



Research priorities of the Hungarian presidency 1st Semester 2011

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of the Hungarian presidency
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- **Simplification**
- **Interim evaluation of the FP7**
- **Preparations for the FP8**

Simplification

Where are we now?

- **EP resolution of 11 November 2010** (P7_TA(2010)0401)
- **Council conclusions of 12 October 2010** (14980/10)
- **Council conclusions of 26 May 2010** (10268/10)
- **Commission communication of 28 May 2010** (10346/10)
- **Commission communication of 29 April 2010** (9348/10)
- **Council conclusions of 3 December 2009** (17189/09)

Simplification

Where to go? We have had some dilemma about:

- **Changes acceptable without jeopardising of the ongoing FP7?**
- **Recommendations can be implemented with the mid-term review?**

Or

- **Simplify the RoP for the coming FP8 only?**

Simplification

What we have had :

- many recommendations from researchers & associations
- there are recommendations from the European Parliament
- 3 measures adopted by the Commission on 24th January 2011

and

- **Ministerial Expert Group on Simplification** (BE, SE, FR & HU)
(Council Competitiveness in Luxemburg on 12 October 2010)

ES and PL ministers have already joined the Team and Experts organised they meeting on 25th February in Budapest at the skirts of the FP7 Interim Evaluation Conference.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler...

Albert Einstein

Interim evaluation of the FP7

Interim evaluation of the Seventh Framework Programme

Report of the Expert Group chaired by Rolf Annerberg (SE)

Stockholm –Brussels, 12 November 2010, pp 90

Rapporteur: Iain Begg (UK)

10 Recommendations:

1. **Advance ERA & Innovation Union goals**
 - Concentration, e.g. on grand challenges
 - Importance of attaining critical mass
2. **Enhance research infrastructures**
3. **At least maintain funding, now & in FP8**
4. **Well-articulated innovation strategy needed**
5. **A quantum leap needed in simplification**
 - No more excuses: JUST DO IT!

Interim evaluation of the FP7

- 6. Rethink mix of funding measures**
 - More 'bottom up', open calls
 - Don't neglect training aspects of 'knowledge'
- 7. Consider moratorium on new instruments**
- 8. Reinforce efforts on female participation**
 - Galvanise Member States
- 9. Facilitate capacity building across EU**
 - Improve coherence with Structural Funds
- 10. Open-up better to international cooperation**

The Commission response:

We are waiting for a communication and working document, in which the Commission will react to each individual recommendation on how to tackle them. The paper also should outline corrective measures when and if those are planned for the future.

Interim evaluation of the FP7

The Commission response:

We have received the Commission's response to the recommendation on how to tackle them.

Implications for the FP8 in the Expert Report for the FP7 Interim:

- **Ensure connections to core EU policies**
 - Europe 2020, Innovation Union, grand challenges
 - Better integration of industry
 - Conjunction of scientific, competitive and societal
- **More outward looking structure & stance**
- **Main strands to be retained but adapted**
 - But beware further proliferation of measures
- **Finish unfinished business**
 - Female participation
 - Resolve flaws in coordination with Member States

Preparations for the FP8

Some position papers have received from associations and MSs:

SE (VINNOVA)	June 2009
DE (BMBF)	26 March 2010
LERU (<i>Universities</i>)	2 May 2010
IR (FORFÁS)	November 2010
SE (<i>Ministry of E&R</i>)	13 December 2010
<i>etc.</i>	

... I've used the jargon throughout: Framework Programme, FP6, FP7, FP8. We need a new name, so we can get the message of success across to more people. A name which captures the imagination, so we can communicate European research better. Let's think about it.”

Mme Máire Geoghegan-Quinn

The Press Conference on Simplification of Research Funding Brussels, 29th April 2010

Research Calendar of the Hungarian presidency

1st Semester 2011 (*draft*)

● Council Competitiveness

- Brussels 10-11 MAR 2011
- Informal: 11-12-13 APR 2011 (*Budapest-Gödöllő*)
- Brussels 30-31 MAY 2011

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- FEB 16-18 and 23-25
- MAY 4-6, 11, 18

● Research Working Parties

- JAN 10, 17, 24
- FEB 7, 14, 24
- MAR 7, 14, 21, 28
- APR 4, 14, **27-29** (*with ERAC in Budapest*)
- MAY 12, 16, 23
- JUN 6, 20, 27

Council Competitiveness (*draft*)

Brussels, 10-11 MAR 2011

RESEARCH

7th Euratom Research Framework Programme on nuclear research and training (2007-2011) extension to 2012 and 2013 + 2 Specific Programmes

- Presentation by the COM

Interim evaluation of the 7th Research Framework Programme

- Exchange of views

- Adoption of Council conclusions

~~**European Union Strategy for the Danube Region (research context)**~~

~~*Exchange of views*~~

~~*(poss.) Adoption of Council conclusions*~~

(poss.) 8th Framework Programme for Research and Technical Developments

- Policy debate

A.O.B.: Knowledge-based Bio-economy - Information from the Presidency

Council Competitiveness

Informal (Budapest-Gödöllő) 11-12

RESEARCH

APR	13	14	15	16	17
MON		4	11	18	25
TUE		5	12	19	26
WED		6	13	20	27
THU		7	14	21	28
FRI	1	8	15	22	29
SAT	2	9	16	23	30
SUN	3	10	17	24	

Theme:

**The 8th Framework Programme for
Research and Developments**

(poss)

**Strategic Research Agenda of the European Institute for
Innovation and Technology (EIT)**

Council Competitiveness (draft)

Brussels, 30-31 MAY 2011

RESEARCH

7th Euratom Research Framework Programme on nuclear research and training (2007-2011) extension to 2012 and 2013 + 2 Specific Programmes

- General approach? Political agreement?

