

# **International Science & Innovation Unit (ISIU)**

**European Research and Innovation Policy Teams**

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## Role of ISIU/BIS

- Coordinating UK approach to European research and innovation policy including FP
- Advising the UK science and innovation Minister Lord Drayson
- Ensuring that UK's national interests are pursued effectively in Brussels, notably in the main decision-making body, the EU Competitiveness Council.
- Stakeholder management (RCs, TSB, UUK etc)

## Why are we here?

- **To Listen** - to hear, understand and promote your views on FP
- We need the benefit of your individual experiences - both positive and 'less than positive'

# Research in the EU

- Research and innovation rising up the EU political agenda
- President Barroso sees R&I as a strategic priority
- The Commission will be pushing hard for EU2020 with knowledge and innovation at its heart
- Spain's Presidency shows similar promise for R&I
- The new EU Commissioner for Research-designate, Maire Geoghan-Quinn, will want to impress

# Our new EU Commissioner-designate

**Máire Geoghegan-Quinn** – (Moiy-ra Gay-gan Quinn)  
*New Commissioner for [Research Innovation and Science](#)*



## European Research Area / 'Fifth Freedom'

- **'Single market for research'**
- Lisbon Treaty explicitly highlights ERA as an EU objective
- Shared competence – a new legal basis for codecision
- Framework Programme is a key funding mechanism for delivering ERA



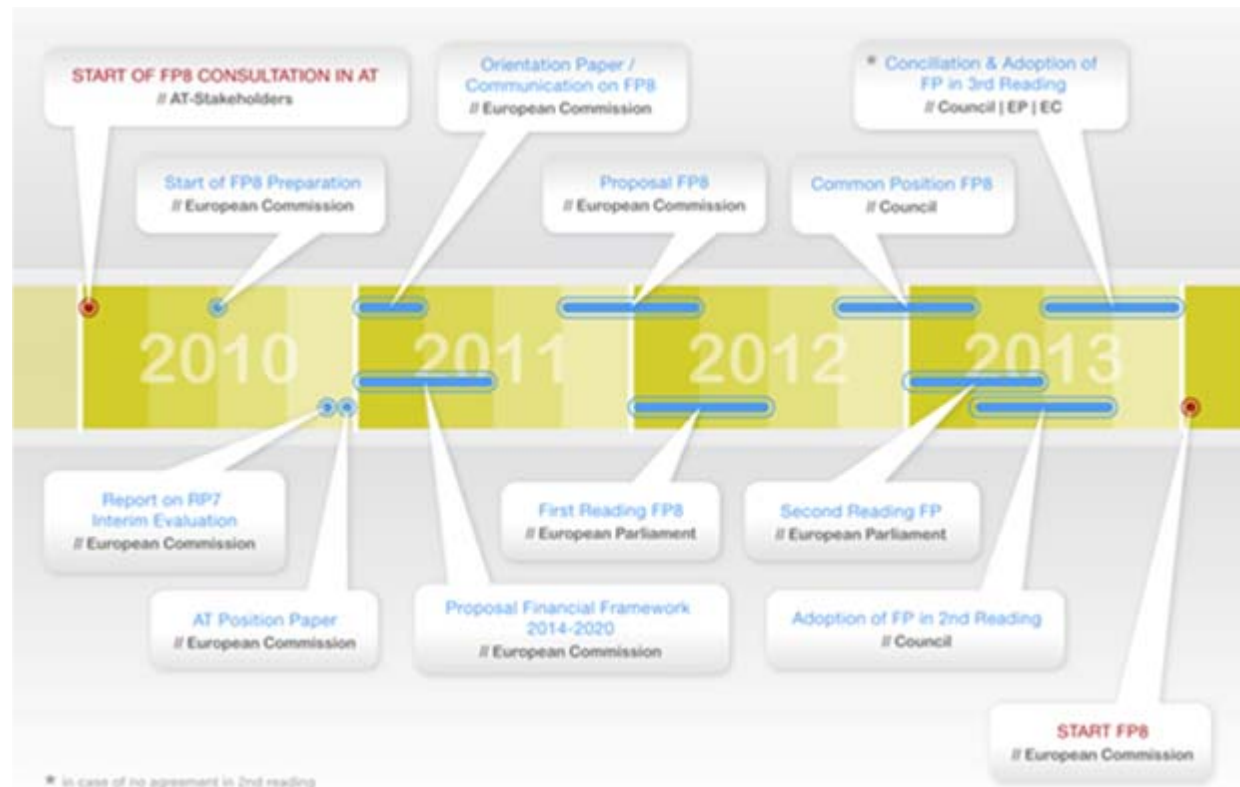
European Research Area

# European Innovation Plan

- Commission proposal due late spring 2010
- A framework to **boost Europe's innovation** performance to support recovery from the recession and longer term economic growth
- Research and FP will have integral role

