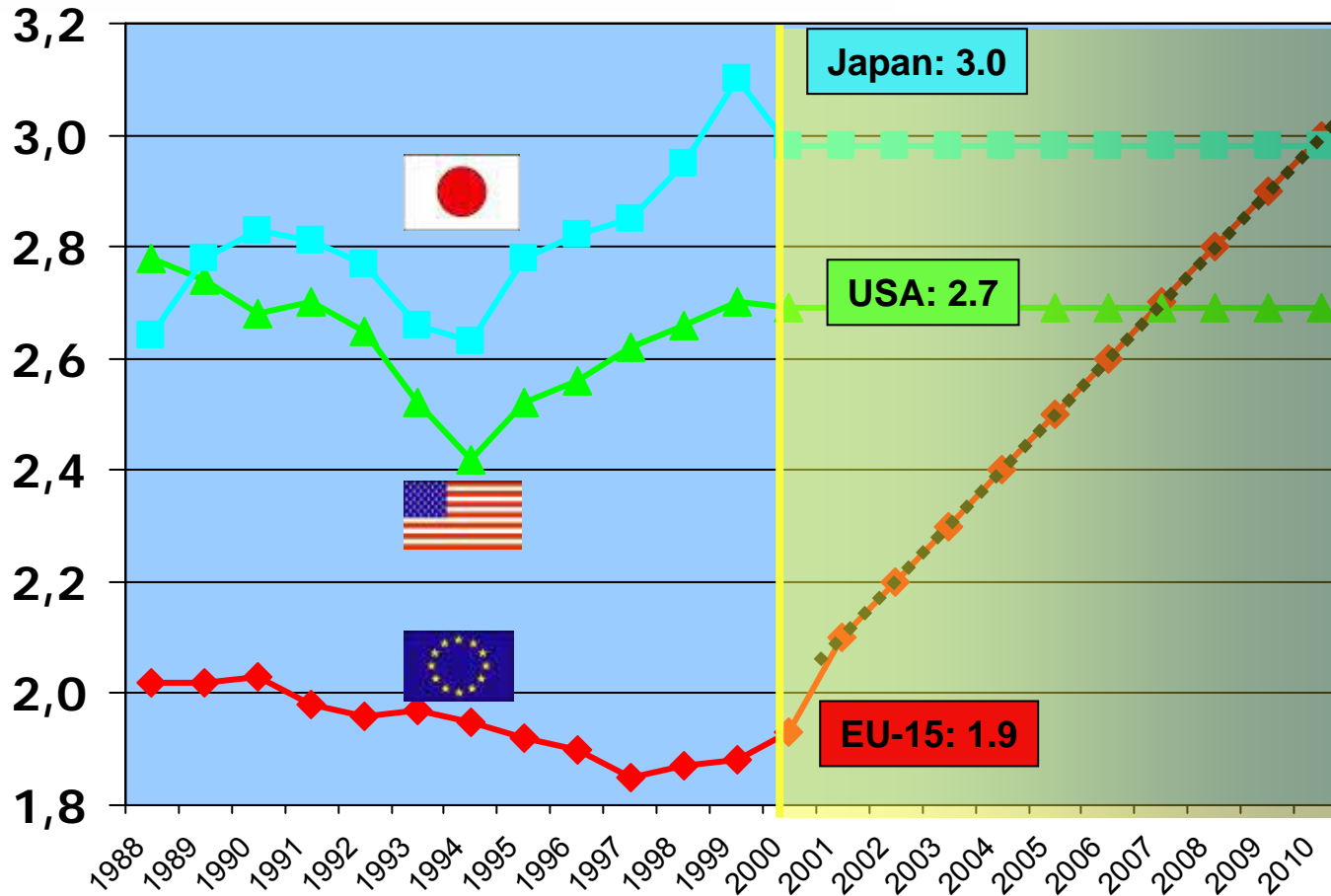


Europe week of regions and cities – 13.10.05
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Research: filling the gap

