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# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme and EU- Vietnam Research Cooperation

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# What is the Framework Programme?

- **The main European instrument for funding research in Europe.** Its main aim is to enhance Europe's competitiveness and quality of life.
- **Its basic principles are:**
  - Scientific Excellence is the main criterion for funding decision
  - Largely open to International Cooperation
  - Calls for proposals open to all
  - The proposals are evaluated by external experts (peer review)
  - The participants are the owners of the results
  - Cost-sharing (full funding is exceptional)

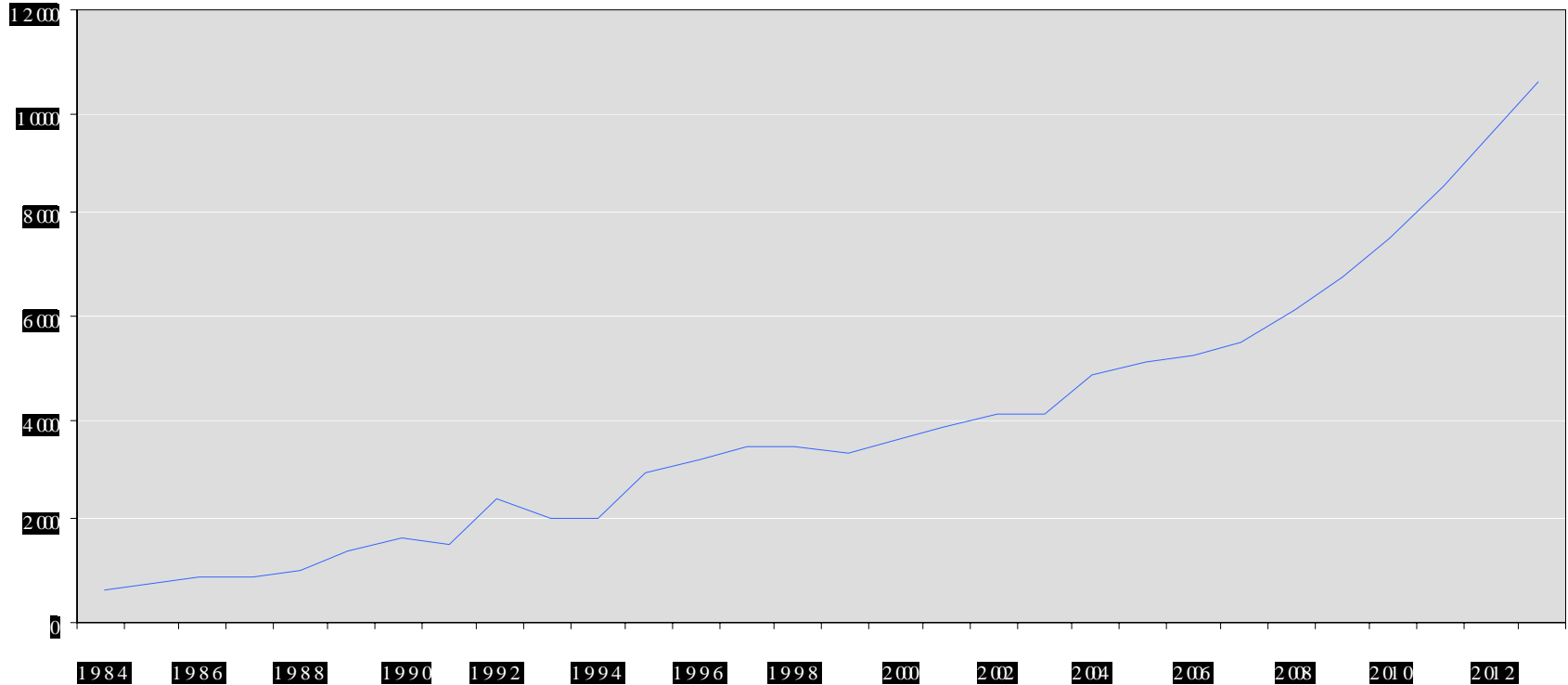


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# What is the Framework Programme's budget?

€million



500 Million € = 11.78 Billion VND





# Vietnam in the FP6

- **FP6 (2002-2006) was a channel for EU-Vietnam research cooperation**
  - Vietnamese researchers took part in 22 research cooperation projects, still a very low participation
  - These projects were concentrated in three areas, with a strong emphasis in development aspects:
    - Agriculture, food safety and food chain management, with extensive use of biotechnologies (9 projects)
    - Health: infectious diseases and Health policy (7 projects)
    - Environment: waste treatment, water management (5 projects)
  - The Vietnamese partners perceived more than 3,4M€ (80.000 MVND), of which 88% were financed by the European Commission.



# Vietnam in the FP6

- **Universities are the most active participants**

- Half of the partners which took part in FP6 projects were universities

- The most successful applicants were:

- Hanoi Agricultural University

- Cantho University

- Hanoi School of Public Health

- Research Institutes were also very active



# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: What is new?

- **Main new elements compared to FP6:**
  - Duration increased from five to seven years (2007-2013)
  - Total budget increased by 60%: 53 Billion€
  - Basic research (> €1 billion per year)
  - New structure: cooperation, ideas, people, capacities (+ Euratom and JRC activities)



# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: Structure

*Cooperation* – Collaborative research

*Ideas* – Frontier Research

*People* – Marie Curie Actions\*

*Capacities* – Research Capacity

\* <http://cordis.europa.eu/mariecurie-actions/>



# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: People Programme

- **Actions for promoting the international mobility of researchers, within and outside the EU**
- **Marie Curie fellowships:**
  - Outgoing fellowships: For Europeans who want to work in Vietnam
  - Incoming fellowships: For Vietnamese who want to work in the EU
    - At least 4 years after graduation (post doc)
    - Proposal submitted by the researcher together with the host organization
    - For 1 to 2 years
    - Salary plus contribution towards research related costs
    - Eventually 1-year return phase for researchers from Vietnam





# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: People Programme

- **The “Scientific Visa”**: The EU is facilitating the long-term stay (more than 3 months) of foreign researchers through simplified visa procedures
- Legislation adopted at EU level in 2005: Member States are currently transposing to national legislation
- The **“Hosting Agreement”** is a contract to certify the researcher's status (possession of scientific skills, financial means and health insurance). On the basis of this contract, and with standard conditions, the immigration authorities will rapidly deliver the residence permit.





# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: Cooperation Programme

## Nine themes

1. Health
  2. Food, agriculture and biotechnology
  3. Information and communication technologies
  4. Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies
  5. Energy
  6. Environment (including climate change)
  7. Transport (including aeronautics)
  8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
  9. Security and space
- Euratom: Fusion energy research, nuclear fission and radiation protection



# 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Programme: International Cooperation

- **Vietnamese partners can participate in FP7:**
  - ➔ All calls are open to the participation of third countries. Coming from an International Cooperation Partner Country (ICPC), Vietnamese partners are entitled to receive funding. Some calls will specifically target Regions or countries.
  - ➔ A new instrument: Specific International Cooperation Actions (SICA): at least 2 partners from 2 MS + at least 2 partners from the third country/ies targeted.
- **2 main principles guide International Cooperation:**

**Support competitiveness  
through strategic partnerships  
with third countries in selected  
fields**

**Address specific challenges  
that third countries face or  
that have a global character,  
on the basis of mutual interest  
and mutual benefit**



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