



International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES): Objectives

- Strengthen research collaborations with the rest of the world (S&T agreement and Neighbourhood policy countries)
- Staff exchange programmes for sustainable research partnerships between research institutions
- Based on joint programmes, with commitment from both EU/ Associated Countries (AC) and Third countries



*European Union

**Associated Countries



IRSES: Which countries ?

- Countries with EC agreements on S&T:
*Argentina**, *Australia*, *Brazil**, *Canada*, *China**,
*Chile**, *Egypt**, *India**, *Japan*, *South Korea*,
*Mexico**, *Morocco**, *New Zealand*, *Russia**,
*South Africa**, *Tunisia**, *Ukraine**, *United States*
- Countries of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP):
 - Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA): *Armenia**,
*Azerbaijan**, *Belarus**, *Georgia**, *Moldova**, *Ukraine**
 - Mediterranean Partner Countries (MCP) *Algeria**, *Egypt**,
*Jordan**, *Lebanon**, *Libya**, *Morocco**, *Palestinian-*
*administrated areas**, *Syrian Arab Rep*.*, *Tunisia**

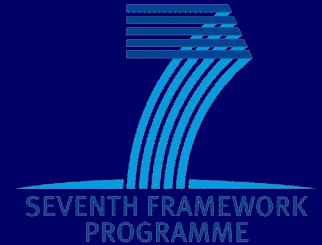


*** International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)**



IRSES: Participation rules

- Partnership: min. 2 independent EU/AC research organisations of at least 2 different countries and one or more organisations in a third country
- Coordinator from EU/AC
- Duration of Partnership: 2-4 years





IRSES: Exchange programme

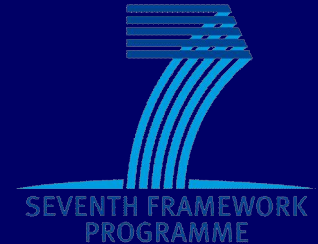
- ❑ Multi-annual joint exchange programme (balanced & coordinated)
- ❑ Short term exchanges (up to 1 year per person in total)
- ❑ Researchers, management, technical staff
- ❑ Exchanges to/from Europe (not between EU/AS partners)
- ❑ Staff are seconded (maintain salary in institution of origin and have the right to return)
- ❑ Partners institutes select their staff for exchange
- ❑ No restriction for size of programme





IRSES: Financial rules/ Community contribution

- Balanced exchange expected out/in Europe (in person years)
- Each partner funds its own outgoing researchers
- Community contribution
 - Fixed 1800€/person/month (incl. travel, subsistence)
 - Only for EU/AS partners
 - Non-EU/AC partners may apply their own rates





IRSES: EU funding of ICPC and ENP countries

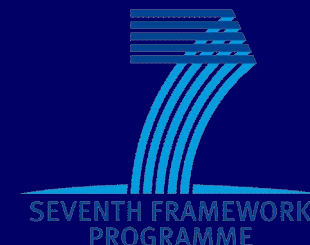
- ❑ In order to receive funds from the EC to pay a living allowance to MD researchers coming to Europe within an IRSES Programme, the MD organisation of these researchers have to justify it in an annex to PART B.
- ❑ In this annex, the importance of the project, of the exchange, of the participation of MD researchers and the fact that without a living allowance these researchers will not be able to take part to this exchange have to be clearly mentioned and developed.
- ❑ It will be up to the evaluators of the proposal to decide to allow funding of the MD researchers or not.





IRSES: Financial aspects for partners from third countries

- Need for own funding to cover costs of researchers coming to Europe (matching funds)
- These may come from:
 - A public programme
 - Own resources of the institution
- Importance to plan public funding: Contract negotiations will start in July 2009
- Requests for Community funding may be granted on a case by case basis





IRSES: Selection of programmes

- Call launched on
25th November 2008
- Proposal must be submitted
by European coordinator
- Evaluation by independent experts
(50% from third countries)

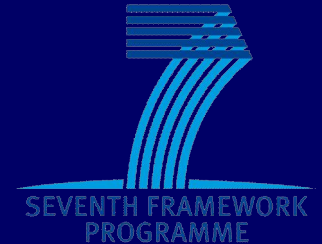




IRSES: Evaluation Criteria (1)

- Quality of the Exchange programme (Weighting: 25%)
 - Objective and relevance of the joint exchange programme
 - Scientific quality of the partners
 - Complementarities/synergies between the partners

- Transfer of Knowledge (Weighting: 30%)
 - Quality and mutual benefit of the transfer of knowledge
 - Adequacy and role of staff exchanged with respect to the transfer of knowledge





IRSES: Evaluation Criteria (2)

- Implementation (Weighting:15%)
 - Capacities (expertise/human resources/facilities/infrastructure) to achieve the objectives of the planned cooperation
 - Appropriateness of the plans for the overall management of the exchange programme

- Impact (Weighting:30%)
 - Relevance of the proposed partnership to the area of collaboration and for the ERA
 - Potential to develop lasting collaboration with eligible third country partners.

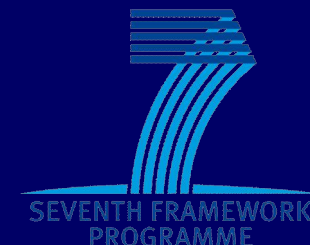




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