National Research Opportunities

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The Research Promotion Foundation

- Established in 1996
- Non-governmental institution
- Fully supported by the Government
- Governed by a 12-member Board of Directors, currently chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Planning Bureau.
RPF’s Main Activities

Two broad categories of activities:

1. **Launching** of National Programmes for the funding of RTDI Projects.

2. **Coordination** of Cyprus participation in European Research and Innovation Programmes and international Organizations.
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

18 Programmes 49 Specific Actions:

- The RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010) is divided into 5 Pillars
- Covering various thematic areas (Technology, IST, Health, Economy, Environment, Humanities, Social Sciences)
- Aiming at increasing the competitiveness of enterprises
- Strengthening research infrastructure and providing access to international research infrastructures
- Developing of human potential in research including young researchers and Cypriot expatriate scientists
- Enhancing international R&D co-operation
- Promotion of research culture
- Budget 170m. Euro
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

Pillar I: Strategic and Multithematic Research

- Programme "Health and Biological Sciences"
- Programme "Technology"
- Programme "Sustainable Development"
- Programme "Information and Telecommunication Technologies"
- Programme "Social and Economic Sciences and the Humanities" (Strengthening Human Potential, to Reinforce the Cyprus Maritime Industry and its Socioeconomic and Competitive Parameters-OIKON1104/06)
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

Pillar II: Development of Human Resources in Research

- Programme "Support for Young Researchers-PENEK"
- Programme "Didaktor"
- Programme "Development of Research & Innovation Culture"
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

Pillar III:
Development of Industrial Research and Innovation Activities

- Programme "Research and Innovation"
- "EUREKA Cyprus" Programme
- Programme "Innovation Support"
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

Pillar IV:
Development of Research Infrastructures

- New Infrastructure
- Programme "Access to Research Infrastructures"
- Programme "Upgrading of Existing Equipment"
RPF’s Framework Programme (2008-2010)

Pillar V: International Networking and Collaboration

- Programme "Bilateral Collaboration"
- Programme "International Cooperation"
- Programme "International Networking"
- Programme "Hosting of Researchers Based Abroad"
European Programmes and International Cooperation

RPF Coordinates the Participation of Cyprus in:

- Framework Programmes (FP) of the EC
- COST - Networking
- EUREKA – Industrial Research
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- 1st Framework Programme for Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP).

The RPF is:

- A member of the European Science Foundation (ESF)
- Responsible for the implementation of RTD Bilateral Agreements signed by the the Government (Greece, Italy, Egypt, France Slovenia and Romania)
Participation in the 6th Framework Programme

- In the 6th Framework Programme of EC (2002 – 2006), approximately 20 mil. euro secured by Cypriot Organizations:
  - 35% in the field of IST.
  - 23% in the Human Resources and Mobility.
  - 13% in Sustainable Development and Climate Change.
  - 9% in Specific Measures for SMEs.
  - 6% in Aeronautics and Space.
Role of RPF in the 7th Framework Programme

- Assist SME’s to participate in research projects.
- Participate in ERA-NET+ and Art. 169 Programmes.
  - Participation in Conferences / Brokerage Events.
  - Funding for the organisation of Conferences.
  - Incentives for the involvement in research activities.
  - RPF’s staff appointed as NCPs.
- NCP Transport
NCP Activities

- Informing and Raising Awareness:
  - Organise promotional activities in liaison with the Commission services (info days, seminars, conferences, newsletters, Web sites, fairs).
  - Distribution of documentation (forms, guidelines, manuals).
  - Raise awareness for other European programmes in the field of research and innovation.
NCP Activities

- Advising, Assisting and Training:
- Guidance on choosing thematic priorities and instruments
- Advice on administrative procedures and contractual issues (role and responsibilities of participants in a consortium, costs, rights and obligations of participants).
- Training and assistance on proposal writing (organising training sessions, seminars, etc. for information multipliers or for target groups)
- Assistance in partner search
NCP Activities

- Signposting and Feedback:

- Give feedback to the Commission on any problems and difficulties in implementing and participating in the Framework Programme.

- Inform the Commission about planned NCP activities and events requiring participation of Commission staff.
Thank you for your attention ....

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