

Seventh Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration activities (2007-2013)

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The Council approved, by a large majority, a partial general approach on the seventh framework programme (2007-2013) and Euratom (2007-2011). The approach will form the basis of future discussions following the opinion of the European Parliament and taking account of results relating to the EU's Financial Perspective covering the years 2007-2013. The Council debate was based on a compromise text proposed by the Presidency, which focused on the following issues:

- Adequate support for small and medium-sized enterprises and their participation on research projects.
- The implementation arrangements for the proposed European Research Council.

The more comprehensive proposals set out in the “specific programmes” will be discussed in greater detail by the Council.