Total expenditure on R&D, % of GDP
Barcelona Summit, 2001

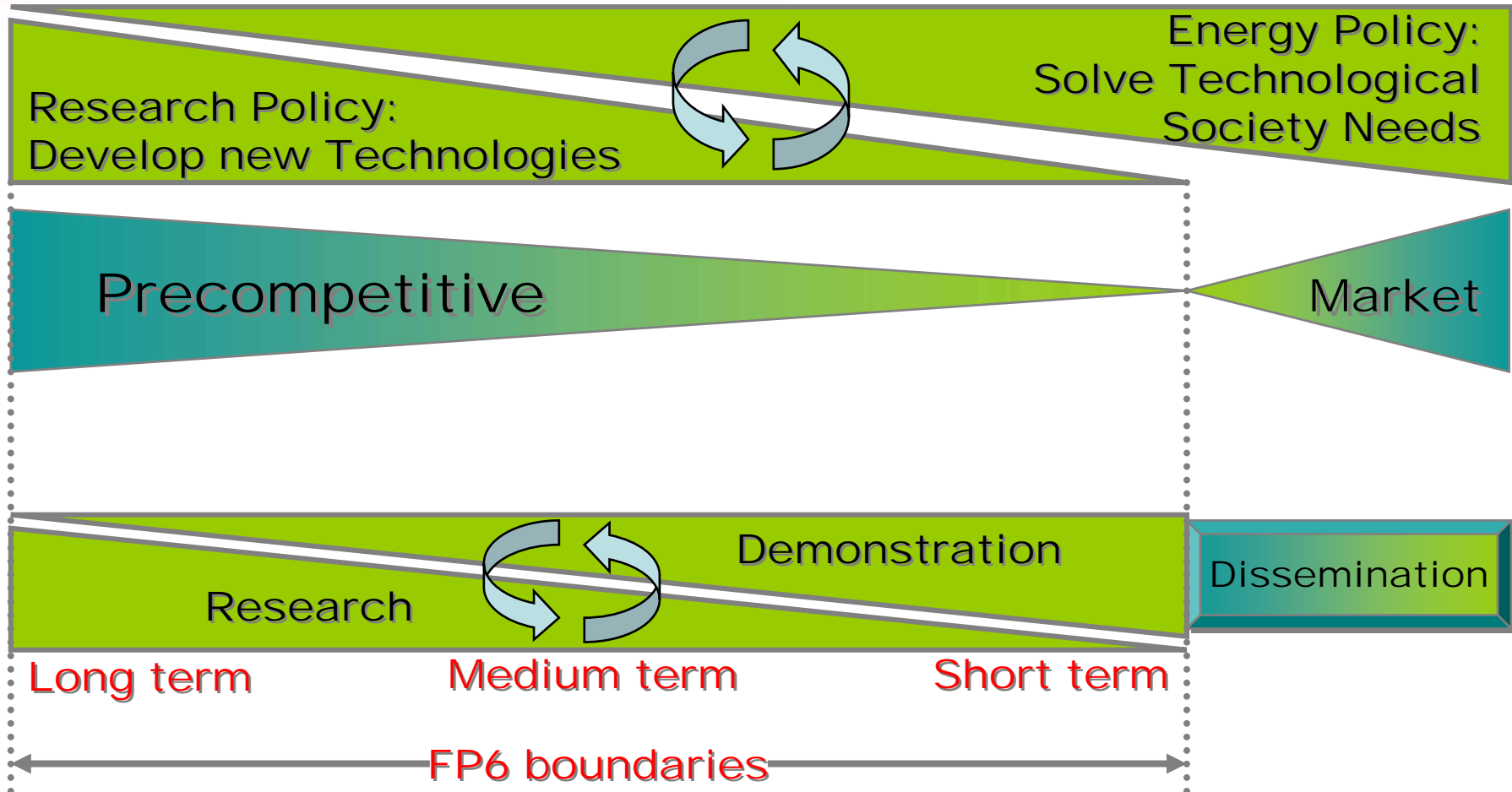


In 2003,
EU: 1.93 %,
US: 2.59 %
Japan: 3.15 %
China: 1.31 %

EU Energy Policy

- **Security of EU energy supply**
- **Reduction of EU greenhouse gases and pollutant emissions**
- **Improve energy efficiency & share of renewable energy**
- **Support the functioning of the internal market**

