



RECOMMENDATIONS

of the Slovenian Expert Group on the
next Framework Programme for
Research and Innovation (FP9)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



increase to at least
100 bn EUR



scientific excellence



clear political and
policy objectives;
comprehensive impact
measurement
framework



significantly strengthen
cooperation between
EC and MS in
governance



strengthen access to
research infrastructures



complementarities with
related EU policies,
regulations and
implementing
instruments



radical changes should
be introduced when
clearly justified



grants should remain
the default form of
funding research



reducing bottlenecks
for participation of
excellent researchers

1st BLOCK: Governance and priority-making

- the priority-setting process needs to be reformed
- the comitology process should be enhanced
- the topics within the programme should be more interconnected
- mission oriented research is supported
- the evaluator selection process should significantly improve



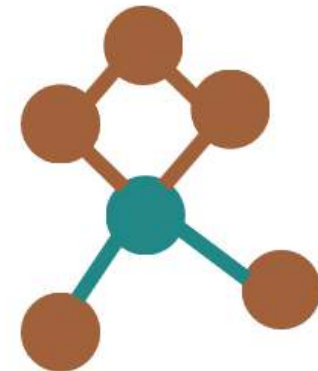
2nd BLOCK: Instruments

- the number of instruments should not increase; instruments should be reshaped
- monobeneficiary instruments should be limited
- widening objectives should be embedded into all relevant CSAs
- in case of ex-aequo proposals introduction of selection criterion of international diversity of the project consortium is recommended
- full transition from a subscription system of scientific journals to an open Access business model for all scientific journals should be promoted
- the ERA-NET Cofund scheme should retain a key role in establishing networking structures and co-funding transnational research projects
- balance is needed between bigger and smaller projects
- the instrument for widening participation should continue



3rd BLOCK: Synergies

- the combination of ESIF and next FP should not only be allowed but strongly promoted in all cases when the objectives and targets of the funds are aligned
- same State Aid rules should apply to projects positively evaluated in EU-wide competition, regardless if they are partly or fully covered by ESIF or national funds
- to achieve better complementarities and synergies with related policies and programmes especially ESIF, mechanisms and schemes should be developed on a systemic level, already in the programming phase of the new perspective





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