

# Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU

## 12 years of activity



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

12 years have passed since the Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU was established. We have supported your participation in the FP5, FP6 and FP7 by organizing for you more than 4 000 meetings, information days and workshops. We have provided more than 60 000 consultations and have published 200 guides and information brochures. We have supported the preparation of thousands of proposals. Moreover, the Polish NCP has contributed to several strategic initiatives such as development of the Centres of Excellence, Centres for Advanced Technologies, programming of Structural Funds, development of Regional Innovation Strategies, Polish Technology Platforms, technology clusters and many others.

Polish participation in the Framework Programmes (ranked between the 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> position among EU-27) can be considered as quite successful. As there are not just more than 4 000 project participants, but also scholarships, the access to new technologies, know-how, new business links and new experiences.

Today, we are facing two new challenges – a new Framework Programme “Horizon 2020” and the development of an integrated European Research Area. I am highly convinced that the experts of the Polish NCP will contribute to the successful implementation of these strategic initiatives, ensuring a strong position of Poland among leading countries.

Dr. Andrzej Siemaszko  
Director of the Polish NCP



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**POLISH NCP:**  
**ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR**  
**INFORMATION AND TRAINING,**  
**EXPERT GROUP, LIASON OFFICE**

Our mission: *to support the participation of Polish research institutions, enterprises and organisations in the Framework Programmes and technology initiatives of the EU*



## We started in 1996

In 1996 **Dr. Andrzej Siemaszko**, a participant in FP3 and FP4, together with **Dr. Jerzy Supel**, a pioneer of a wide use of the Internet for research purposes, set up the Innovation Transfer Centre at the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research PAS (IPPT PAN). The Centre obtained a significant support of the Director of the Institute, Prof. Michał Kleiber. It provided training for more than 2 000 people, in order to prepare them for the participation in the FP4. In 1999, the Centre won the call for the National Contact Point for FP5 organized by the State Comitee for Scientific Research (KBN). Since then, we have been building our expert team, which has won the calls for an NCP for FP6 and FP7 as well.

## NCP network

At the initial stage, the Polish participation in the Framework Programmes (FPs) was not sufficient. The State Comitee for Scientific Research (KBN) decided to establish a national network of contact points. Within the PHARE SCI-TECH project we obtained the support of our Austrian and German colleagues. As a result we now have a strong network of 10 Regional, 23 Thematic and 150 Local Contact Points. Together, we have organised thousands of information campaigns and training sessions in each region of Poland.

## Crystal Brussels Prize

Crystal Brussels Prize is an award given by the Polish NCP to the best Polish research institutions, companies and organizations that are particularly active in the Framework Programmes. This event was given the patronage of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Ministry of Economy. The Crystal Brussels Prize is awarded in 6 categories: higher education, Polish Academy of Sciences, RTD units, big, medium and small enterprises and the individual award. Moreover, three people, exceptionally important for the Framework Programmes have so far received a special award. These were – Prof. Manfred Horvat, Marek Darecki and Prof. Jerzy Buzek.



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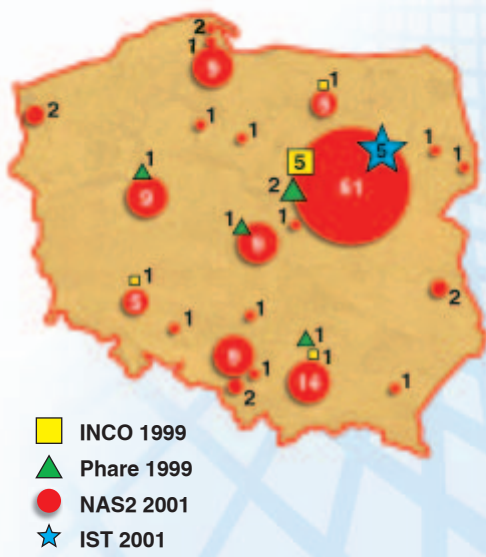
*Prof. Barbara Kudrycka, Minister of Science and Higher Education, Prof. Andrzej Kraszewski, Minister of Environment, Prof. Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament, Bożena Lublińska-Kasprzak, Chief Executive Officer of PARP at the Crystal Brussels Prize Ceremony, Katowice, 2010*

# Stairway to Excellence

In 2001 the Polish NCP initiated a big campaign in order to establish a system of centres of excellence (CoE) in the Candidate Countries. The EC launched a special 'NAS' call (dedicated to the Newly Associated States). Polish NCP organised the European Conference Launching the NAS Call. We also developed a special guide to preparation of CoE proposals. The NAS-2 call was a great success, as 64% of all projects that received financing were Polish.

