

The Austrian FP8 preparation strategies

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or

„how to eat an elephant?“



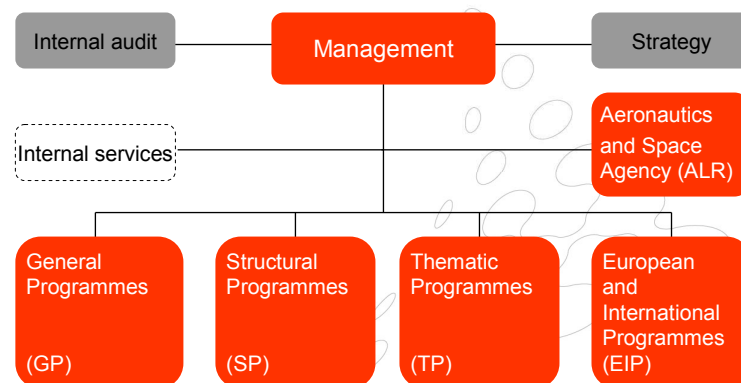
„...piece by piece“

It's about ...



- Who we are
- Austrians current position in FP7
- FP8 goals and strategies

Organisational Structure of FFG



Division for European and International Programmes (EIP)



Who we are

- A division of FFG
- All National Contact Points under a common roof
- Professional experts for all research areas
- Acting in an international and national network

Our mandate for FP7

Ensuring, strengthening and enhancing the Austrian Participation in European Programmes

EIP - Organisational Framework and contracts



- **Main Programme:** 7th EU Framework Programme
 - contract with 5 Federal Ministries and the Economic Chamber for 7 years (whole FP7)

Further contracts

- Preparatory cofunding for project preparation (7 years)
- Cooperative national support structure (4 years)
- EUREKA (Eurostars)
- CIP/IRC
- EIT
- EC: involved in more than 20 FP projects (mainly SSAs, NCP-projects and regional focussed projects)

Employees at EIP: 45 experts in the fields

EIP: FP7 main services



FFG/EIP objectives: Activities supporting increased Austrian participation in European and International programmes

- **Tailor-made services:** from project preparation to monitoring of consultancy effectiveness
- **FFG Academy:** intensive trainings of FP7 issues (specific modules)
- **Austrian-wide FP7 assistance network:** a complementary network of regional partners and universities : NCPs, RCPs, ICPs
- **Financial support for FP7 project preparation phase:** for Universities and Companies (SME, Industry)
- **„Strategic View“**
Strategy meetings with leading Austrian organisations, Aim: strategic orientation towards FP7 participation
- **The Networks:**
FP7 Coordinators Forum „Austrian Champions in European Research“

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Austrias current position in FP7



So far we are on the right path...

National FP7 Monitoring project - PROVISO (data of May 2010)

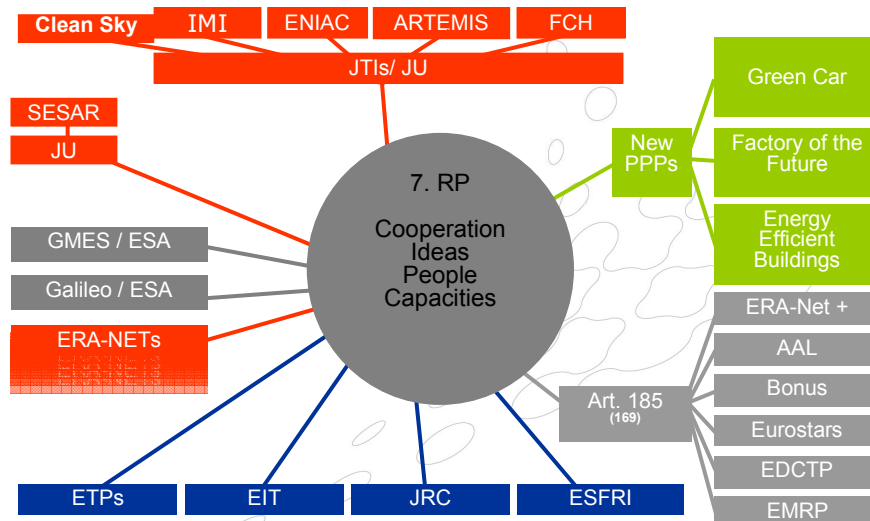
- about 160 Coordinators after the first calls (3,4%)
- about 1.400 successful Austrian participations
- Financial return: 423 Mio Eur (129%)

But:

Capacities of Austrian researchers are limited

And the next FP will be different – certainly more complex

Growing Complexity



Current key themes are



- Grand Challenges
- Strong strategic perspective: EU-2020 Strategy and Innovation Union
- Joint Programming
- Research Infrastructures
- Structural funds, CIP (Research and Innovation – leverage effects)
- Cooperation between national and European programmes
- Simplification
- What are the right instruments for what challenges?

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Austrian preparatory steps



Analysis/evaluation

- Evaluation of the Austrian supporting structure for FP7
- Impact study of FP7 on Austrian FP participants
(both studies are commissioned by the Federal Ministry of Science and research [BMWF], final results expected for Dec. 2010)
- Analyses on the Austrian success in FP7 (internal analyses, AIT)

Consultations/“positioning“

- First open consultation process (end of 2009)
- FFG contribution to the consultation process
- First Austrian reflection paper (expected by the end of 2010): first proposal from BMWF – to be commented by FFG and stakeholders....

