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INFLUENCE OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES ON TRAINING AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION AT REGIONAL LEVEL

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THE GROWING NEED FOR TALENTS

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-DEFINITION: THE ABILITY TO SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OR INVENT NEW SOLUTIONS. **NEED OF SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE.**

-CHURCHILL: ...THE EMPIRES OF THE FUTURE WILL BE THE EMPIRES OF THE MIND (1943)

-TALENT HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER COMMODITY. SHIFTING BALANCE OF POWER . MOBILITY !

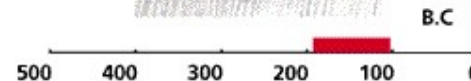
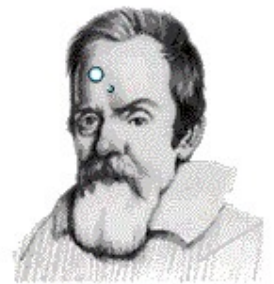
--GLOBAL HUNT FOR TALENTS: STRUCTURAL CHANGES; AGEING; FALLING LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES; BROADER SPECTRUM OF JOBS WHERE TALENTS ARE NEEDED

THEY ARE ALONE NOT ENOUGH: REWARDING EXPERIENCE; STRONG ETHICAL CODEX; INTERNAL CONTROL ALSO NEEDED

EDUCATION CAN INCREASE THE TALENT POOL

-INEQUALITIES ARE WIDENING AS TALENTS BECOME MORE VALUABLE

-NOT EVERYBODY IS HAPPY WITH THE ELITE OF TALENTS: MERITOCRACY AND ITS DISCONTENT



KEY ROLE OF R&D IN COMPETITIVENESS AND THE CREATION OF NEW (HIGH TECH.) JOBS:

NEEDS TO INCREASE THE RESEARCH POTENTIAL:

1.HUMAN CAPITAL (REGIONAL,NATIONAL AND EU LEVELS)

2. PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE (ESFRI!, e-IRG, RI-WG)

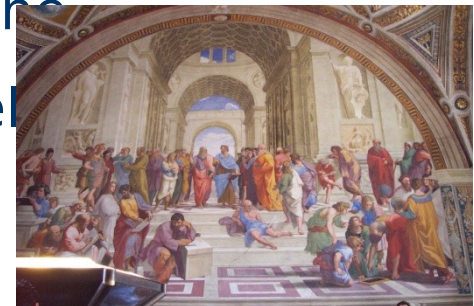
3.STRONG (BASIC) RESEARCH BASE: B. OBAMA or the

ERC (excellence – competition on European level)

4.HIGHER R&D SPENDING

5. APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM

6.IMPROVED ACADEMIA - INDUSTRY RELATIONS





(BASIC) RESEARCH

- ## 6. NEGLECT OF EU LEVEL ATTENTION ON BASIC RESEARCH . The message of ERC!



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BASE (EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA)

- HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

- RECRUITMENT, TRAINING AND CAREER PATH OF SCIENTISTS
(700 000 scientist-engineer positions until 2010)

- ATTRACTIVE RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT:

INFRASTRUCTURE+GOOD ATMOSPHERE AND CAREER
PERSPECTIVES

- BETTER USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESEARCH POTENTIAL

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ERA (2)

- WELL BALANCED RESEARCH **INFRASTRUCTURE**

THE WEAKEST POINT IS CENTRAL EUROPE

PRACTICALLY NO LARGE FACILITIES, STRONG

GEOGRAPHICAL **DISBALANCE!**

POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM STRUCTURE

- **MOBILITY**. HUMAN RESOURCES

MARIE CURIE SCHEME (BALANCED USE)

TWO WAY STREET

STARTING GRANTS OF ERC

- THE 3% ISSUE



THE SYNERGY BETWEEN MOBILITY AND RI-s VITAL



ERA(3): TO KEEP SCIENCE ON THE TOP OF THE POLITICAL AGENDA (Green Paper)

2. MOBILITY

3. WORLD CLASS RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

4. EXCELLENT RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS (public-private partnership)

5. EFFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE SHARING

6. WELL COORDINATED RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND PRIORITIES

7. OPENING ERA TO THE WORLD

RI-s PLAY A KEY PART IN MAINTAINING or IMPROVING **COMPETITIVENESS IN BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH**

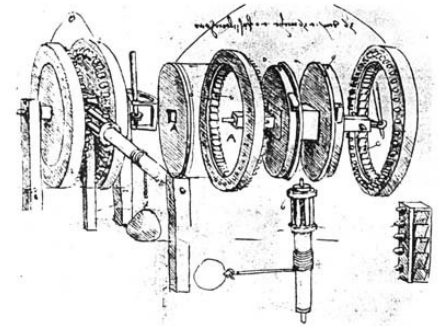
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ARE BEACONS OF:

- HIGH-TECH COMPANIES,
- RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS AND
- EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

CREATING: -NEW ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND

- FRESH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
- ATTRACT TALENTED RESEARCHERS (MOBILITY)



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE EU

ONE OF THE BASIC COMMON GOALS OF THE EU AND THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

THE BEST GROUND TO BUILD KNOWLEDGE BASED ECONOMIES:

- BY EXPLORING THE SPECIFICITIES OF THE REGIONS
- BY CONCENTRATING ON HUMAN CAPITAL (AND RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE)
- BY TURNING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FROM EXOGEN INTO ENDOGEN INSTRUMENT IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ONE OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF ERA.

THE ROLE OF NETWORKS (European added value)

THERE IS A NEED FOR REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY FORESIGHT PROGRAMMES

SOME SORT OF SUMMARY

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES ARE ONE OF THE BASIC PILLARS OF (REGIONAL) KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION

THEY MAY ATTRACT THE TALENTS INTO RESEARCH

RESEARCH IS THE BASIS OF ECONOMICAL COMPETITIVENESS ON ALL (REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN) LEVELS

THE DECISIVE ROLE OF REGIONS IN THE INNOVATION CHAIN

THE NEED TO DECREASE IN EUROPE THE UNBALANCED DISTRIBUTION OF RI-s

THE VITAL ROLE OF STRUCTURAL FUNDS IN THIS PROCESS

THE ROLE OF RI-s IN (2 WAY) MOBILITY





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