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Introduction

- Introduction to the EU
- Brussels and the work of the NWHBO
- The European Public Health Programme
- The European Research Programme
- Bid and project development





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Part 1: The European Union



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Brussels Decision Making The Main Players

- Commission
- European Parliament
- Council





The Commission

What is it?

- From Nov: 25 Commissioners (1 from each Member State). Appointed not elected
- Commissioners collectively known as “College”. Headed by President Barroso.
- 10,000 Commission officials - divided into Directorates (roughly equivalent to ministries)



The Commission

What does it do?

- Sole right of initiative to propose legislation
- Power to make secondary legislation
- Responsible for day to day running of the EU (Chairs Management and Regulatory committees - eg. Standing Committee on Foodstuffs)
- ‘Guardian of the Treaties’



European Parliament

- MEPs directly elected for 5 years
- 732 Members - 78 UK
- Meets in Brussels and Strasbourg
- Powers vary according to treaty provisions



EP Procedures

Co-decision

Co-operation

- Parliament has two readings
- If Parliament and Council cannot agree, there is Conciliation
- Parliament could block legislation
- Parliament gives its opinion on proposal
- Council cannot adopt until EP has done so
- Council has final say



The Council of Ministers

- Various Council formats (e.g. Health, Agriculture)
- Adopts primary legislation (with EP)
- Chaired by country holding Presidency
- Ministerial meetings held in Brussels and Luxembourg
- Supported by Secretariat



Council of Ministers

- Ministers and Commissioners
- Frequency of Meetings Determined by Amount of Business
- Political Forum
- “A” points and “B” points





Qualified Majority Voting

• DE, FR, IT, UK	29
• ES, POL	27
• NL	13
• B, GR, P, H, CZ	12
• A, SW	10
• DK, IRL, SF, SK, LI,	7
• LA, SV, EE, C, LX	4
• M	3
• Total	321
• Qualified Majority	232



Health Policy

- Art 152 - Public Health competence
- Member States retain responsibility for the organisation and delivery of health services
- Current priorities
 - Paediatric Medicines Regulation
 - Obesity/nutrition
 - HIV/AIDS
 - WTD and Services Directive
 - Possible - tobacco, alcohol





Some Service and Workforce issues 2005

- Structural Funds post-2006
 - Access to funding and extent of funding (Merseyside to see approx 40% reduction in EU funding)
- Paediatric Medicines Directive
- International Health Regulations
- Human Tissues Directive
- Further services development
 - Higher productivity and job creation
- Initiatives on electronic data storage on citizens
- Proposed legislation on safety of services
- Extend health information systems





Some Public Health issues 2005

- EU Alcohol Strategy
- Regulations on Nutrition and Health Claims
- New Social Policy agenda post-2006
- Environmental thematic strategies
- Protection from health crises
- Access to basic services:
 - Health/ food safety/ education/ transport/ consumer safety/ clean and healthy environment
- New Action Plan on Drugs
- WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco
- Harmonisation of food safety for imports
- Harmonising testing and control of chemical and biological contaminants
- Impact assessments across EU policies





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Part 2: Brussels and the work of the NWHBO



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Brussels

- EU institutions
- Member States
- Regions*
- Lobbying organisations





Work of NWHBO

- Intelligence
- Lobbying
- Networking





Office Activity

- EU funding applications
- North West-based events
- Brussels-based events
- Intelligence
- Partnerships
- Legislation





EU Funding Applications

- Early intelligence
- Liaison and lobbying
- Developing transnational relationships
- Bid-writing support
- Managing successful transnational partnerships





North West-based Events

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Promotion
- Partnership development



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Brussels-based Events

- European institutions visits
- Joint lobbying activities
- Briefings with European Health actors
- Placements and work experience exchanges
- Partnership development
- Other international support





Opportunities for engagement

- Ongoing legislation: asking EP to table amendments
- New legislation: responding to consultations
- Ongoing funding: NWHBO support
- New funding: lobbying the Commission, relationship development with other regions
- Opportunities for best practice and shared solutions to common problems
- Early intervention to ensure legislation does not impact adversely



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Part 3: The European Public Health Programme



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Public Health Programme 2006

- Influencing scope of areas to be funded
- ‘Big is beautiful’ so process should begin as soon as possible
- Dialogue with other EU regions/actors for project ideas





Five initial action programmes

- Cancer
- Aids and communicable diseases
- Health promotion
- Drug dependency
- Health monitoring





The Three Subsequent Programmes

- Accidents and injuries
- Rare diseases
- Pollution-related diseases





Public Health Programme 2003-2008: three strands of action

1. Improving information for the development of public health
 - » health status
 - » health systems
 - » (i.e. implementation of Health Monitoring Programme)



Public Health Programme 2003-2008: three strands of action

2. Reacting rapidly to threats to health

- » surveillance, swift analysis and investigation, site visits
- » rapid response, including co-ordination at EU level





Public Health Programme 2003-2008: three strands of action

3. Tackling health determinants through health promotion and disease prevention

- » incorporation of existing programmes
- » increasing focus on ageing process, mental disorders, nutrition and obesity, CVD, drugs-related damage, socially excluded groups, health rights of citizens, problems of accession countries.





