

ATTOFEL:

Working in an Initial Training Network: Practical implications, rights and obligations of network fellows

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Tasks:

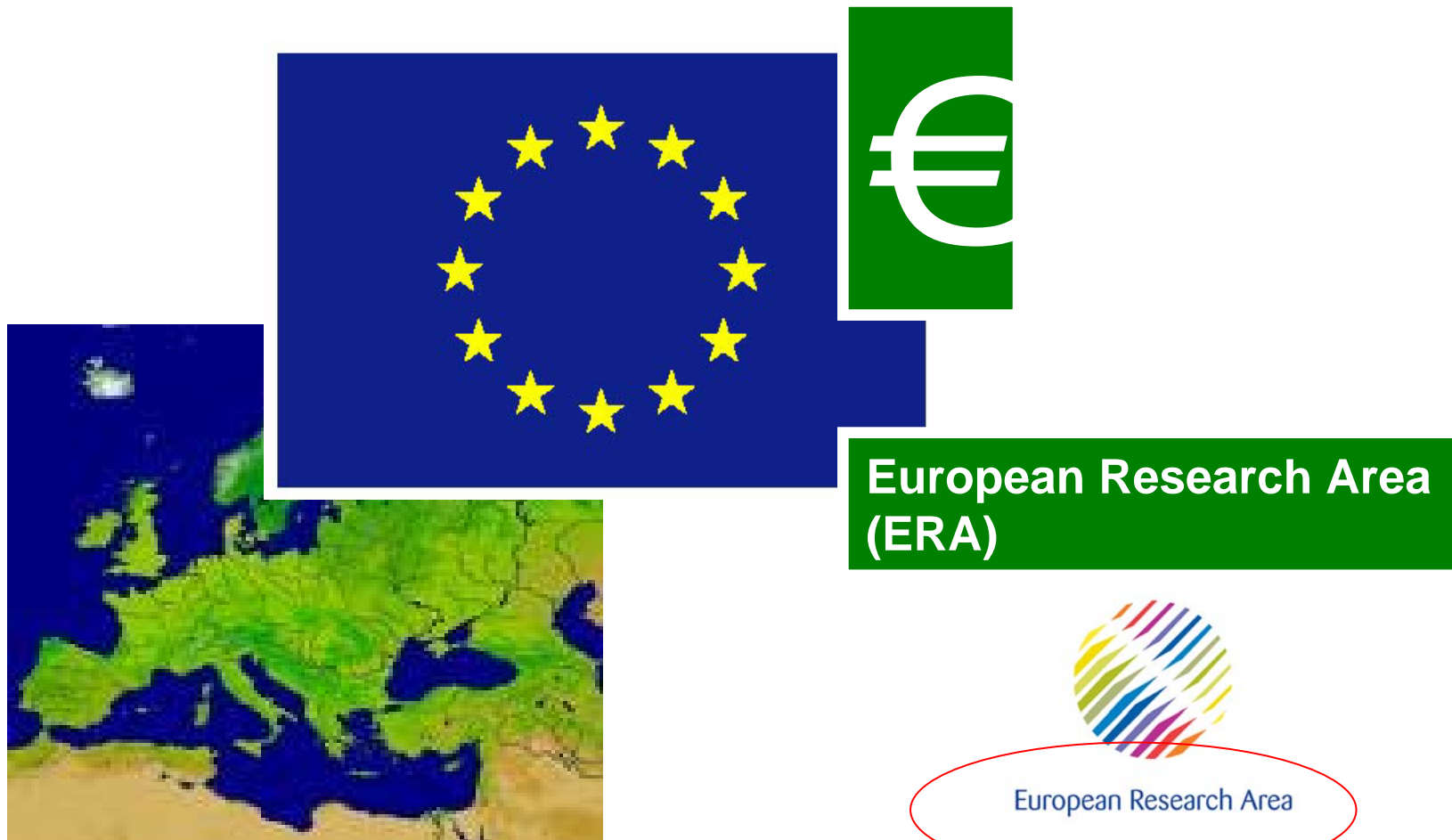
- Information about contents of EU programmes and funding schemes
- Analysis of your project idea – find the right funding scheme
- Assistance with proposal preparation
- Proposal check
- Support in project management
- Organisation of events and workshops

- 1. ATTOFEL in a broader context**
2. What is offered to you?
3. What is expected from you?
4. Further perspectives

What is ATTOFEL?



