

Education, Training and the EURATOM Research Programme

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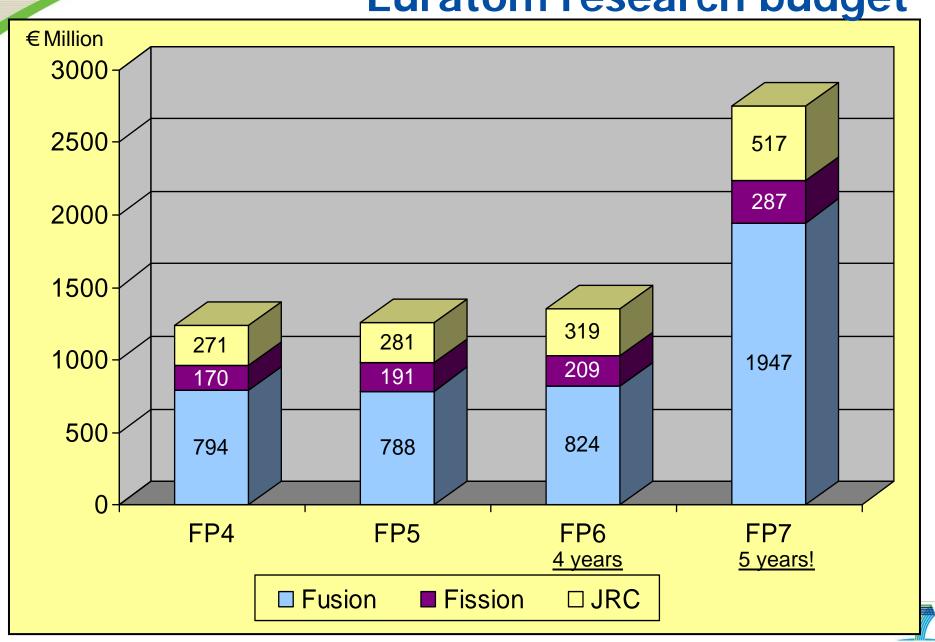
Art 4 of the EURATOM TREATY

"The Commission shall be responsible for promoting and facilitating nuclear research in the Member States and for complementing it by carrying out a Community research and training programme"





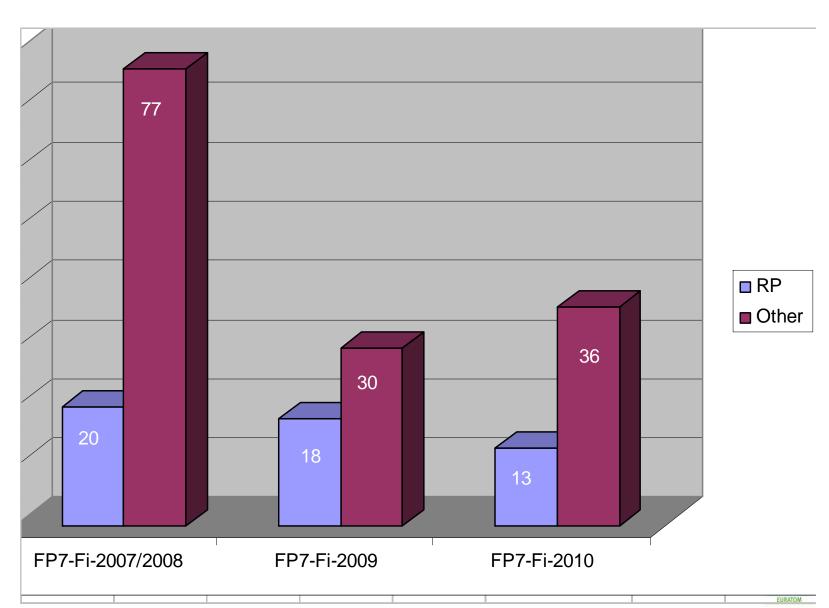
Euratom research budget





Radiation Protection and other thematic areas







Radiation Protection Main Fields in FP7 (2007-2011)

- Low dose risk research
- Medical uses of radiation
- Emergency management
- Other areas integration of national research activities





Pursued goals

- Acquisition and transfer of knowledge
- availability of qualified researchers, engineers and technicians in the long-term
- Mobility of students and scientists





EURATOM approach

- MODULAR COURSES AND COMMON QUALIFICATION APPROACH
- ONE MUTUAL RECOGNITION SYSTEM ACROSS THE EU
- MOBILITY FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ACROSS THE EU
- FEEDBACK FROM "STAKEHOLDERS", BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE





INSTRUMENTS

- Imbedded training in research projects
- European Fission Training Schemes
- Strategic Research Agendas





STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDAS

- Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform
- Multidisciplinary European Low Dose Initiative
- Implementing Geological Disposal Technology Platform





