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Conclusions (I)

- The participation of New Member States in RI projects under FP6 has had a positive impact on Research Infrastructures in Europe and, as a result, the *European Research Area has been strengthened*
- Where there is expertise, NMS are actively involved in all the relevant research domains and more focused in projects that address the design and construction of new RIs.
- It's a major European work to identify the main criteria on the basis of which existing and future regional RIs could be evaluated and recognized in terms of pan-European interest.



Conclusions (IV)

- Research Infrastructures, as a prerequisite for Innovation & Excellence, play a special role in *Regional Socio-Economic development*
- There is a **need for capacity building throughout Europe**
- The involvement of the EU's outermost countries as hosts or nodes of the new pan-European infrastructures could be done in such a way as to leverage their Socio-Economic impact by
 - alleviating unemployment and brain-drain,
 - promoting European and global cohesion, and
 - ensuring security by sharing commitment and resources in order to reach common goals;
- There is a need to develop an integrated framework for the identification of RI investment opportunities and methods for the Socio-Economic impact assessment of new RIs

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