Context



ITER

Central Solenoid
Nb₃Sn, 6 modules

Outer Intercoil
Structure

Toroidal Field Coil
Nb₃Sn, 18, wedged

Poloidal Field Coil
Nb-Ti, 6

Machine Gravity Supports

Blanket
Module - 421
modules

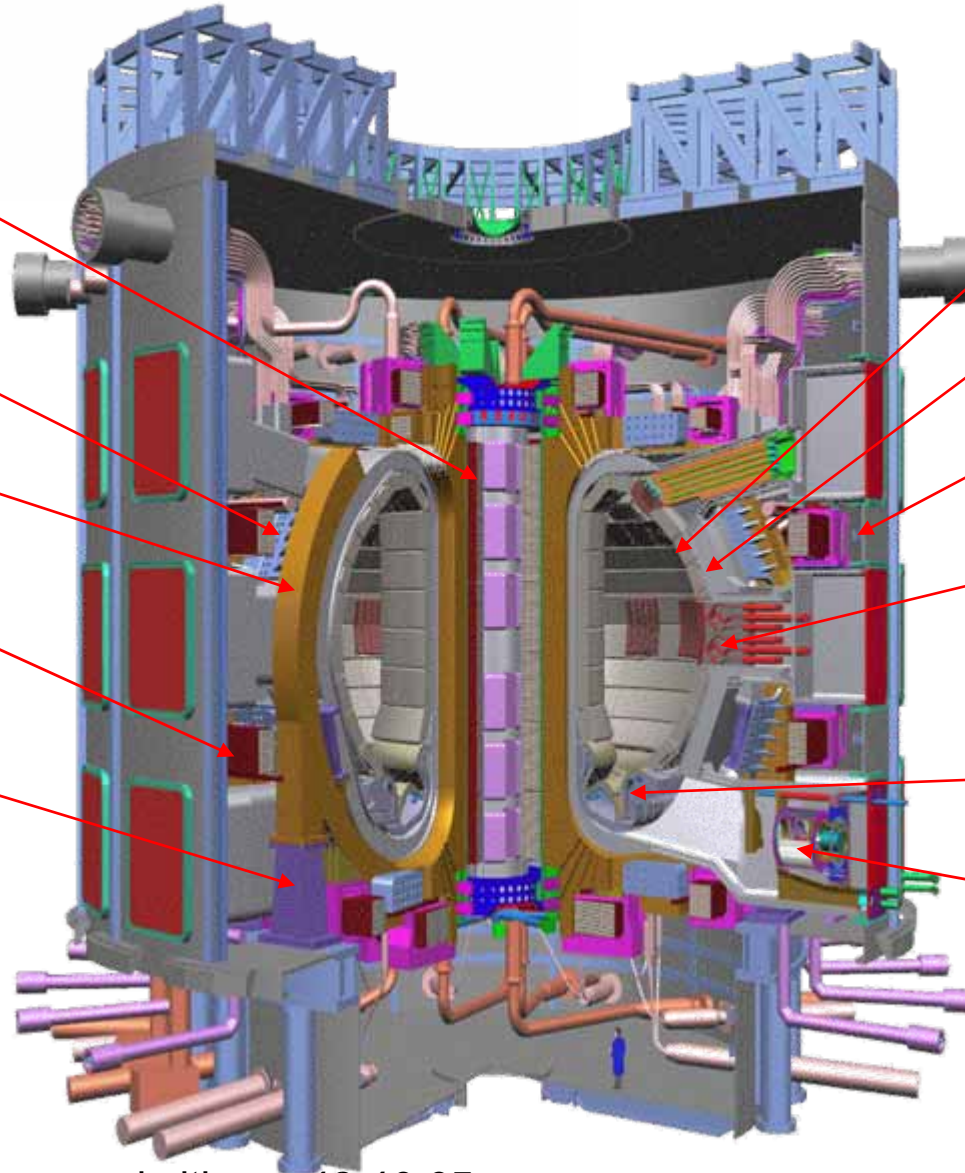
Vacuum Vessel
9 sectors

Cryostat
24 m high x 28 m dia.