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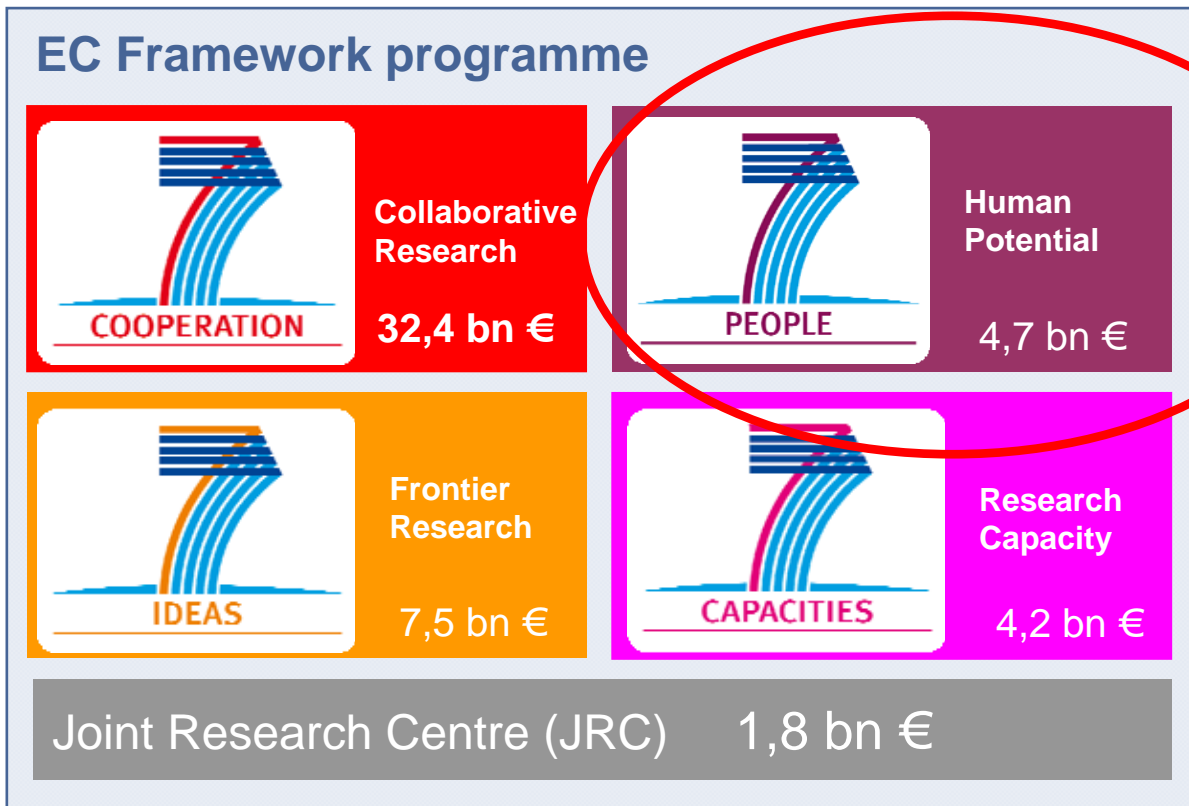


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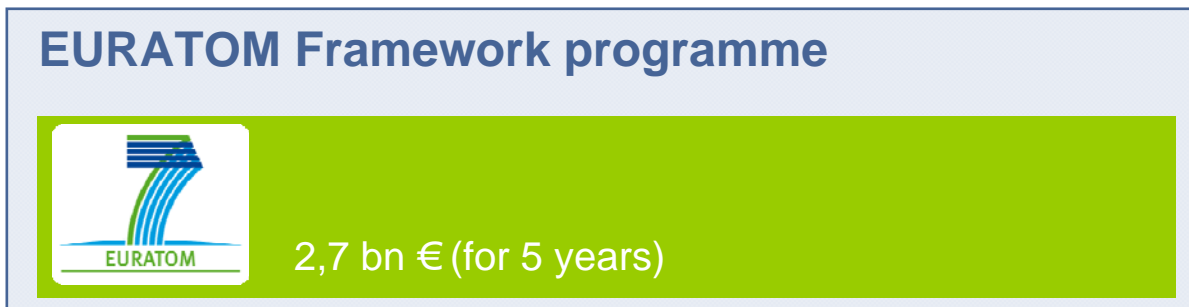