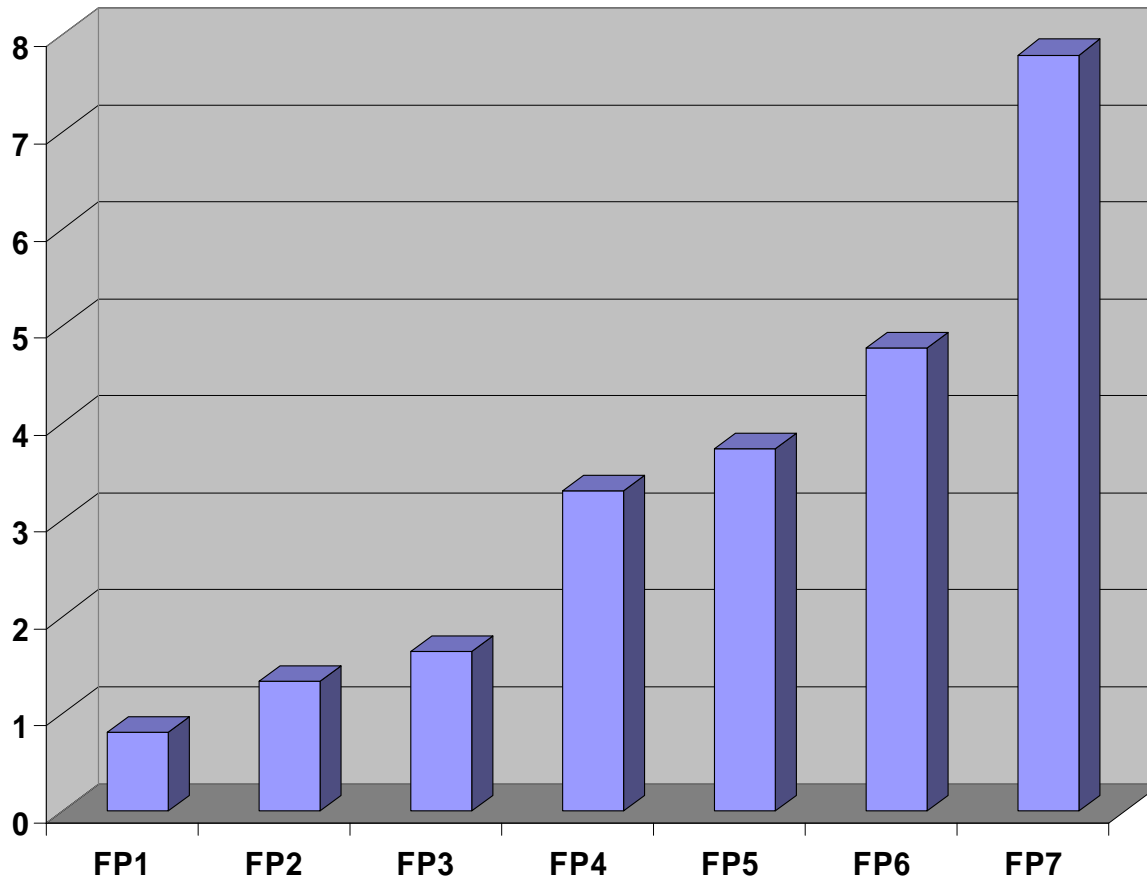
## Quick off the mark...

- Importance of early preparation for FP8 - the sooner we act, the more we can influence



- More opportunities to come – public consultation later this year

## Evolution on the FP Budget



(average annual budget -  
€bn)

- Substantial growth since 1980s
- Current FP7 budget is over €53bn for 2007-11
- **Equates to a projected €1 billion per year flowing to the UK**
- How it is spent as important as the size of funding

# EU Budget post 2014

- *“The EU’s budget priorities are misaligned, and that needs to change. We need to start seeing that the EU budget of “just 1%” of EU GDP as a critical 1% of added value for the EU that should be better used, notably at the cutting edge of our investment in European innovation.”*

Peter Mandelson 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Bruegel, Brussels

Greater innovation needed:

- FP should do more to **connect innovative businesses** and the European research base (e.g. Fraunhofer institutes in Germany)
- Increase the 25% of structural funds spent on R&I
- Greater involvement by European Investment Bank - increase its risk appetite; make sure investment reflected market priorities.

## UK Participation in FP

% participation by type	Secondary & Higher Education	Private Commercial	Research Organisations	Public Bodies	Other
<b>UK</b>	<b>60.8</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Germany	34.0	32.7	28.9	3.3	1.2
France	17.1	33.6	42.1	4.6	2.6
All Countries	38.5	26.5	25.8	6.5	2.7

Source: European Commission, FP7 grant agreements and participants database, released 1 November 2009

- Concern: UK Universities participation is second to none; *but* private sector more reluctant to be engaged
- Relatively low business participation is particularly pronounced in UK

**Why is this?**

# Industry views?

- **How radical a shift is needed in terms of priorities and processes in FP8?**
- **Which features must be retained?**
- **Which features should be jettisoned?**
- **Which ‘innovations’ should we argue for?**
- **Which measures will help promote higher rate of UK business participation?**

Thank you