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# European research: a fragmented landscape



# The European Research Area

Ablueprint for the future of research in Europe

- Broad support at the highest political, scientific and industrial levels
- Being implemented

### European Research Area



## Sixth EC Framework Programme - Main components -

FOCUSING and INTEGRATING European research STRUCTURING the European Research Area STRENGTHENING the foundations of the European Research Area

### **BASIC PRINCIPLES**

Concentration on selected priority research areas Structuring effect through a stronger link with national, regional and other European initiatives

Coordination -Simplification

### Sixth EC Framework Programme

#### I. Focusing and integrating research

- 1. Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health
- 2. Information Society technologies
- 3. Nanotechnologies and nano-sciences, knowledge-based multifunctional materials, new production processes and devices
- 4. Aeronautics and space
- 5. Food quality and safety
- 6. Sustainable development, global change and ecosystems
- 7. Citizens and governance in a knowledge-based society
- 8. Specific activities covering a wider field of research
- Supporting policies & anticipate S&T needs
- Horizontal R&D involving SMEs
- Specific measures for int'l co-operation

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### Sixth EC Framework Programme

### I Structuring the ERA

- 2.1 Research and Innovation
- 2.2 Human resources and mobility
- 2.3 Research infrastructures
- 2.4 Science and society

### **Ill Strengthening the ERA**

- 3.1 Support for the co-ordination of activities
- 3.2 Support for coherent development of R&I policies

### **EURATOM** activities

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- Long-term storage etc.
- Reducing the impact of waste and the hazards associated with waste etc.
- Radiation protection
- Controlled thermonuclear fusion
- Other activities:
  - Safer processes for the exploitation of nuclear energy
- Joint Research Centre
  - Nuclear safety and security
  - Measurements and reference materials



 Networks of excellence
 Integrated projects
 Associated candidate countries = EU Member States (MS)
 International European interest organisations = EU MS