



**The Research Potential Network in FP7**  
Working together to strengthen research capacities in  
convergence and outermost regions of the EU

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### **New Partner Search Facility to be Launched together with New Calls in Research Potential**

The 2010 calls for Research Potential in the FP7 Capacities sub-programme were launched at the end of July 2009. The ResPotNet NCP team, are committed to supporting all potential participants in finding partners through the new dedicated Partner Search Facility that will be available as of August 7, 2009 at [www.respotnet.eu](http://www.respotnet.eu)

The Research Potential Programme aims to help the convergence and outermost regions of the EU to realise their full research potential. The first call aims to enable the highest quality or the most promising research entities of significant size, (University Departments, Faculties, specialised Research Institutes or research laboratories with at least 10 permanent experienced researchers) based in the eligible regions, qualified in practically any S&T field to become actively integrated in the ERA.

This will be realised through an Action Plan with a mandatory coherent set of 5 measures such as the exchange of experience, the recruitment of experienced researchers or the upgrading, development or acquisition of research equipment. The EC will fund a total of €4 million per project. Synergies with measures supported through ERDF funds are encouraged. The deadline for the submission of this call is the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The second call aims to improve the Western Balkan Countries' (WBC) participation in FP7 and favouring brain-gain environments while accelerating the setting up of sustainable partnerships between WBC, MS and AS, to boost regional cooperation. It will also help reinforce their research infrastructure/equipment. Again, this will be done through an action plan that must include a coherent set of 4 measures very similar to those mentioned earlier. This call closes on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The ResPotNet site, [www.respotnet.eu](http://www.respotnet.eu) provides access to information on research potential policies and initiatives, open calls and past funded project, news, events, useful links, etc. Visit the website and check the opportunities for collaborations, contacts in your country, success stories and much more.

Preparation of successful project financed under Research Potential FP7 requires cooperation with European outstanding research "partnering organisations" in the same S&T domain or in a complementary field. Therefore RESPOTNET supports potential participants in the process of finding partners by offering access to the Research Organisation Data Base. European Research Organisations interested in participation in Research Potential 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme will have the opportunity to submit their profile and Project Idea to the database, in order to promote their potential throughout Europe and to attract potential

collaborators. Browsing the database enables finding suitable information on the potential of the Research Organisation with a special emphasis on the entities from the convergence/outermost regions, searching for partners for cooperation and responding to Project Ideas submitted by all Research Organisations.

Data Base will be available at the address: <http://www.respotnet.eu/ps.html> starting from 7th of August 2009.

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