Port Plug (IC Heating)
6 heating
3 test blankets
2 limiters/RH
rem. diagnostics

Divertor -54
cassettes

Torus Cryopump
8, rearranged





In-situ Laboratory for Geological Storage of CO₂

- Integrated Project **CO₂SINK** -



GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam (D)



G.E.O.S. Freiberg Ingenieurgesellschaft (D)

Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (DK)

Mineral and Energy Economy Research Institute (PL)



Det Norske Veritas (N)

Statoil (N)

Shell International Exploration and Production (NL)



University of Stuttgart (D)

Vibrometric Finland (Fi)



University of Kent (GB)



Uppsala University (S)



RWE Power AG (D)



International Energy Agency – Greenhouse Gas Programme (GB)

Vattenfall Europe Generation (D)



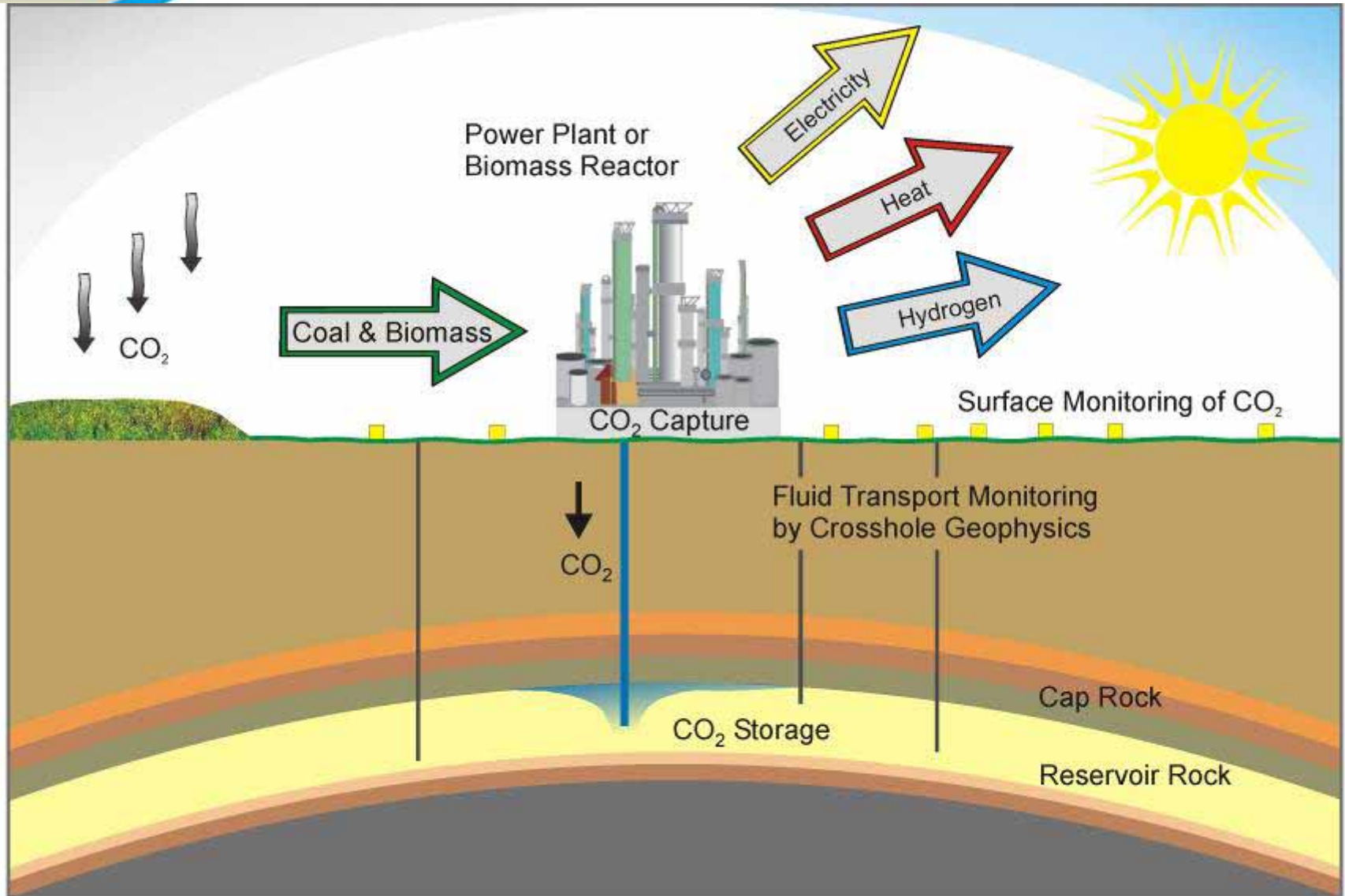


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Aerial View of the Natural Gas Storage Ketzin (near Berlin)