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Total
53,3 bn €



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PEOPLE Specific Programme



Marie Curie Actions



PEOPLE Specific Programme

- Europe's **human resources** in research
„...consolidating and further developing the **European Research Area**...“
- to **make Europe more attractive to researchers**

Bring about a structuring effect on the organisation, performance and quality of **research training**

active **career development of researchers**

knowledge-sharing through researchers between sectors and research organisations

increasing partnership between industry and academia

strong participation by women and **early-stage researchers**

(Council Decision of 19/12/2006 concerning the Specific Programme People, Annex I)

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PEOPLE work programme 2008

Initial Training Networks (ITN)

=> ATTOFEL





Marie Curie Action Initial Training Networks (ITN)

„The action aims to **improve career perspectives of *early-stage researchers*** in both public and private sectors...“

Expected impact:

- contribute to the structuring of existing high-quality initial research training capacity throughout Europe in both public and private sectors and improve the quality of this research training
- help to **develop future generations of researchers** more capable of contributing life long to the knowledge-based economy
- add to the **interest in international employability** of these researchers
- **attract young people to a research career**

YOU !!!



PEOPLE Work programme 2008

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(PEOPLE Work programme 2008, p. 5)

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ATTOFEL is a EU-Project funded through a...

...Contract („Grant agreement“) between European Commission and another legal entity (Coordinator)



The **Grant agreement** is composed of:

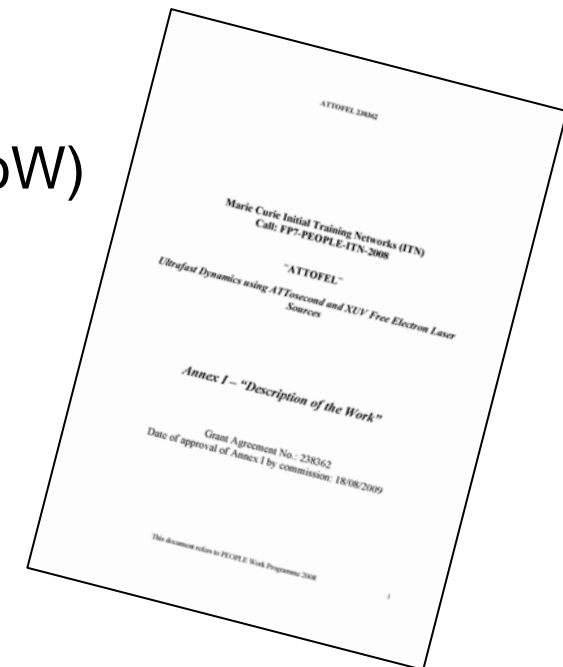
„Core“ grant agreement

Annex I (Description of Work/DoW)

Annex II

Annex III

Annex IV etc.





ATTOFEL Grant agreement – Annex III

- rules for the selection of network fellows (Early stage researchers and experienced researchers): eligibility criteria and “mobility rule”
- obligations of the host institution
- obligations of the network fellows

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PEOPLE Work programme 2008

Reference for the calculation of your salary is...

WORK PROGRAMME 2008
PEOPLE
(European Commission C(2007)5)

How to use the Work Programme of the FP7 to be used in connection with it and with the relevant tender for specific actions, while Part III gives the 1. instance contains reference material.

FP7 'People' Work Programme

Table 3.4. Structure of the Community contribution (For COFUND and IRSES, financial details are given in the text)

