



# People Programme in FP7

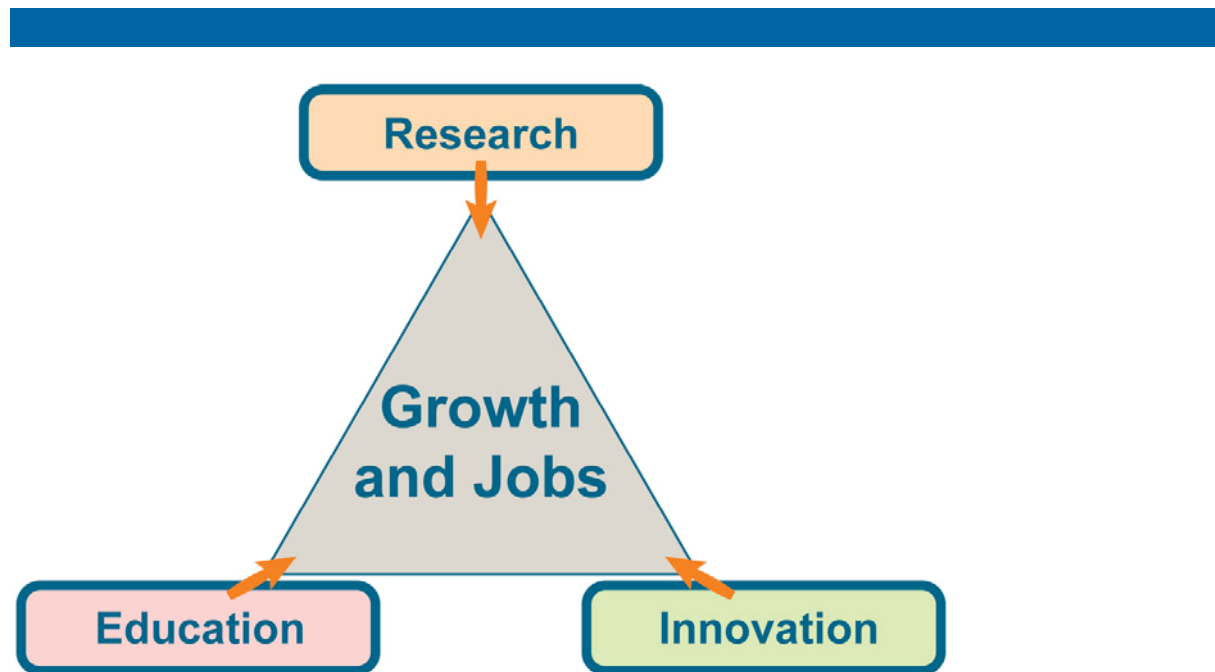
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General FP7 PEOPLE Programme





# Lisbon strategy



- Strong research policy to support the **Lisbon** Strategy (innovation, competitiveness and jobs)
- Stepping-up research efforts needed more than ever: objective to **invest 3% of GDP** in research