6 fields of radiation protection research in the 7th Framework Programme

- Epidemiological studies
- Mechanistic studies
- Data bases and tissue banks
- Medical uses of radiation
- Emergency management
- Training





Epidemiological studies

- CHILD MED RAD feasibility of establishing prospective cohort of CT exposed infants/children
- ARCH Strategic plan for Chernobyl research (http://arch.iarc.fr)





Mechanistic studies

 CARDIORISK – the mechanisms of cardiovascular risk after low radiation doses (www.cardiorisk.eu)





DATA BASES and TISSUE BANKS

- CTB Chernobyl Tissue Bank
 http://www.chernobyltissuebank.com/
- STORE Sustaining access to tissues and data from radiobiological experiments





Medical uses of radiation

- ORAMED RP medical staff (www.oramed-fp7.eu/)
- ALLEGRO Risk to normal tissue from radiation therapy www.allegroproject.eu
- Dedicated BREAST CT feasibility and optimisation versus normal X ray procedures www.imp.uni-erlangen.de/BreastCT/
- MADEIRA Optimisation of 3D images from nuclear medicine www.madeira-project.eu
- SEDENTEXCT Optimisation of cone beam CT in Dental application

www.sedentexct.eu/





Emergency management

 DETECT – Optimised systems for monitoring radiation in case of emergency





Training

 ENETRAP II – European network on education and training in radiation protection





ENETRAP II Specific objectives

- Develop the European radiation protection training scheme (ERPTS) for RPE training;
- Develop a European reference standard for RPO training;
- Develop and apply a mechanism for the evaluation of training material, courses and providers;
- Establish a recognised and sustainable ERPTS "quality label" for training events;
- Create a database of training events and training providers (including On-the-Job-Training) conforming to the agreed ERPTS;
- Bring together national initiatives to attract early-stage radiation protection researchers on a European level;
- Develop some course material examples, including modern tools such as e-learning;
- Develop a system for monitoring the effectiveness of the ERPTS;
- Organise pilot sessions of specific modules of the ERPTS and monitor the effectiveness according to the developed system;
- Development of a European passport for Continuous Professional Development in Radiation Protection.





Call FP7-Fission-2009 grants agreements under negotiation

• DOREMI :

Low Dose Research towards Multidisciplinary Integration

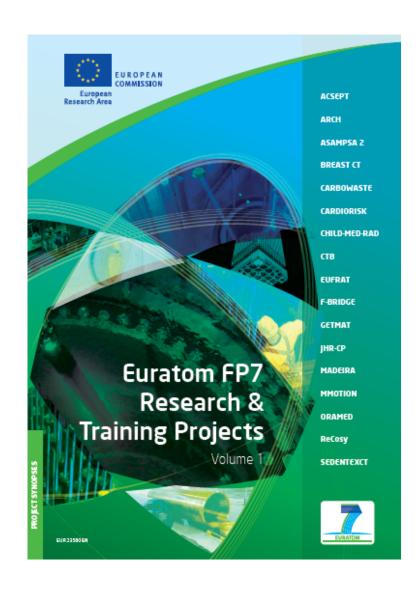
• **SOLO**:

Epidemiological Studies of Exposed Southern Urals Populations





Euratom project summary EUR 23580 EN







Call FP7-Fission-2010

- Contribution to low-dose risk research in Europe
- Optimisation of doses from new technologies in medical imaging
- European platform on emergency and post-accident preparedness and management
- An integrated approach to radioecology research in Europe
- Transnational access to large infrastructures
- Euratom Fission Training Schemes (EFTS) in nuclear energy and radiation protection
- Actions supporting programme implementation and other activities





Examples of EC contribution to imbedded training

- NOTE (FP6) Non Targeted Effects
 some staff is Ph.D. or Post-doc students
 in addition to 300 000 € EC contribution for training activities
- CARDIORISK (FP7): the mechanisms of cardiovascular risk after low radiation doses
 30% of staff is Ph.D. or Post-doc students in addition to 140 000 € EC contribution for training activities
- MADEIRA (FP7): Optimisation of 3D images from nuclear medicine
 - 60% of staff is Ph.D. or Post-doc students in addition to 140 000 € EC contribution for training activities





Sources of further information on FP7 projects

Low dose risk projects

 http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/euratomfission/ev20070620_en.html

Catalogues of projects

- http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/pdf/eur atom_fp6_projects_training_vol3_eur22385_e n.pdf
- http://ec.europa.eu/research/energy/pdf/nucl ear_fission_2_en.pdf
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Conclusions

- E&T form an indivisible package with research
- E&T in radiation protection has a broad social impact, beyond energy policy, and applies to all MS
- It goes along with harmonisation of RP in Europe
- In addition to Euratom Fission Training Schemes, the main contribution of research to E&T is the imbedded training of Ph.D. and Post-doc students directly participating in the projects

