

Overview of the Research Infrastructures Call 7 (FP7-INFRASTRUCTURES-2010-2)

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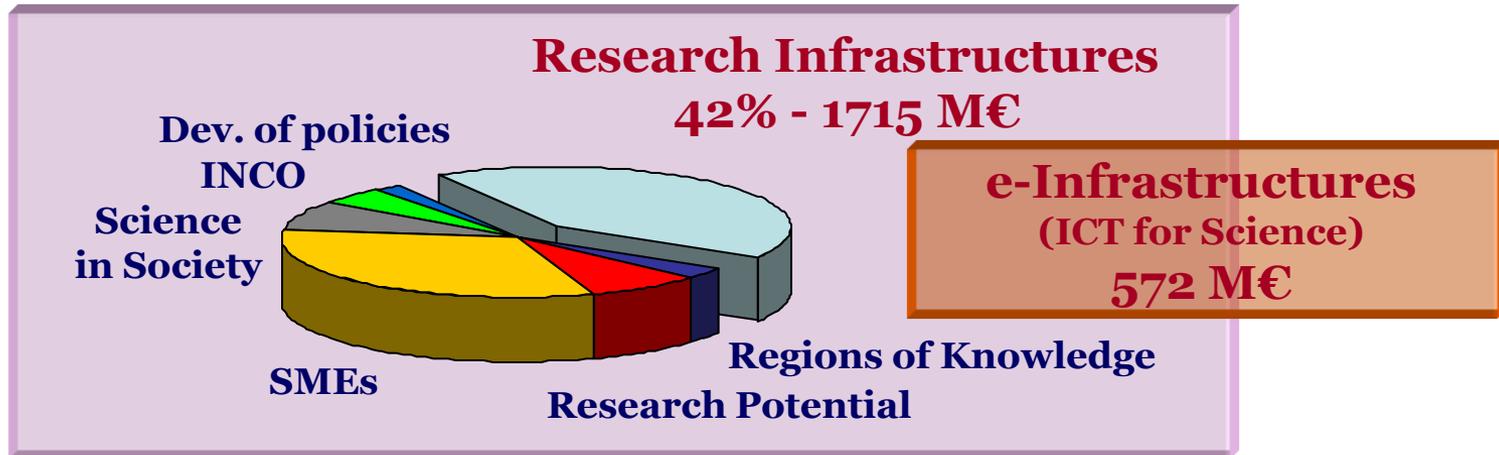
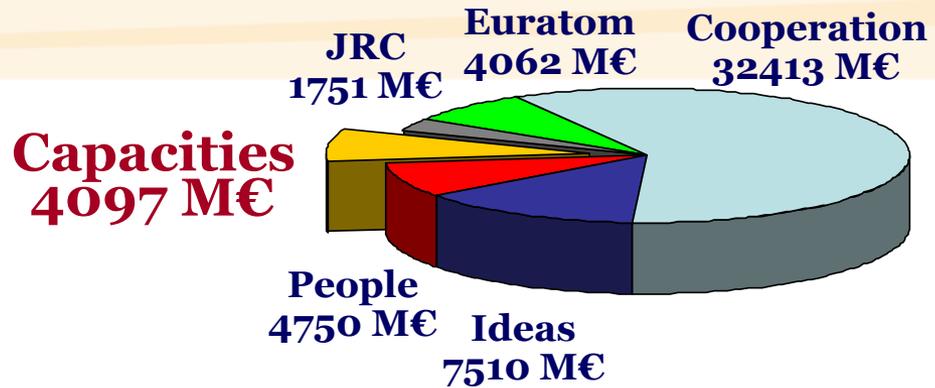