1.1 Action ITN	Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the researchers				Eligible expenses for the activities carried out by the host organisations				
	- A -	- B -	- C -	- D -	- E -	- F -	- G -	- H -	- I -
Marie Curie Initial Training Networks	<p>Monthly living and mobility allowance</p> <p>1. Monthly living allowance: fixed amount as specified in Table 3.1. For researchers supported as "visiting researcher" under this activity the reference rates are 30% higher than the rates applied to the corresponding category of experienced researcher in Table 3.1.</p> <p>2. Monthly mobility allowance: fixed amount to cover expenses linked to the relocation of the researcher and her/his family in the host country: reference rate of EUR 500 for researchers without a family and EUR 800 for researchers with family. The reference date for the family situation is the date of recruitment of the researcher.</p> <p>The monthly living allowance and the monthly mobility allowance rates for individual countries are obtained by applying to these rates the correction factor for the cost of living as referred to in Table 3.3.</p>	<p>Travel Allowance</p> <p>Fixed amount as specified in Table 3.2</p>	<p>Career exploratory allowance</p> <p>Fixed amount of EUR 2 000 for each researcher with a stay of at least one year</p>	<p>Contribution to the participation expenses of eligible researchers</p> <p>Contribution managed by the hosting organisations for expenses related to the participation of eligible researchers to research and training activities (meeting and conference attendance, participation in training actions, research costs, etc): fixed amount of EUR 300 per researcher-month, recruited for initial training, for non laboratory based research training projects, EUR 600 per researcher-month, recruited for initial training, for laboratory based research training projects</p>	<p>Contribution to the research/training /transfer of knowledge programme expenses</p> <p>Contribution to the host organisation for the execution of the training project (publication of vacant positions, internal joint training actions, teaching material, etc) and contribution to the expenses related to the co-ordination between participants (network meetings, detachment of staff, etc): fixed amount of EUR 600 per researcher month</p>	<p>Contribution to the organisation of international conferences, workshops and events</p> <p>Contribution to the host institution for the organisation of international conferences, workshops and events open to participants outside the network, including: organisational expenses (invitation of keynote speakers, publications, rental of premises, web casting) and participation fees of eligible researchers from outside the network: fixed amount of EUR 300 per researcher-day for researchers from outside the network, for the duration of the event</p>	<p>Management activities (including audit certification)</p> <p>Maximum of 7 % of the total Community contribution for networks and a maximum of 3% for mono-partner and twinning</p>	<p>Contribution to overheads</p> <p>10 % of direct costs except for subcontractors and the costs of the resources made available by third parties which are not used in the premises of the beneficiary.</p>	<p>Other types of eligible expenses / specific conditions</p> <p>N/A</p>

(PEOPLE Work programme 2008, p. 55, Annex III)



Research Training

Reference: Annex I of the project

- describes the **tasks** of Early Stage Researchers (ESR) and Experienced Researchers (ER)

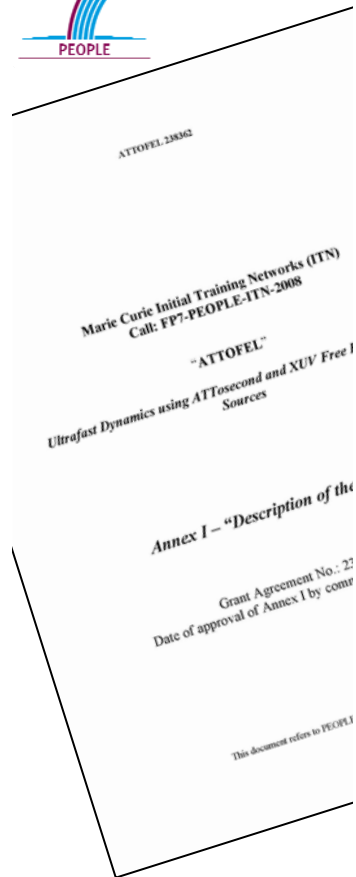
- **Toolkit**

- **Career Development Plan & „Training Profile“**

„on-site“ training: research project

exchange visits

summer school, network meetings, Master Classes, etc.





Training in „transferable skills“

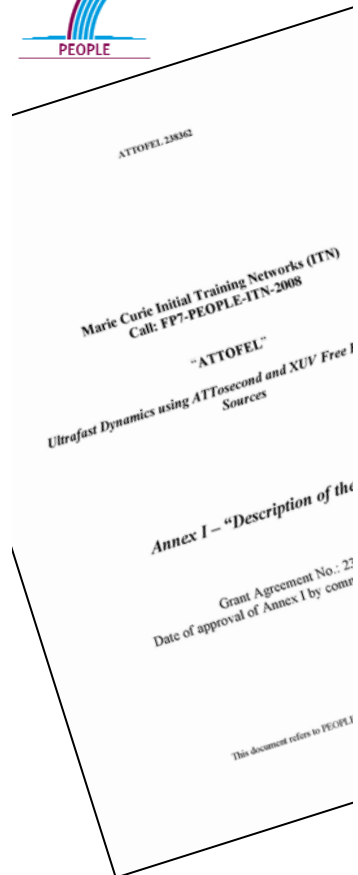
Reference: Annex I, „Training Profile“ & Career Development Plan

- examples: management skills, educational skills, language skills, general job skills, career planning...