**The CoE grants played a major role in improving Polish participation in the FP5 and FP6.**

## CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE



## Warsaw Conference Launching FP6



**2000 scientists from 24 European countries took part in the Warsaw Conference Launching FP6, which was held on 25–26 November, 2002 in Warsaw**



Source: NCP in Poland

*Prof. Michał Kleiber, Minister of Science and Information Technologies, Dr. Jan Krzysztof Frąckowiak, Deputy Minister of Science and Information Technologies, Christian Pattermann, Director DG Research – the European Commission, Dr. Andrzej Siemaszko, Director of Polish NCP*



Source: NCP in Poland

*Aleksander Kwaśniewski, President of the Republic of Poland and Prof. Michał Kleiber, Minister of Science and Information Technologies*

## Polish Technology Platforms

During FP6, following the European Technology Platforms (ETPs), our NCP launched the process of developing Polish Technology Platforms (PTPs) that would be counterparts to the European ones. First of those platforms were set up in 2004. Today, we have more than 20 operating PTPs. The PTPs bring together key industrial players, enterprises, enterprise associations and agencies, research institutions and higher education institutions. The idea behind the PTPs is to facilitate the cooperation with the ETPs, especially in the area of the European Strategic Research Agendas and Joint Technology Initiatives. Moreover, the PTPs cooperate closely with the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR) in defining and performing strategic national research programmes.



Source: NCP in Poland

*Waldemar Pawlak,  
Deputy Prime Minister,  
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Prof. Maria E. Orłowska,  
Deputy Minister of Science  
and Higher Education,  
Prof. Michał Kleiber,  
President of the Polish  
Academy of Sciences,  
Prof. Jerzy Buzek, Member  
of the European Parliament,  
Christos Tokamanis, Head  
of Unit DG Research – the  
European Commission  
at the Polish Technology  
Platform Congress,  
Warsaw, 2008*

## EURAXESS for mobile scientists

Since 2004 the Polish NCP has been coordinating the Polish Network of 10 Information Centres for scientists and host institutions. The network supports international mobility of scientists by providing free of charge information on legal and administrative issues. These services are available as well at the Euraxess website ([www.euraxes.pl](http://www.euraxes.pl)). It also offers services like searching for research positions and scholarships. Furthermore, we are a member of the European Euraxess network which consists of more than 200 contact points in 38 European countries.



Polish Council for Research Projects Coordinators (KRAB) was founded in 2007 with the support of the Polish NCP. It is an association bringing together coordinators and managers of research projects financed within the Framework Programmes. KRAB

is a platform for exchange of best practices on Polish participation within the FPs. Additionally, it hosts meetings and symposia on research projects and provides expert's opinions. Moreover, KRAB supports training of future research project managers in Poland. More information is available at: [www.krab.edu.pl](http://www.krab.edu.pl)

# Warsaw Conference Launching FP7



Almost 1500 scientists from 17 EU countries and 5 neighbouring ICPC countries took part in the Warsaw Conference Launching FP7 on 15–17 November, 2006 in Warsaw.

*Prof. Krzysztof J. Kurzydłowski,  
Deputy Minister of  
Science and Higher  
Education*



Source: NCP in Poland



Together with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and the Ministry of Economy, the Polish NCP is an organizer of many FP7 international conferences during the Polish Presidency of the EU. Our main goal during these events is to promote the Polish R&D sector and to increase our participation in the FPs. Moreover, we would like to use this opportunity to promote our ideas and contribute to the upcoming **Horizon 2020** programme.



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Polish Minister of Science and  
Higher Education, Androulla  
Vassiliou, European  
Commissioner for Education,  
Culture, Multilingualism  
and Youth, Dr. Andrzej  
Siemaszko, Director of  
Polish NCP, the Marie Curie  
Researchers Symposium  
“SCIENCE – Passion,  
Mission, Responsibilities”,  
Warsaw, 2011*

*Dr. Andrzej Siemaszko, Anna  
Wiśniewska, Directors of  
the Polish NCP, Jordi Curell  
Director, DG Education and  
Culture EC, the Celebration of  
the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marie  
Curie Actions, Warsaw, 2011*