e-Infrastructures for Science

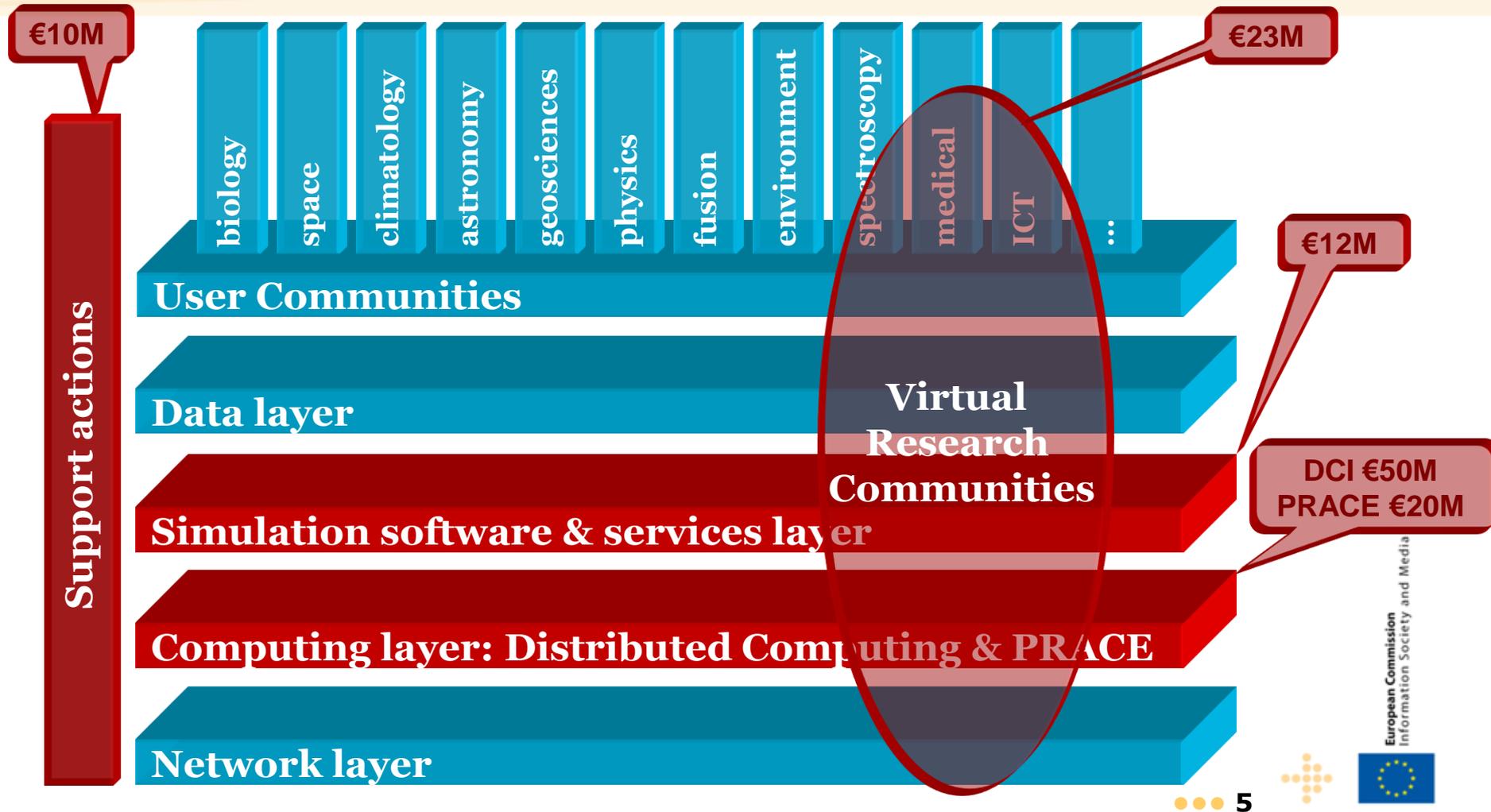
...ubiquitous research environments for accessing and sharing resources and tools...



FP7 Budget Overview (2007-13)



Call 7: closing date 24.11.09



Call 7: topics and budget

Topic	Indicative budget (EUR million)	Funding Scheme
INFRA-2010-1.2.1 Distributed computing infrastructure (DCI)	50	CP-CSA
INFRA-2010-1.2.2 Simulation software and services	12	CP-CSA
INFRA-2010-1.2.3 Virtual Research Communities	23	CP-CSA
INFRA-2010-2.3.1 First implementation phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) service PRACE	20	CP-CSA
INFRA-2010-3.3 Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures	10	CSA-CA and CSA-SA



Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-1.2.1: Distributed computing infrastructure (DCI)

- 1.2.1.1 – European Grid Initiative (EGI)
 - Set up organisation for sustainable grid services provision including user support & SW/middleware repository maintenance, operation & certification
 - Plan and prepare future service evolution of grids
 - Stakeholders: National Grid Initiatives (NGIs); possibly other entities
 - Seamless progressive transition to new EGI scheme is required
 - Promote international collaboration & interoperability; open source, standards and licensing policy are required
- 1.2.1.2 – Service deployment
 - Services for user communities that are heavy users of DCIs and have multi-national dimension
 - Activities expected to be articulated with EGI

The total indicative budget for sub-topics 1.2.1.1 and 1.2.1.2 is EUR 25 million. A single proposal is expected to be funded to cover sub-topic 1.2.1.1.



Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-1.2.1: Distributed computing infrastructure (DCI)

- 1.2.1.3 – Middleware and repositories
 - Further develop quality middleware
 - Create SW-component repositories to complement middleware-services; maintenance to be ensured later by EGI
- 1.2.1.4 – Access to DCI platforms
 - Easier access to DCIs through science gateways for computing and data service; support workflows combining capacity & capability computing and access to data & networks
- 1.2.1.5 – Extension of DCI platforms
 - Extend existing DCIs to incorporate remote operation of scientific instruments (e.g. in context of ESFRI roadmap projects)

All DCI proposals are encouraged to consider the international dimension, education & training and standards. Innovation in services and technology is encouraged.



Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-1.2.2: Simulation software and services

- General objectives:
 - Multi-disciplinary and multi-scale "in silico" experimentation and simulation, ensuring the ability to fully and timely exploit high-performance and distributed computing capabilities
 - Integrating scientific application software in the European e-Infrastructure
- More specifically:
 - Development, adaptation and maintenance of scientific software on dynamically evolving hardware platforms
 - Deployment of a computational science infrastructure through models, tools, algorithms and simulation and visualisation techniques
 - Promotion of appropriate software standards to provide scalability, evolution and interoperation in integrated platforms



Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-1.2.3: Virtual Research Communities

- General objectives:
 - Enable an increasing number of users from all disciplines to access, share and use e-Infrastructures
 - Remove constraints of distance, access and usability, as well as barriers between disciplines for a more effective scientific collaboration and innovation
- More specifically:
 - Deployment of e-Infrastructures in research communities to enable multi-disciplinary collaboration
 - Deployment of end-to-end e-infrastructure services and tools for integrating and increasing research capacities
 - Build user-configured virtual research facilities and test-beds from collection of diverse resources
 - Address human, social and economic factors to facilitate the creation, take up/maintenance of e-Infrastructure services
 - Integrate and link regional e-Infrastructures

Addressing e-Infrastructures for the ESFRI projects and communities is encouraged

Incorporating users from academia and industry and training activities in the use of e-Science are welcome

Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-2.3.1: First implementation phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) service PRACE

- General outcomes:

- Deploy new ecosystem of computational resources to address the needs of advanced science & engineering; build on PRACE and integrate DEISA resources and services

- More specifically:

- Set up & operation of a new organisational structure
- Development, adaptation and maintenance of SW
 - system SW & tools, from operating systems and software accelerators to parallelising compilers
 - tools, algorithms & standards for modelling, simulation, visualisation)
- Technology and system evaluations to ensure deployment of leading edge technology
- Mechanisms for industry involvement as partners (users, vendors, providers)
- Training and sharing of best practices

Address financial/environmental sustainability



Topic objectives

INFRA-2010-3.3: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures

- Enhance coordination between national and pan-European e-Infrastructure initiatives and programmes
- Strengthen the innovation potential and impact of e-Infrastructures (e.g scenarios to extend the use e-Infrastructures beyond Research toward e-learning, e-Health, e-Gov services)
- Establish a new scientific software strategy to reinforce the global position of Europe in scientific software development, deployment and use
- Coordinate a European eco-system of scientific data repositories for preservation and sharing of scientific information
- Specific studies on e-Infrastructure related topics
- Dissemination of information on the e-Infrastructure programme and projects
- International cooperation, including:
 - further extension of e-Infrastructures to International Cooperation Partner countries (ICPC);
 - joint roadmapping of activities with developed countries;
 - promotion of the interoperation between similar infrastructures on the global scale



Further information

- Call page on CORDIS:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CapacitiesDetailsCallPage&call_id=263
- Web page of the Call 7 information day held on 18.06.09:
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ict/e-infrastructure/events-20090618_en.html
- E-mail for questions related to the call:
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