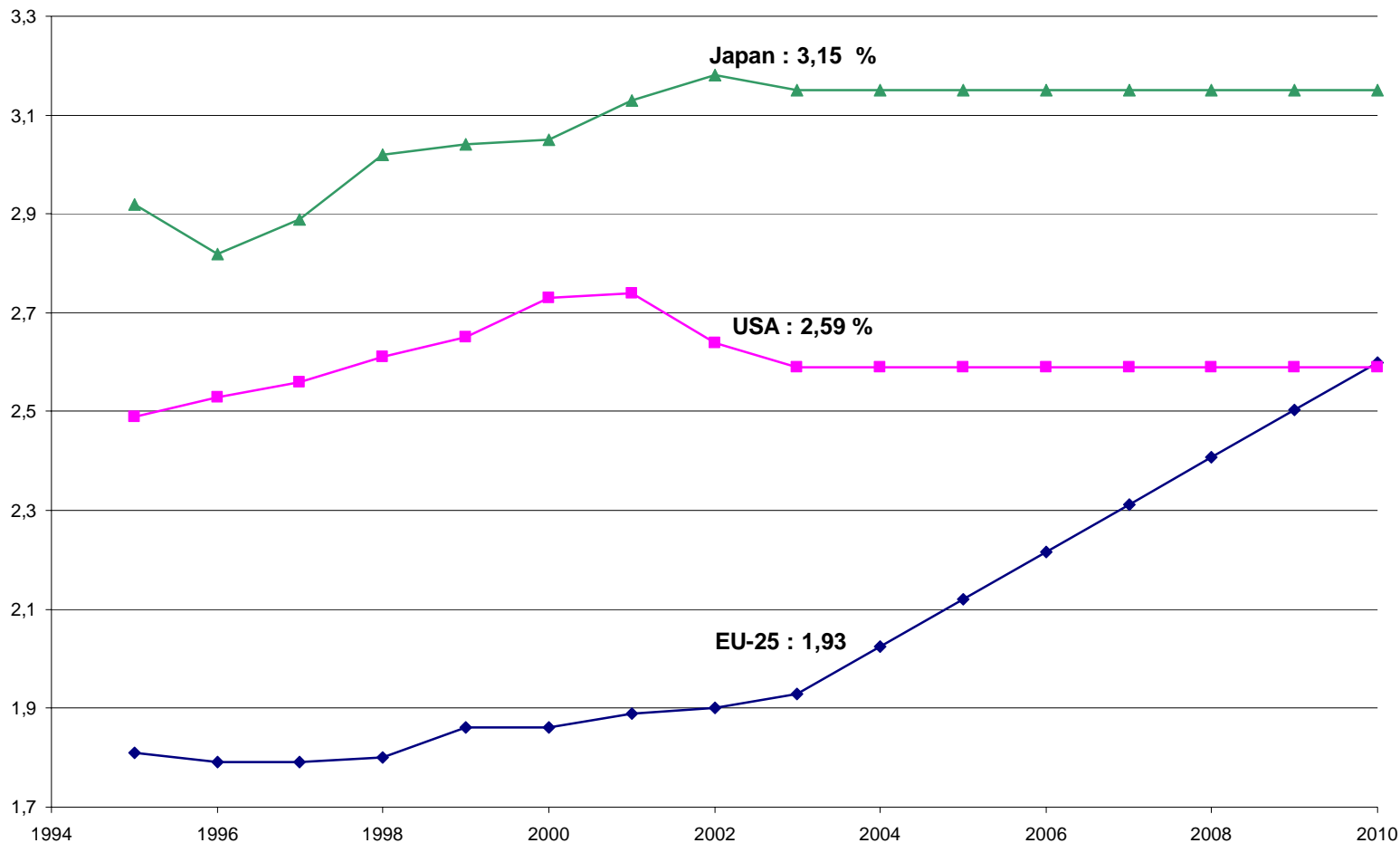
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# Research: filling the gap

## Total expenditure on R&D, % of GDP

(EU-25 extrapolation based on R&D intensity targets put forward by Member States in their respective National Reform Programmes)





## R&D – European weaknesses

	EU-25	US	Japan
R&D intensity (% of GDP)	1.93	2.59	3.15
Share of R&D financed by industry (%)	6	63.1	74.5
Researchers per thousand labour force (FTE)	5.4	9.0	10.1
Share of world scientific publications (%)	38.3	31.1	9.6
Scientific publications per million population	639	809	569
Share of world triadic patents (%)	31.5	34.3	26.9
Triadic patents per million population	30.5	53.1	92.6
High-tech exports as a share of total manufacturing exports (%)	19.7	28.5	26.5
Share of world high-tech exports (%)	16.7	19.5	10.6