CO₂SINK In-situ R&D Laboratory for Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide



CUTE & ECTOS

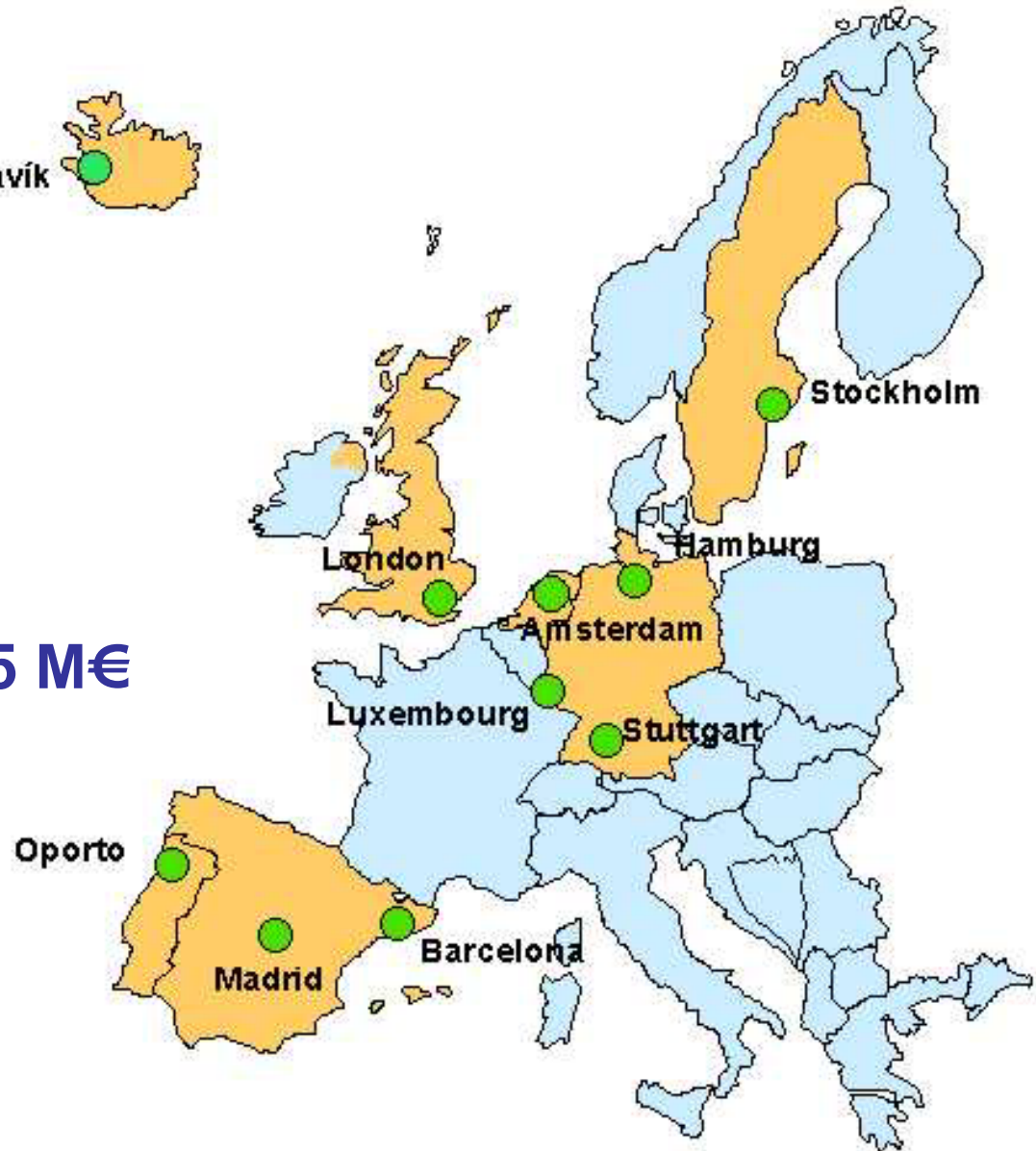
- **CUTE** (Clean Urban Transport for Europe)
- is a European Union project initiative to test three Citaro fuel cell buses each in nine cities in Europe.
- **ECTOS** (Ecological City TranspOrt System) – three more busses in Reykjavik



