



P2P in FP9

Emerging preferred scenario



OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

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| <u>Scenario 1:</u> | Business as usual |
| <u>Scenario 2:</u> | Discontinuation |
| <u>Scenario 3:</u> | Coordinated funding |
| <u>Scenario 4:</u> | Joint Funding |
| <u>Scenario 5:</u> | Integrated approach |





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Scenario 1: **Business as usual**

P2P support via cofunding of calls and programmes,
clear link to the FP priorities, predefined in the WP

- + continuity of implementation
- limited impacts at FP/EU level
- diverging policy frameworks
- no rationalization of landscape of initiatives or funding instruments
- no increased coherence between partnerships and other initiatives





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Scenario 2: Discontinuation

No support to P2P from the FP

- + more efficient use of EU funds for FP priorities
- most P2Ps will not be able to continue without FP support
- MS investment in transnational research will fall back close to pre-2002 levels
- resistance from Member States and stakeholders
- no coherence between MS and FP activities





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Scenario 3: Coordinated funding

Focus on priorities of MS according to their choices, FP support limited to coordination between MS (CSA), Discontinue use of ERA-NET, EJP Cofund and Art.185

- + offers MS room for new initiatives
- + broad range of MS investments possible (incl. structural funds and financial instruments)
- missed opportunity to achieve FP impacts that rely on collaboration with MS
- resistance from MS and stakeholders for certain initiatives





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Scenario 4: Joint funding

Focus on selected P2Ps in areas of high FP relevance where co-investments with MS is necessary to achieve impacts

- + strong contribution to FP impacts
- + increase of resources targeted towards FP priorities
- + coherence between MS and FP activities in priority areas

- discontinuation of many networks
- resistance from MS and stakeholders / high expectation for cofunding
- missed opportunity for broader MS collaboration



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Scenario 5: Integrated approach

Combination of policy options 3 and 4 with additional elements to achieve a new quality of EU-wide integration of R&I, focus on increasing coherence and improving efficiency of implementation

- + offers MS room for new initiatives
- + coherence between MS and FP activities
- + strong contribution to FP impacts
- + broad range of MS investments possible (incl. structural funds and financial instruments)
- + Increase of resources targeted towards FP priorities
- certain tough choices to be made (loss of cofunding)

Preferred scenario



Scenario 5 in practice (I)

1. Support to Member States to coordinate their programmes and funding:

- Instrument used: Coordination and support actions (CSA), covering only the coordination costs of P2Ps, no cofunding of national programmes;
- Not limited to FP priorities;
- Allowing a broad range of activities;
- One central call per year, ensuring an open, competitive process selecting a limited number of networks per year;
- Creating strong leverage effects on national investments (factor 15-20, based on FP7 experiences) and efficiency gains compared to uncoordinated national funding;
- Flexibility for using implementation modalities and synergies with other Union programmes (ESIF), financial instruments or public procurement.





Scenario 5 in practice (II)

2. Joint funding in support of Framework Programme objectives

- Cofunding of few, selected P2Ps in areas of high relevance for Framework Programme /Union priorities, where co-investments and policy collaboration with MS is necessary to achieve impacts that FP action alone cannot achieve;
- 1 simple and flexible cofund instrument in FP9, applicable also to foundations, instead of 2 now;
- Use of Article 185 only if justified vis-à-vis Cofund: MS need to be fully committed to strong integration over a long period of time; broad political endorsement needed;
- Clear sunset clauses for Union participation to be integrated from the beginning.





Scenario 5 in practice (III)

3. Increase coherence and efficiency of implementation

- Rationalise the current landscape of P2Ps towards fewer and broader initiatives;
- Increase coherence between P2Ps, other partnerships and Framework Programme activities, national and European policies;
- Explore broader use of a single set of rules;
- Explore single implementation structure approach;
- Explore more centralised use services (proposal submission and evaluation, grant management);
- Explore integration of project data in eCorda and Cordis;
- Etc.





Thank you for your attention!

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