# Specific Programmes in FP7

*Cooperation – Collaborative research*

*Ideas – Frontier Research*

*People – Marie Curie Actions*

*Capacities – Research Capacity*



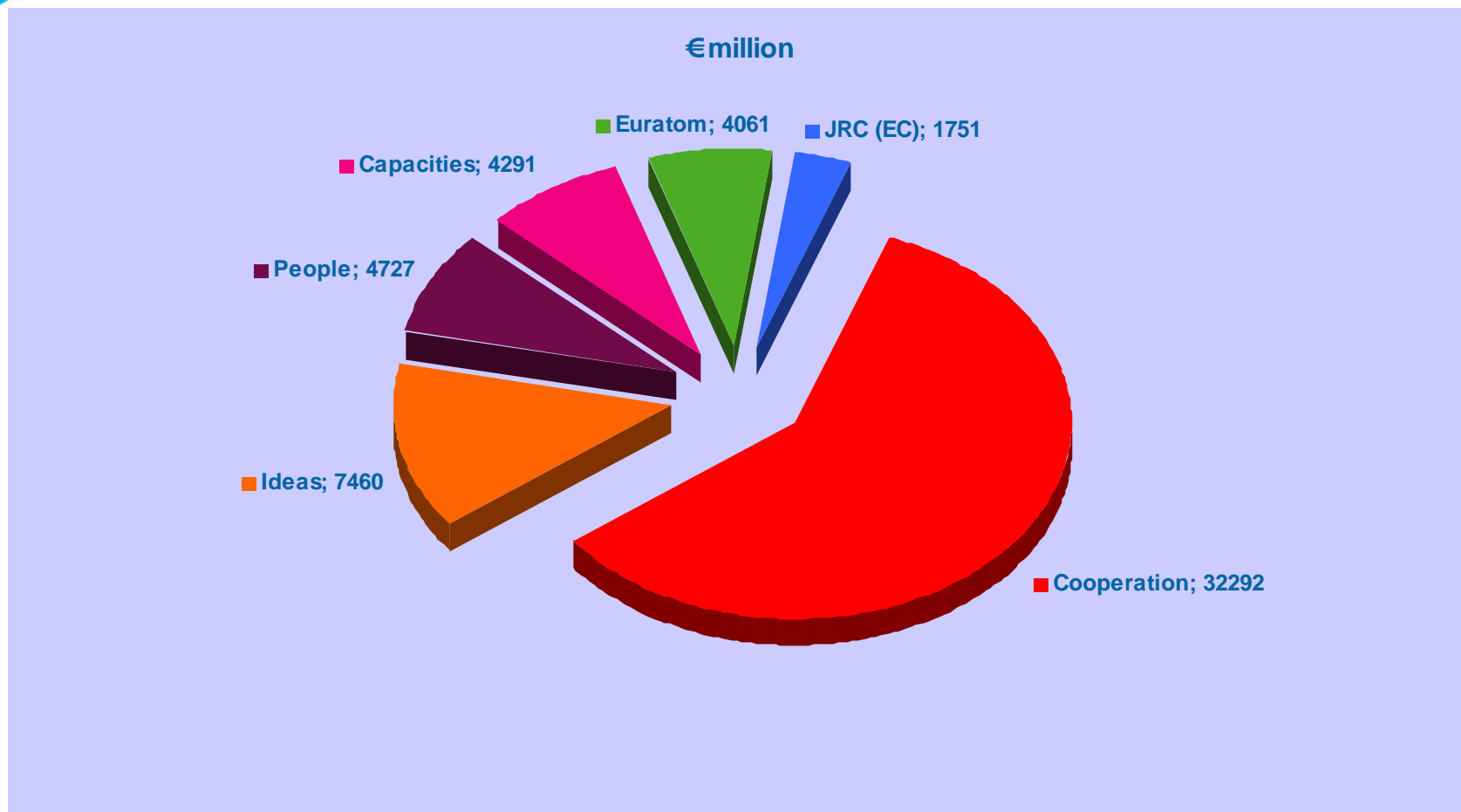
JRC (non-nuclear)

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# FP7 budget (€ 54 582 million, current prices)





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# Wider Policy Context

## 3 broad objectives of PEOPLE programme

- **Create conditions for researchers to be mobile without obstacles**
- **Enhance status & attractiveness of a career in Europe**
- **Finance researchers' training, mobility & career development**



# Marie Curie Actions

## Initial training

ITN\*

## Life-long training & career development

IEF / ERG / COFUND

## Industry dimension

IAPP

## International dimension

OIF & IIF\*; International Cooperation Scheme\*;  
IRG\*; Support to researcher 'diasporas'\*

## Policy support actions

Mobility & career enhancement actions; Awards





# Initial Training Networks (ITN) (STARTING OUT)



## Who can apply?

- At least 3 participants join together to propose a coherent programme for an ITN. The participants can be universities, research centres or companies

## Which topics can be funded?

- Any research field in the humanities or science may qualify for ITN funding – provided that there is an element of mobility across national borders.
- The application should contain a strong element of trans national networking, aimed at structuring the existing high-quality initial research training capacity throughout EU Member States and Associated Countries. An emphasis on interdisciplinary and newly emerging supradisciplinary fields will count in your proposal's favour.