Mid-term review of Ambient Assisted Living joint program (AAL)

- Adoption of Council Conclusions

(poss.) Launching of Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs)

- Adoption of Council Conclusions

A European Roadmap for innovating with Nanotechnologies 2010-2015

- Exchange of views

- Adoption of Council Conclusions

Council Competitiveness (*draft*)

Brussels, 30-31 MAY 2011

RESEARCH A.O.B. items:

Interim evaluation of the European Research Council (ERC)

- Information from the Commission

Mid-term review of EUROSTARS program

- Information from the Commission

Mid-term review of the Joint Technology Initiatives (JTIs)

- Information from the Commission

Strategic Agenda of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT)

- Information by the Presidency

8th Framework Programme for Research and Technical Developments

- Information from the COM, state of play

Research priorities of the Polish presidency in the 2nd Semester 2011

- Information from the Polish Delegation

Council Competitiveness (draft)

Brussels, 30-31 MAY 2011

SPACE

Council Regulation on the European Earth Observation System (GMES) and its full operational capability (2014-2020) - Presentation by the Commission

- Exchange of views

European Space Policy (2014-2020) by COM: Communication on European Space Policy 2014-2020 in the Service of the European citizen

- Presentation and exchange of views

- (poss.) Council Resolution

Space Exploration - State-of-Play (from the High-Level Space Exploration Conference)

- Exchange of views

(poss.) Space Situation Awareness

A.O.B. a) Space and the African Citizens - outcome of the EU-Africa Summit in 2010

- follow-up activities

Other important research dossiers for the Hungarian presidency in the 1st Semester 2011

- **Innovation Union: implementation & follow up from the February EC**
- **Euratom FP7: extension for 2012-2013**
- **JPIs: launching the „2nd wave” (or some, at least)**
- **JTIs and §.169: AAL, ARTEMIS, ENIAC, etc. interim evaluations**
- **The Danube Strategy: ERA-Net? Should we be more ambitious?**
- **EIPs: How to get further? Great interest has been proven...**
- **Nanotechnologies: Action Plan or Roadmap? And, CoC?**
- **Eco-Innovation Action Plan: if it comes out...**

Other important research dossiers for the Hungarian presidency in the 1st Semester 2011

- **Space:** 8th Space Council or Space Formation of the Council
Competitiveness? *Or, both the two?*
- **GMES:** Operation and full operational capability?
- **Women in Science:** Conference in Budapest, 7-8 March 2011
- **EIT:** Strategic Innovation Agendas (SIA)
- **Research infrastructures:** Regional aspects?
- **Young Scientists:** HR developments, engineering, mobility, career
- **INCO:** 3rd countries' agreements, etc.
- **Black Box:** *includes many surprises ...*
ITER: Financing ! Better governance ?

Draft !!!

Conferences under the Hungarian presidency 1st Semester 2011

- **FP7 Interim Evaluation Workshop: Budapest, 24-25 FEB 2011**
- **Women in Science Conference: Budapest, 7-8 MAR 2011**
- **Brain Research Conference: Budapest, 18-19 MAR 2011**
- **Open & Competitive Economy (JRC) Budapest, 7 April 2011**
- **ICT – FET: Budapest, 4-6 MAY 2011**
- **Future Internet & FIRE: Budapest, 16-19 MAY 2011**
- **ICT Proposer' Day Budapest, 19-20 MAY 2011**
- **EuroNanoForum: Budapest, 30 MAY – 1 JUN 2011**
- **REGINFRA + WIRE2: Debrecen, 7-9 JUN 2011**
- **ERC Meeting + Info Day Budapest, 20-22 JUN 2011**

Are these plans too ambitious?

Yesterday, at the last meeting of the Council's Research Parties under the Belgian Presidency Delegates representing Member States promised their support to the upcoming Hungarian presidency to fulfil this ambitious agenda.

We have consulted the Council's General Secretariat several times, we call the Commission to cooperate with us, and likely, the European Parliament also will support our efforts!

Together, I am sure, we can do our best to make a more productive environment for European researchers for a better future of Europe, in which researchers can do more research and less administration...

I can confirm that the Hungarian Presidency Team is almost ready to take the race baton from Belgium. It is a huge challenge for Hungary being the presidency state 1st time, but we will do our best. *However...*

Thank you for your attention!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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