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Austrias preparatory steps are influenced by



- results of the evaluations
- analyses on the Austrian success in FP7 (internal analyses)
- relevant Communications
 - EU-2020
 - Innovation Union
 - Simplification
- National research strategy

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Open questions



- Implementation of Joint Programming
- Implementation of the Innovation Union
- Growing complexity vs simplification
- Right balance between bottom-up and top-down research funding
- Austrias budget for research and innovation

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Our main goals for FP8



- Securing and increasing the Austrian success
- Playing a strong role and being an excellent partner in and for European research
- Finding the right instruments for the right challenges
- True synergies between national and european funding schemes

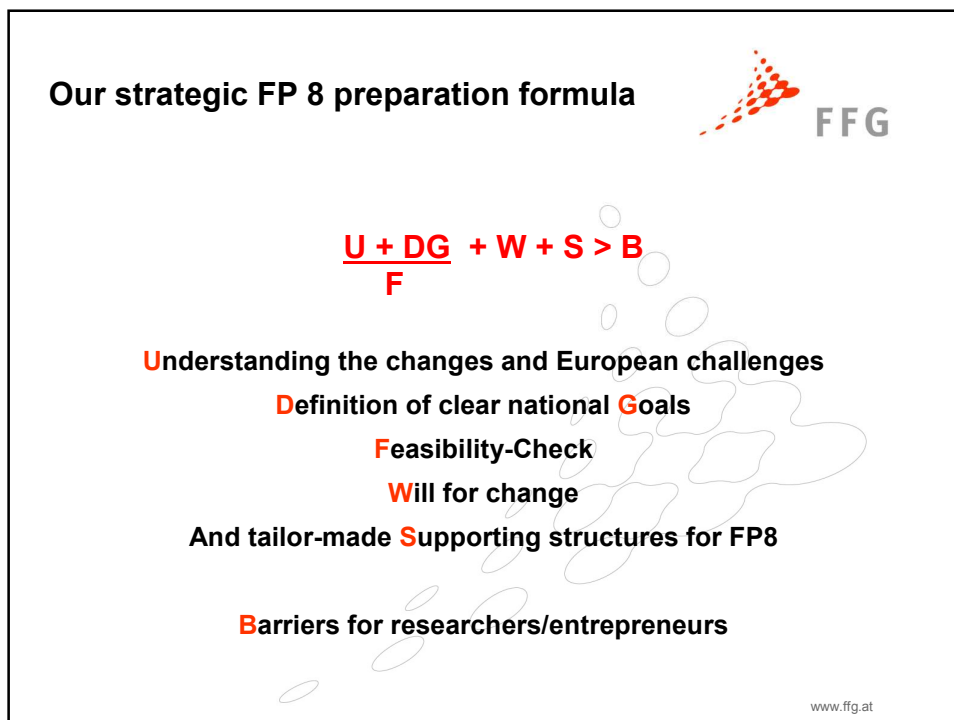
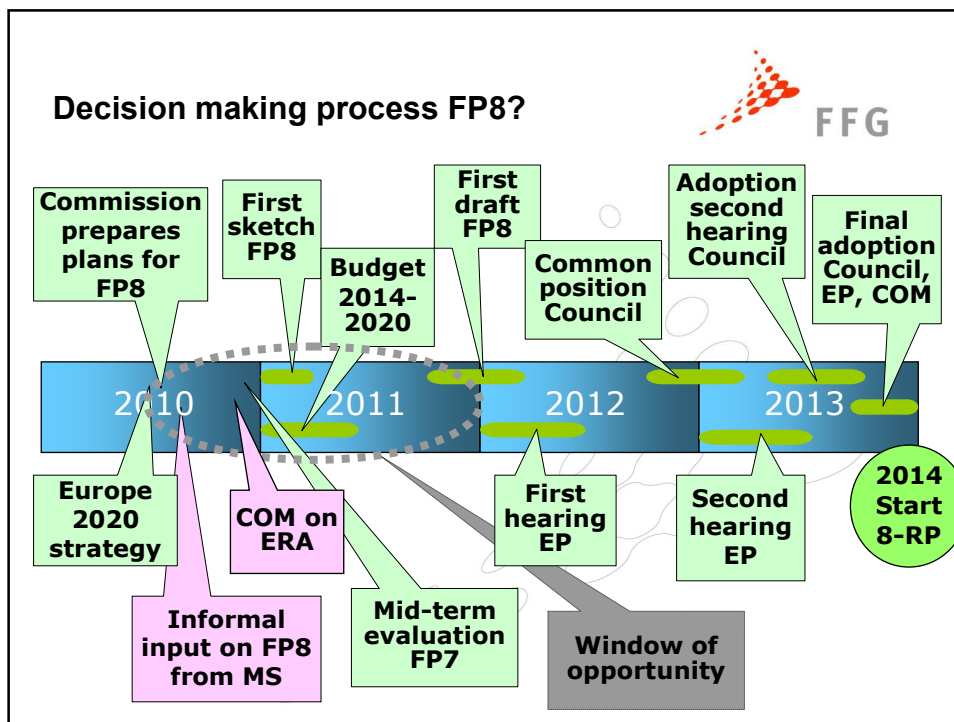


Our hopes



- More budget
- Clear structure
- Continuation and innovation
- Strong cooperation programme
- Maintenance of strong international orientation
- Real Simplification (based on trust)
- Consistent and transparent picture of European research goals and strategies
- The right instrument for the right challenge (e.g. Joint programming)







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