## What does the funding cover?

- Recruitment of researchers who are in the first 5 years of their career for initial training – for instance, they may be studying for a research-level degree (PhD or equivalent) or be doing initial post-doctoral research
- Recruitment of experienced “visiting” researchers of outstanding stature in international training and collaborative research, so that they can strengthen knowledge transfer
- Networking activities, workshops or conferences that involve research staff from the participating research establishments and external researchers.



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# INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS (IAPP) (RESEARCH MEANS BUSINESS)



## Who can apply?

- One or more universities/research centres and one or more enterprises. On the business side, participation by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is encouraged.

## Which topics can be funded?

- Proposals from all scientific and technological research fields of interest to the EU are welcomed by the IAPP team. Your project should promote a strategic research partnership, which can be co-ordinated by either a commercial or a non-commercial participant. It should also highlight longer-term cooperation. And it should make full use of all the skills and synergies available in the partnership.

## What does the funding cover?

- Exchange of know-how and experience through two-way or one-way secondments of research staff between the commercial and non-commercial partners
- Recruitment of experienced researchers from outside the partnership, for involvement in the transfer of knowledge and/or the training of researchers
- Networking, workshops and conferences involving external researchers as well as the partners' own research staff.
- Financial support is provided for a period of 36-48 months

# INTRA-EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT (IEF) (RESEARCH & CAREER DEVELOPMENT)



## Who can apply?

- Researchers from EU Member States or Associated Countries can apply for an IEF.
- You must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate.

## Which topics can be funded?

- IEF proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research.

## What does the funding cover?

- Training-through-research under supervision, through an individual personalised project
- Hands-on training to develop your scientific skills (new techniques or instruments, etc.) and your complementary skills (proposal preparation to request funding, patent applications, project management, tasks coordination, technical staff supervision, etc.)
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary knowledge transfer
- Building Collaborations
- Active scientific and financial management of your research project
- Developing organisational skills through organisation of training or dissemination events.
- Financial support is provided for a period of 12-24 months



# INTERNATIONAL INCOMING FELLOWSHIPS (IIF) (FROM THE WORLD TO EUROPE)



## Who can apply?

- Researchers from Third Countries are eligible for an IIF.
- You must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate.

## Which topics can be funded?

- IIF proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research.

## What does the funding cover?

- Join a European research team that doesn't have your experience
- Establish a collaboration through a research project with your lab or your country
- Gain new knowledge in a European lab.
- Financial support is provided for a period of 12-24 months

# INTERNATIONAL OUTGOING FELLOWSHIPS (IOF) (FROM EUROPE TO THE WORLD)



## Who can apply?

- Researchers from EU Member States and Associated Countries.
- You must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate.

## Which topics can be funded?

- IOF proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research.

## What does the funding cover?

- Training-through-research under supervision, through an individual personalised project
- Hands-on training to develop your scientific skills (new techniques or instruments, etc.) and your complementary skills (proposal writing, patent applications, project management, tasks coordination, technical staff supervision, etc.)
- Inter-sectoral or interdisciplinary knowledge transfer
- Building Collaborations
- Active scientific and financial management of your research project
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# EUROPEAN REINTEGRATION GRANTS (ERG) (BACK TO A JOB)



## Who can apply?

- Researchers from EU Member States and Associated Countries.
- You must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate.
- You must have benefited from a Marie Curie training and mobility action lasting at least 18 months.

## Which topics can be funded?

- ERG proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research.

## What does the funding cover?

- The reintegration grant is a flat-rate contribution towards your project costs.
- Contribute to the salary costs of the researcher or other staff employed for the project, travel costs, consumables, patent costs and publication costs.
- The grant will be paid for 2-3 years



# INTERNATIONAL REINTEGRATION GRANTS (IRG) (BACK TO EUROPE)



## Who can apply?

- Researchers from EU Member States and Associated Countries.
- You must have either a doctoral degree or at least 4 years' full-time equivalent research experience, after obtaining a degree permitting you to embark on a doctorate.
- You must have been actively engaged in research in a Third Country for at least 3 years

## Which topics can be funded?

- IRG proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research.