International dimension of training

Reference: Annex I, „Training Profile“ & Career Development Plan

- examples: secondments, participation in network meetings, conferences...





ATTOFEL – an international network

- reference: **Annex I** of the project:

Mentor Council

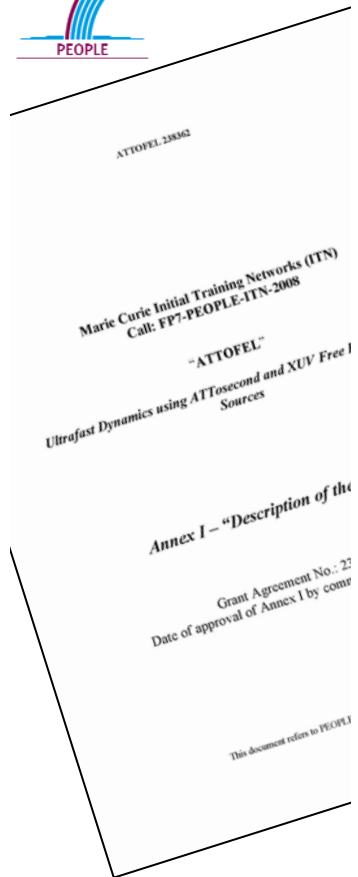
Career development monitor (supervisor)

on-site contact person („personal coach“, support, consultant...)

„Expertise hotline“

- also: a professional network in general

➔ make use of it!



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Publications

- Acknowledge support of the EU under a Marie Curie Initial Training Network (GA number 238362)

Questionnaires

- Fill in three questionnaires:

Mid-term questionnaire

Evaluation questionnaire

Follow-up questionnaire

=> important feedback for EU for the evaluation of the funding instrument „Initial Training Networks“

Time sheets

- check with your host institution!
- important for cost statements & in case of audits
(was the funding spent correctly?)

Contact details

- Keep your (former) host institution informed for three years following the end of the project of any changes

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You want to
stay in
research
after your
PhD...

...either in the
public or
private
sector...

Could you benefit again from EU fundin

YES !!

