

# FP7 Work Programmes

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1. The Work Programme Annual Cycle
  2. Who can give input on what, when and how?

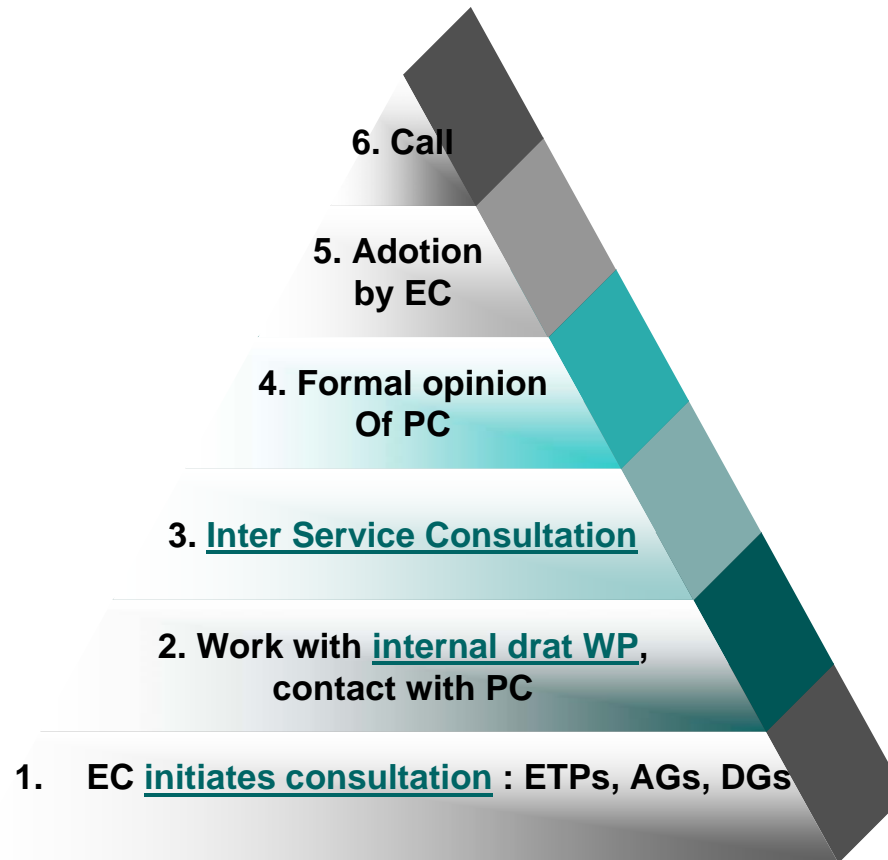
# 1. The WP annual cycle

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- 1st Phase - External consultation: different types of internal and external consultation
- 2nd phase - Preparation: EC prepares a draft WP which is followed by
- 3rd phase – Adoption: An internal Inter Service Consultation
- The FP7 Programme Committee gives formal opinion
- Final adoption by EC after positive opinion from PC
- Calls for Proposals published immediately after adoption or can be spread

# WP annual cycle

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## 1.1. External consultation phase

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Advice for WP falls into 3 categories:

1. Topics within themes of Cooperation (Health)
2. Cross-cutting and horizontal issues (e.g. INCO, SME needs, cross-tematic areas)
3. Bottom-up parts (Capacities, Ideas and People SP)

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- Main sources of consulting research community:
    - Advisory Groups
    - European Technology Platforms (ETPs) (establish national mirror platforms) (long-term strategy!)
    - PC (not formally consulted but discuss drafts) (strategy!)
  - But also:
    - Various scientific conferences and workshops used as forums of expert groups (contact your NCP and attend!)

# – External consultation

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- **Sources of information and consultation**

- Advisory Groups
- European Technology Platforms
- Other external sources of consultation
- Meetings of expert groups
- Workshops
- Conferences
- Other events

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## 1.2. The Preparation Phase

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- Contacts with Cabinet
- Regular contacts between Research DGs and Policy DGs
- Internal Draft WP (WP 2010, ready in January 2009)

# - Internal consultation

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- Between *Research* DGs (Research, Enterprise, Transport, Information Society and Joint Research Centre)...
- ...and *Policy* DGs (Environment, SANCO, Agriculture, Fishery)
- and *Horizontal* DGs (Budget, Legal Serv, Secretariat General)
- PO needs key information to write topics

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## 1.3. The Adoption Phase

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- ISC – aprox 15 working days but 1 month for preparation of dossier (amendments from other DGs)
- Formal opinion of PC
- Adoption by Commission (no formal obligation to adopt all WPs at the same time)
- Publication of Call for Proposals

# - ISC and Adoption of WP

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- Inter Service Consultation (ISC) within DGs
  - Each DG has power to block adoption upon justification
  - DGs often request a long list of topics to be included in the WP
- Formal opinion of PC and adoption of WP
  - *Protect topics*

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# - Publication of the WP

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- Immediately after formal adoption of WP

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## 2. Who can give input on what, when and how?

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### 2.1. Who can give input?

- Nobody although in reality:
  - Ministers
  - PC Members
  - Organisations (universities, research organisations, enterprises, public organisations, NGOs, etc)
  - Individual researchers

## 2.2. What to give input on?

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- What to give input on?
  - Actual text describing the topic (most important)
    - fit in the areas defined in the SP
    - Study previous WPs
    - Add justification (European added value, on-going political debate, Council conclusions, major conferences, etc)
    - Level of detail: more open (2-stage submission procedure)
  - Funding scheme: small or medium scale, large-scale integrating project, NoE, CSA.
  - Expected impact: study previous WPs

## 2.3. When to give input?

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- Input has to be useful and delivered at the “appropriate” time:
  - During autumn and no later than November of year prior to publication of call
  - ISC process, May/June: limited number of changes. Contact with PC member to ensure no topics are removed from draft or wording changed

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- Consultation: Sept-Nov (perfect!)
  - Draft: Dec-March (adjustments)
  - ISC: Apr-May
  - PC Opinion: May-June (protect)
  - Adoption: July/September

## 2.4. How can WBCs give input?

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Establish a good network:

- PC Members: organizations/individuals to NCPs
- Members of relevant ETPs: contact own nationals in ETPs
- Participants/Coordinators of FP projects
- Evaluators: advice on how to formulate topics and the expected impact.
- Sign up as evaluator <https://cordis.europa.eu/emmfp7/>
- Organise seminars/workshops in Brussels, invite EC officials to your workshops
- Attend EC annual seminars/workshops (ask your NCP!)
- Attend international conferences and do your own network

# Useful links

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- Advisory Groups for FP7  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/index_en.html)
- DG RTD conference planning  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=conferences&filter=ec>
- A rough guide to the FP7 WPs  
(also on WBC Inco-net website)  
<http://www.vinnova.se/upload/EPiStorePDF/A%20rough%20guide%20to%20the%20FP7%20Work%20Programmes.pdf>

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Thanks for your attention!

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