## What does the funding cover?

- The reintegration grant is a flat-rate payment, which is a contribution towards your project costs.
- The grant will be paid for 2-4 years.
- If your grant application is successful, the European Commission will establish a grant agreement with your host organisation in Europe. The host will then reach an employment agreement with you and is expected to pay your salary (although the grant may help paying part of your salary).
- Your host organisation must be a university, a research centre or an enterprise in an EU Member State or Associated Country.

# CO-FUNDING OF REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (COFUND) (FUNDS FOR FUNDERS)



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## Who can apply?

- Public or private bodies that are responsible for funding and managing fellowships or research training programmes.
- They may be ministries, research academies or agencies, international organisations or other bodies with a public mission.

## Which topics can be funded?

- All fields of research and research training are eligible for COFUND, provided that an element of mobility across borders is involved.

## What does the funding cover?

- COFUND participants submit multi-annual proposals for specific fellowships/research training programmes for co-funding. These programmes must include at least one form of transnational mobility, such as incoming or outgoing mobility of researchers or an action to reintegrate them into research employment in Europe.
- The COFUND contribution consists of a fixed percentage contribution of the costs of eligible researchers involved with the scheme, with a maximum funding cap.
- Grant agreements are signed with the Commission for a period of two to four years .



# INTERNATIONAL STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME (IRSES) (SWAPPING STAFF)



## ■ Who can apply?

- Public organisations or private bodies with a public mission (e.g. universities, research centres etc)
- Your proposal must include at least two independent participants in at least two different EU Member States or Associated Countries PLUS one or more organisations located either in countries with which the EU has an S&T Agreement (a science and technology cooperation agreement) or in countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy.

## ■ Which topics can be funded?

- Proposals are welcomed from all areas of scientific and technological research that are of interest to the EU.

## ■ What does the funding cover?

- For each staff member from an EU Member State or Associated Country staying in an eligible Third Country, a fixed monthly allowance to cover mobility costs (including travel costs) will be paid by IRSES.
- In exceptional cases, the costs of stays by staff from certain Third Countries in Europe may also be covered.
- In all cases, the staff must remain employed by their organisations and are expected to return after the mobility period.

# RESEARCHERS' NIGHTS (RESEARCH REACHES OUT)



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## Who can apply?

- Any legal body, established in an EU Member State or Associated Country, that is organising a national or regional research community and is able to run evening or night events that can reach out to the public at large on the defined date in September.
- Private and public research organisations, academics, companies, public authorities, schools, science museums, parent-teacher organisations, mobility centres, foundations, the media...

## Which topics can be funded?

- More or less any action or event that boosts public awareness of the positive role of research in society.

## What does the funding cover?

- Hands-on experiments conducted by researchers
- Scientific demonstrations by researchers with public participation
- Guided visits of labs, research institutions and other relevant places that are usually closed to the public (particularly at night)
- "Real" scientific experiments to be handled by the public
- Workshops for children (build a robot, conduct a real experiment, help a researcher in solving a problem etc.)
- Competitions (scientific quizzes, puzzles, photo and art contests etc.).



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# CALLS 2008

Deadline

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## Calls for proposals

Call Identifier	Call Title	Publication Date	Deadline	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-ERG-2008</a>	FP7-PEOPLE-ERG-2008 - - 08 October 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)	2007-11-30	2008-12-31	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008</a>	FP7-PEOPLE-IRG-2008 - 08 October 2008 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)	2007-11-30	2008-12-31	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-ITN-2008</a>	Marie Curie Initial Training Networks	2008-04-04	2008-09-02	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008</a>	FP7-PEOPLE-IEF-2008	2008-03-19	2008-08-19	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-IIF-2008</a>	FP7-PEOPLE-IIF-2008	2008-03-19	2008-08-19	
<a href="#">FP7-PEOPLE-IOF-2008</a>	FP7-PEOPLE-IOF-2008	2008-03-19	2008-08-19	

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# MORE INFO

- FP7:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/research/future/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/research/future/index_en.cfm)
- European Researcher's Mobility Portal:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers>
- Newsletter "Europe4Researchers":  
<http://ec.europa.eu/eracareers/newsletter>
- EU DG Research:  
<http://ec.europa.eu/com/research>