Strand 2: Health Threats 2004/2005 submission

- Improving surveillance systems/covering emerging diseases
- Exchanging info on vaccination/immunisation strategies
- Health security and preparedness
- Safety of blood, tissues and cells, and organs
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Networking of laboratories
- Capacity building amongst field epidemiologists





Strand 2: Health Threats Project example

- Title: European Surveillance of Travel Associated Legionnaires' Disease (2003 funded)
- Lead partner: HPA, Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre
- 38 partners in 26 countries
- 36 months starting 02/01/2004
- €1,802,272 (€1,009,813 from EU)
- Method: electronic database and training programme





How to be successful

- Develop strong local partnerships
- Engage with local organisations who have EU experience
- Seek to develop long term partnerships with EU organisations who have similar expectations / outlooks
- Ensure activity rooted within mainstream work
- Ensure commitment throughout organisation
- Ensure your application demonstrates added value for EU as a whole





Public Health Programme 2003-2008

- Average project value = €300,000 p/a
- Average no. of partners = +15
- Next round = end of 2005
- Luxembourg info day
- Project development needs to start now





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Part 4: The European Research Programme



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European Research Programme FP6 2002-2006

- Started early 1980s and in 1990s became 'FPs'
- Each programme runs for 4 years
- Projects continue long after programme ends
- FP6 divided into subprogrammes
 - 7 research priorities
 - 10 smaller programmes
- One Call for Proposals per sub-programme per year





FP6 Research Priorities (69% of total budget)

1. Genomics and Biotechnology for Health (2255m€)
2. Information Society Technologies (3625m€)
3. Nano Multi-functional Processes (1300m€)
4. Aeronautics and Space (1075m€)
5. Food Quality and Safety (685m€)
6. Sustainable Development, Global Change and Ecosystems (2120m€)
7. Citizen's Governance Knowledge Society (225m€)



FP6 Cross-cutting programmes



1. Specific Activities 1300m € :
 - Supporting policies and anticipating needs 555m €
 - Horizontal research areas involving SMEs 430m €
 - Specific measures in support of international coop 315m €

2. Structuring of the European Research Area 2605m €
 - Research and Innovation 290m €
 - Researcher Mobility 1580m €
 - Research Infrastructures 655m €
 - Science and Society 80m €

3. Strengthening the Foundations of ERA 320m €
 - Coordination of European Research 270m €
 - Networking of National Research Activities 50m €





FP6 Instruments

1. Integrated Projects: Large research projects
>10m€ for 15 to 20 partners
2. Networks of Excellence: Large research networks
>10m€ for 15 to 20 partners
3. Article 169: Coordinated National Programmes
4. Targeted Research Programmes (STREPS): Small
research projects approx. 2m€ for 8 to 10
partners

FP6 Instruments cont.

1. Coordinated Actions: Networks of researchers for approx. 30 partners
2. Specific Support Actions: Service contracts for workshops/studies for 1 partner
3. Marie Curie Fellowships: Funding for mobility of researchers for 1 partner (though can also be training networks involving more partners)
4. CRAFT/Collective Research: Research for Small Enterprises for 8 to 10 partners
5. Research Infrastructures: Funding to access RIs for 1 partner

Priorities in detail

Genomics and Biotechnology for Health

- Genomics and its applications for health
- Applications of knowledge/technologies in genomics and biotechnology for health
- Combating major diseases
 - CVD/diabetes/rare diseases
 - Resistance to antibiotics and other drugs
 - The brain and nervous system
 - Human development and aging
 - Cancer
 - Poverty-linked diseases

Priorities in detail

Information Society Technologies

- Applied research addressing major socio-economic changes
- Information that is put into the information system
- Communication Technologies

Nano Programme

- Applications in health and environment

Priorities in detail

Food Quality and Safety

- Epidemiology of food-related diseases and allergies
- Impact of food on health
- ‘Traceability’ processes along production chain
- Methods of analysis, detection and control
- Safer/environmentally friendly production methods and healthier foodstuffs
- Impact of animal feed on human health
- Environmental health risks



Priorities in detail

Supporting policies and anticipating Community needs

- Policy-oriented Research
 - Sustainable management of resources
 - Providing health, security and opportunity to the people of Europe
 - [public health issues/ terrorism]
 - Underpinning the economic potential of a larger Europe
- NEST (New and Emerging Scientific/Technological Problems/Opportunities)



FP6 2002 - 2006

- Proposed projects should look to solve identified EU policy problems
- Evaluators need to be educated: the project content must be scientific, political, economic and social
- Look at previous programmes (FP5 etc) - currently FP6 aims to solve big problems using technology
- Focus on deliverables, users and routes for exploitation



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Part 5: Putting together a project proposal



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Step 1

Assess whether value in bidding

- Fit to fund - project core vs. fund core
- Fit to strategy/opportunity cost of bid
- Eligibility conditions
- Funder preferences
- Timing
- Success chances
- Difficulty
- Budget



Step 2

- Core idea - solution to problem(s)
- Assemble summary
- Consider aim/end/outputs
- Map means/inputs/activity/expertise/partnership
- Visual map of above elements?
- Assess shape of project: phases and strands



Budget

- Start early
- Secure own formal commitment
- Pin down different cost cultures
- Consider different budget lines
- Build in slack
- Include operational costs
- Check management of cash flow
- View budget as a delivery method



Common budget errors

- Staff on-costs
- Inflation
- Accommodation
- Travel/special equipment/marketing
- Support costs
- Appropriate costs for evaluation and other generic needs
- Match-funding



Typical Questions

Summary

Need

Theme

Activity

Beneficiaries

Results

Partnership

Location

Innovation

Links and Added Value

Value for money

Sustainability



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Conclusions - successful European funding

- Start early
- Strong partnerships and leadership
- Lobbying if possible - aim for 'gap'
- Diversity amongst partners (size, country, rural/urban)
- 'Big is beautiful' for PHP
- European 'added value'