Reykjavik



Start date: **Nov 2001**
Duration: **55 months**
Total cost: **~52.5 M€**
EC Contribution: **~18.5 M€**



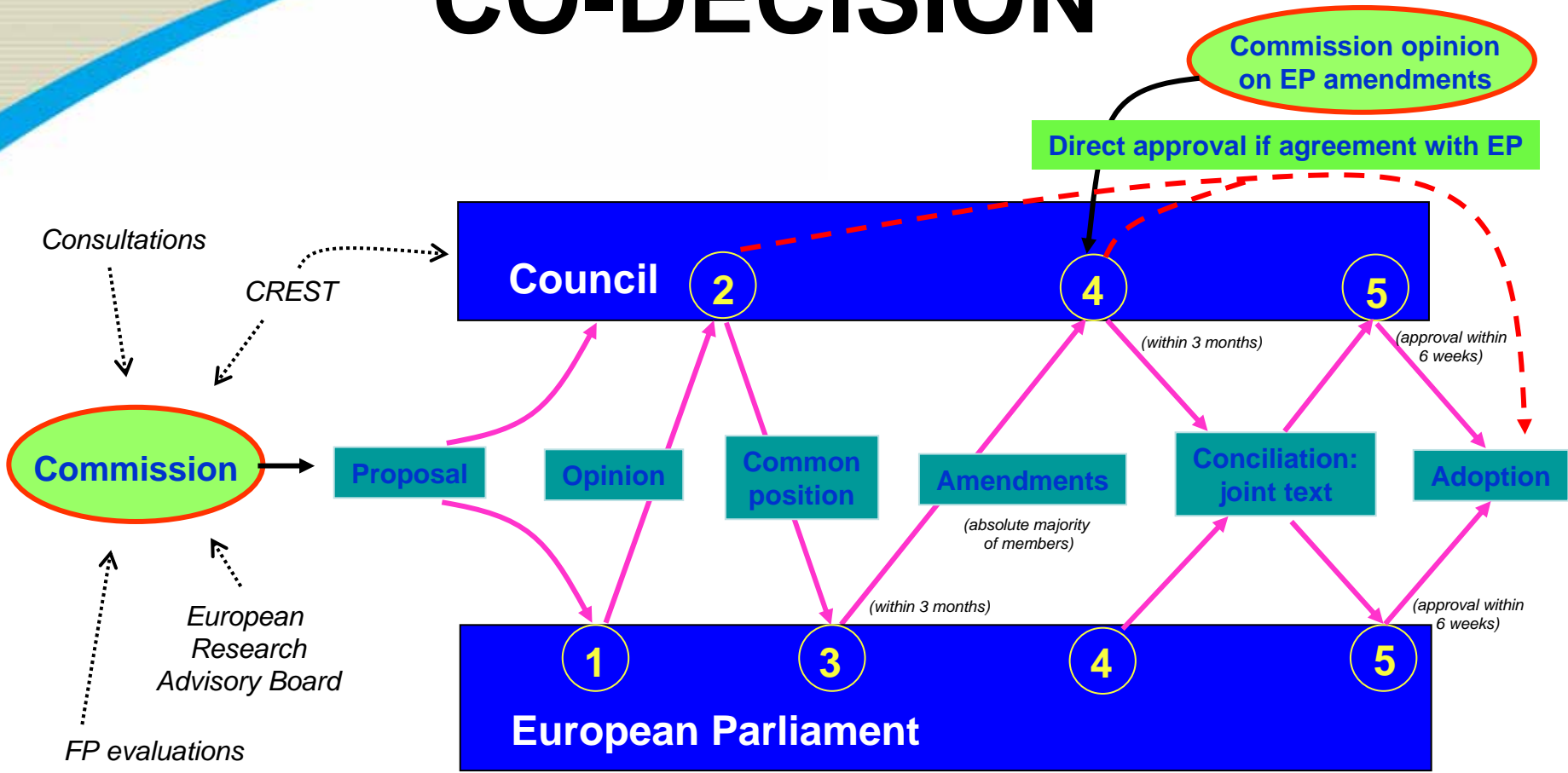


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Community Research

Commission Proposal for the SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

CO-DECISION



Council decides by qualified majority except on EP amendments not approved by the Commission

WHAT'S NEW in FP7 (1/2)

- Annual budget doubled (EUR 5 billion ► 10 billion)
- Emphasis on **RTD themes** rather than on “instruments”
- Significant **simplification** of its operation
- Focus on developing research that meets the needs of European industry, through the work of **Technology Platforms** and the new **Joint Technology Initiatives**
- Basic research - Establishment of a **European Research Council**

WHAT'S NEW in FP7 (2/2)

- Integration of **International co-operation** in all four programmes
- Development of **regions of knowledge**
- A **Risk-Sharing Finance Facility** aimed at fostering private investment in research
- Logistical and administrative tasks transferred to **external structures**
- Programme length: **7 year**

Specific Programmes

***Cooperation* – Collaborative research**

***Ideas* – Frontier Research**

***People* – Human Potential**

***Capacities* – Research Capacity**



JRC (non-nuclear)

JRC (nuclear)

Euratom



Cooperation – Collaborative research

9 Thematic Priorities

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture and Biotechnology
3. Information and Communication Technologies
4. Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment and climate change
7. Transport
8. Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities
9. Space and Security research

Cooperation

Collaborative research actions – support schemes

Collaborative research

Joint Technology Initiatives

**Coordination of national
research programmes**

- ERA-NET
- ERA-NET+
- Article 169

International Cooperation

ERC – European Research Council

Commission

- Approval of work programme, as defined by the Scientific Council
- Instruction to implement work programme
- Approval of annual implementation report
- Information to programme committee

Scientific Council*

- Preparation of work programme
- Set up of peer review: pool of reviewers, nomination of review panels, evaluation guidelines
- Oversight of the evaluation procedure
- Annual scientific report

Externalised tasks**

- Information and support to applicants
- Reception / eligibility of proposals
- Organisation and execution of evaluation
- Selection decision
- Scientific and financial follow-up of contracts
- Annual implementation report