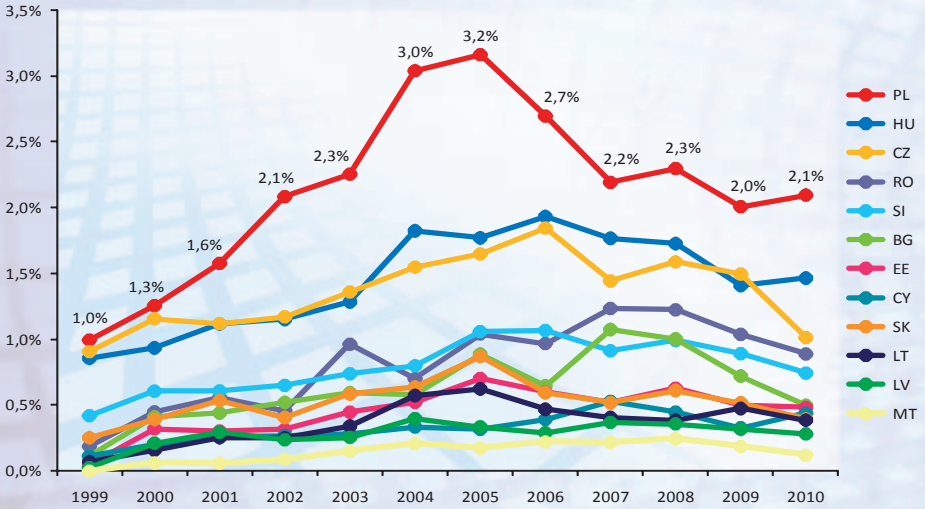


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# Polish results after 12 years

**So far more than 4200 beneficiaries including 515 coordinators have obtained almost € 550 Million in Framework Programmes.**

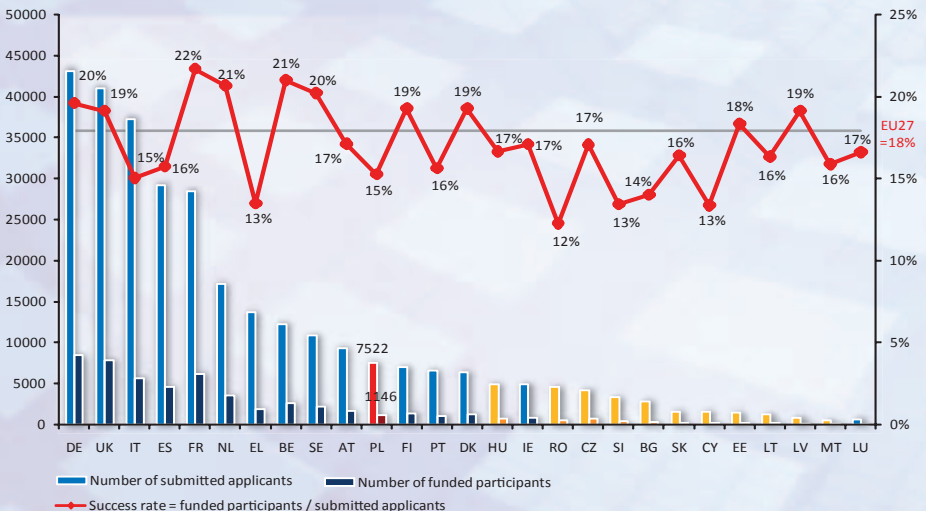
Poland is the strongest player among EU12 countries in terms of participation (2.1% of all participants from EU27):



*...our cooperation began when I was appointed MP rapporteur for the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme in the European Parliament. I highly value your service, ideas and commitment. I wish you next twelve years of even more fruitful work for the sake of Polish and European science.*

Jerzy Buzek



In FP7, Poland is ranked between the 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> position in participation and budget share among the EU27:



More info about FP projects with Polish coordination and participation is available at the Success Stories website: <http://en.kpk.gov.pl/>

## 12 years of our services

**Our 12-year activity is best presented by the following indicators:**

- we have supported Polish scientists in the 3 FPs:  
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- over **1 000 000 @ e-mails** have been exchanged with Polish partners;
- we have conducted over **60 000**  **consultations**;
- we have stamped and sent **50 000**  **letters**, which have reached most distant locations in many European countries;
- we have supported many Polish organizations via  phone consultancy for more than **1 500 000 minutes in total**;
- we have organized more than **1000 events** and participated in **3000 as experts**;
- our **www** pages have been visited more than **10 000 000 times**;
- we have prepared more than **200 publications**.



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