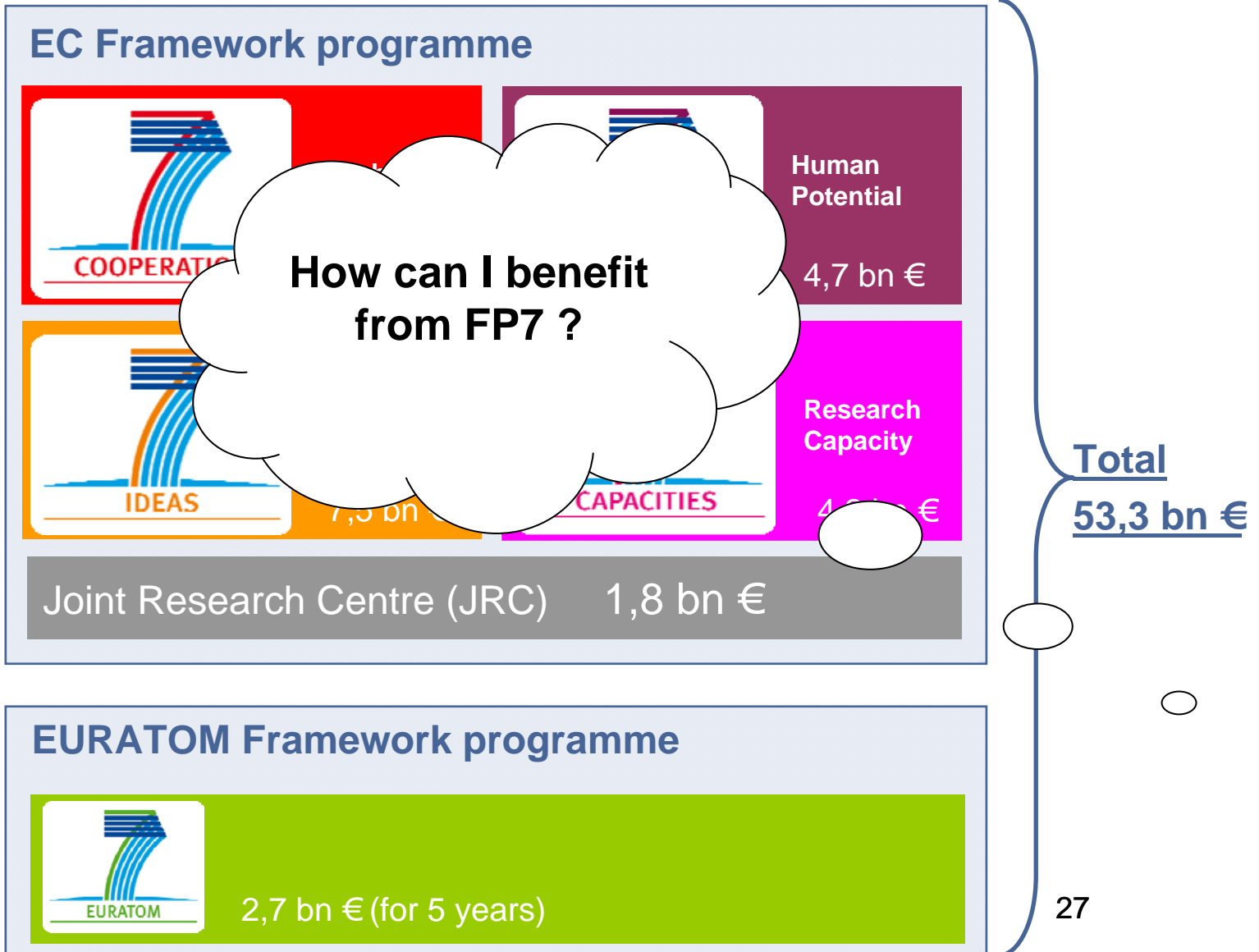


ATTOFEL - a „EU project“

=> ...and YOU are/were part of it

If you apply for other funding sources at a later stage of your career, state clearly that you have been employed in „ITN ATTOFEL, GA number 238362“ as an ESR/ER

=> this might be seen positively if you apply for other EU grants (you already have experience with EU projects). And it makes clear that your PhD training was within a special frame with additional possibilities.





Concept of research experience

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Initial Training Networks (ITN):

improve career prospects for young researchers in a transnational network

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP):

staff exchange in research projects between public and private sector

International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES):

staff exchange in research projects between European countries and Third countries

COFUND: cofunding of existing exchange programmes



Find a position in a host-driven action:

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/>

The screenshot shows the EURAXESS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the European Commission logo and the text 'European Commission EURAXESS'. Below this, there is a search bar with the text 'By Free Text Search' and a 'Search' button. The search results section displays '488 results found (1-15 Displayed)' and lists two job advertisements. The first advertisement is for '8 Contracts for Post Doctoral and Senior Positions' and the second is for 'PhD position - Initial Training Network TreatPolyQ - Lab H. Tricoire, Paris'. On the right side, there is a 'Refine By' section with filters for 'Research field' (Neurosciences), 'Country' (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark), and 'Publishing Organisation' (ABB Sverige, Academic Positions, Approach People Recruitment).



Intra-European Fellowship (IEF):

Career development through competence diversification to reach a position of professional maturity/independence
European country => European country

International Outgoing Fellowship (IOF):

Career development through competence diversification to reach a position of professional maturity/independence
European country => non-European country

International Incoming Fellowship (IIF):

Share knowledge with European host institution
Non-European country => European country

Career Integration Grant (CIG):

Support for career development
any country => European country

General information

Website Research of European Commission

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm>

Find your National Contact Point Mobility

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html

(select „Mobility“ in the drop-down list for NCP function)

Marie Curie Actions on CORDIS

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/home_en.html

FP7 – Calls for proposals

http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_calls

Working and living in another country

Your Europe Advice

http://ec.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/index_en.htm

EURAXESS – Services

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/services/index>

EURAXESS Jobs

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/jobs/index>

Practical information for ATTOFEL network fellows

ATTOFEL introduction

<http://www.attofel.eu/neu/Introduction.pdf/view>

PEOPLE work programme 2008 (relevant to ATTOFEL)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people?callId=entifier=FP7-PEOPLE-ITN-2008>

Submission of questionnaires

<http://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sesam/index.do>
(GA number 238362)

Model Grant Agreements and Annexes

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/old-ga-forms_en.html

Questionnaires to be filled out by Network fellows

<http://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sesam/questurl.do?clear=true>
(select MC-support...and MC-ITN...)

ITN Project management

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/itn-manage_en.html

Thank you for your attention!

...Questions??