People – Human Potential

Initial training of researchers

Marie Curie Networks

Life-long training and career development

Individual Fellowships

Co-financing of regional/national/international programmes

Industry-academia pathways and partnerships

Industry-Academia Scheme

International dimension

Outgoing International Fellowships; Incoming International Fellowships

International Cooperation Scheme; Reintegration grants

Specific actions

Excellence awards

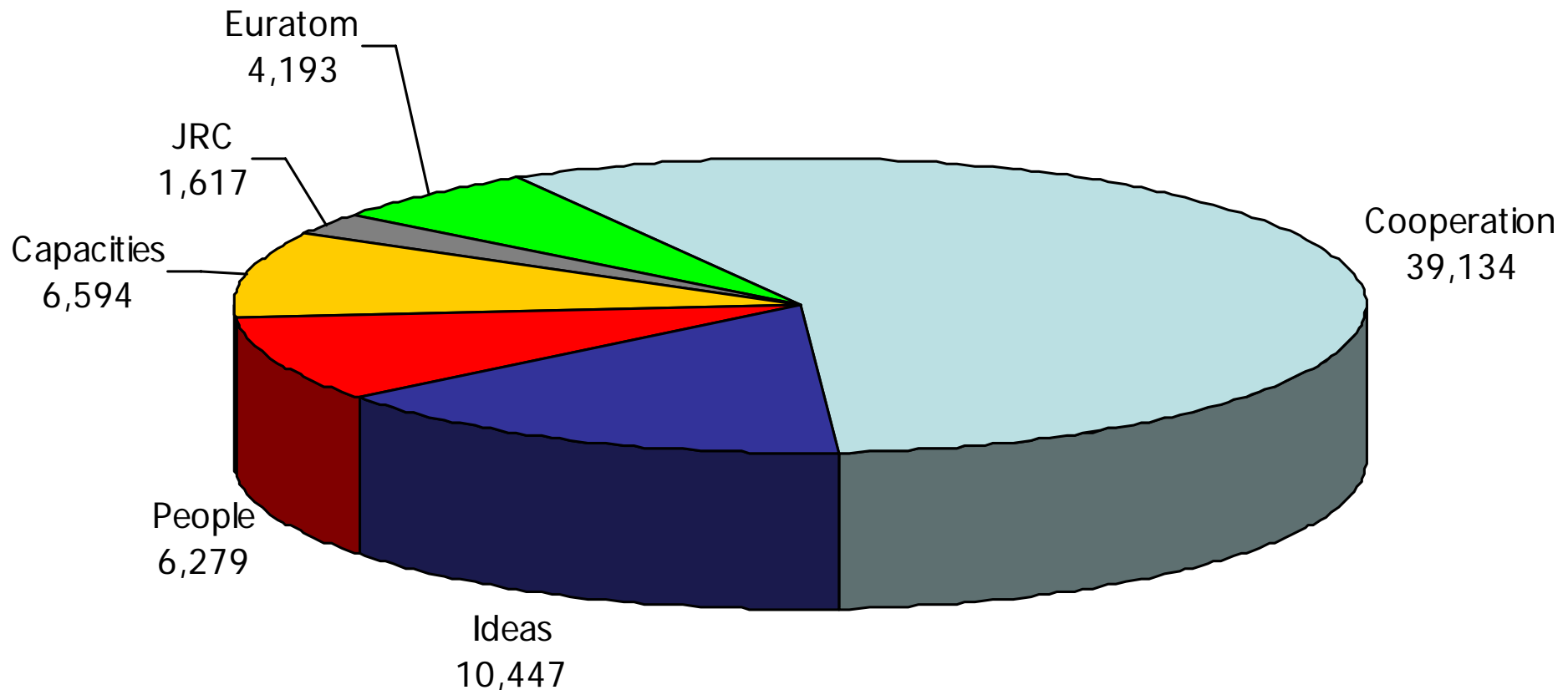


***Capacities* – Research Capacity**

1. Research Infrastructures
2. Research for the benefit of SMEs
3. Regions of Knowledge
4. Research Potential
5. Science in Society
6. Activities of International Cooperation

FP7 budget

(EUR billion, 2004 constant prices)



The role of Regions

- **Co-financing** (of projects & activities)
- **Participation** (in projects & activities)
- **Cooperation** (between regional and national RTD programs)
- **Complementarity** (in research programs)

Opportunities for Regions. Where?

- *Framework Programme (all)*: **short term research – demonstration activities.**
- *Framework Programme (all)*: **ERA-NETs**
- *FP7*: **Region of Knowledge.**
- *FP7*: **Joint Technology Initiatives (?)**
- The **CIP**. Competitiveness & Innovation Programme.

For partners: FP6-Structural Found Bonus

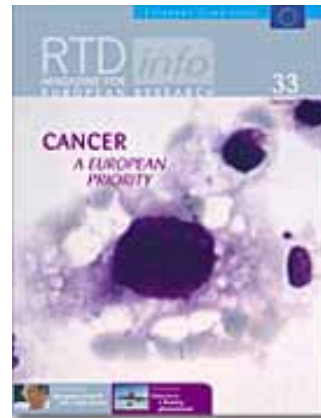
Final Advice (personal comments)

- Not “how can I get my project financed by the EU”, but “who to work together with the EU for a project of **COMMON INTEREST**”.
- Speak **English**.
- Be represented by a **technical competent person** as well.
- Sometimes, consultants can be useful.

The Commission is constantly looking for new ideas. Therefore talk to us, talk to us, talk to us.

Information

- EU research: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research>
- Seventh Framework Programme:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm
- RTD info magazine:
<http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/rtdinfo/>
- Information on research programmes and projects:
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