

## Instruments for FP6 priority thematic areas

IP: Integrated Project

NoE: Network of Excellence

STREP: Specific Targeted Research Projects

CA: Co-ordination Actions

SSA: Specific Support Actions

MS: Member States

AS: Associated States

ACC: Associated Candidate Countries

	<b>IP</b>	<b>NoE</b>	<b>Article 169</b>	<b>STREP</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>SSA</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Objective-driven research to generate knowledge required to implement priority themes	To address fragmentation of European research to provide European leadership and be a world force in that topic	To support research programmes undertaken jointly by several Member States and Associated States	To improve European competitiveness or meeting the needs of society or EC policies, but with a more limited scope and ambition than required by the Ips	To promote and support the networking and coordination of research and innovation activities	To support implementation of the FP and preparation of future EC research policy activities. Also to stimulate, encourage and facilitate participation of SMEs, small research teams, newly developed and remote research centres, and organisations from candidate countries to participate in IPs and NoEs.
<b>Activities</b>	Integrated set of activities, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- research, technological development, innovation</li> <li>- demonstration</li> <li>- training</li> <li>- management and dissemination of knowledge.</li> </ul> Ranging from basic to applied research and multidisciplinary.	Joint Programme of Activities with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated activities (coordinated programming, sharing of research facilities, joint management, staff mobility and exchanges, relocation of staff, electronic communication networks</li> <li>- Jointly executed research (new research tools and platforms, generating new knowledge)</li> <li>- Activities to spread excellence (joint training programme, dissemination and communication, networking)</li> </ul>	Integration of activities of whole national programmes on a particular topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research and technological development project to gain new knowledge</li> <li>- Demonstration project to prove viability of new technologies</li> </ul>	Joint or common initiatives, conferences, meetings, studies, exchanges of personnel, exchange and dissemination of good practice, common information systems and expert groups	Conferences, seminars, studies and analyses, working groups and expert groups, operational support and dissemination, information and communication activities

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<b>Output</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New knowledge</li> <li>- Structuring effect through mobilisation of critical mass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Structuring and shaping on particular topic in order to strengthen excellence</li> <li>- New knowledge</li> <li>- Spread excellence beyond consortium</li> </ul>		New knowledge		
<b>Scale</b>	Medium to high	Medium to high	High, only for large-scale initiatives beyond the scope of IPs and NoEs	Low to medium		
<b>Community contribution</b>	Several millions-several tens of millions	Several millions- several tens of millions	Some tens of millions upwards	Several hundreds of thousands - few millions	Up to several hundreds of thousands	Up to several hundreds of thousands
<b>Size consortium (specified in each Call)</b>	Minimum of 3 participants from 3 different MS or AS, of which at least 2 should be MS or ACC	Minimum of 3 participants from 3 different MS or AS, of which at least 2 should be MS or ACC (however generally not less than 6)	A Number of MS, represented by their national programmes, and the EC	Minimum of 3 participants from 3 different MS or AS, of which at least 2 should be MS or ACC		
<b>Duration</b>	3-5 years	5-7 years		2-3 years		
<b>Financial regime</b>	Grant to budget, paid as contribution to actual costs	Fixed grant for integration, disbursed in annual instalments on basis of progress towards achieving a lasting integration		Grant to budget, paid as a contribution to actual costs	Grant to budget, paid as a contribution to actual costs	Grant to budget, paid as a contribution to actual costs, or if necessary, as a lump sum
<b>Max rates of EC support</b>	50% for research 35% for demonstration 100% for training 100% for management	Max 25% of the value of the capacity and resources proposed for integration * (Consortium is free to distribute grant as it wishes inside the network) Supplementary bonus for doctoral students > 4 yrs experience		50% for research 35% for demonstration 100% for management	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
<b>Evaluation criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevance to programme</li> <li>- Potential impact</li> <li>- S&amp;T excellence</li> <li>- Quality of consortium</li> <li>- Quality of management</li> <li>- Mobilisation of resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevance to programme</li> <li>- Potential impact</li> <li>- S&amp;T excellence</li> <li>- Degree of integration and joint programming of activities</li> <li>- Organisation and management</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevance to programme</li> <li>- S&amp;R excellence (e.g. innovation)</li> <li>- Potential impact</li> <li>- Quality of consortium</li> <li>- Quality of management</li> <li>- Mobilisation of resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevance to programme</li> <li>- Quality of coordination</li> <li>- Potential impact</li> <li>- Quality of consortium</li> <li>- Quality of management</li> <li>- Mobilisation of resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relevance to programme</li> <li>- Quality of support action</li> <li>- Potential impact</li> <li>- Quality of management</li> <li>- Mobilisation of resources</li> </ul>

\*50 researchers: E 1million/year; 100 researchers: E 2 million/year; 150 researchers: E 3 million/year; 200 researchers: E 4 million/year; 500 researchers: E 5 million/year; >1000 researchers: E 6 million/year.