

GTCs and Research: Exploring possibilities

Forum

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► The EU Committee of the Regions

Political assembly of the European Union
Representing local and regional government



EU legislation



Europe
Closer to citizens
Subsidiarity



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▶ The CoR and EU decision-making



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PROPOSAL



European Parliament

CODECISION



Council of the EU

DECISION



**European Economic &
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▶ CoR research-related opinions

European Research Area

Cohesion Policy

Framework Programme

Innovation & Development

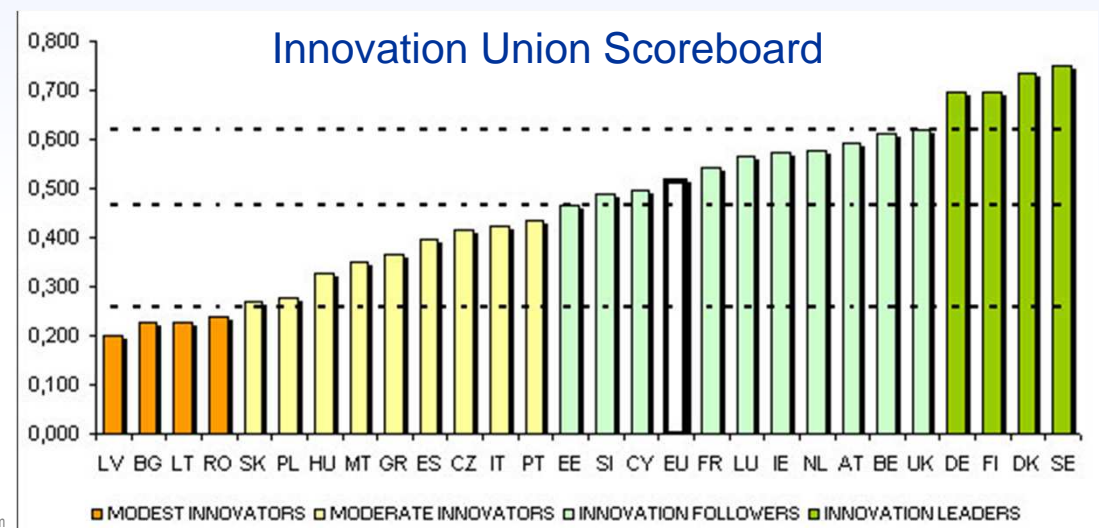
► CoR recent opinions – Simplifying the FP

- more holistic governance approach to R&D policy structures at EU, national and sub-national levels
- research capacities and absorption potential: ‘hubs of competence’ linked to ‘poles of excellence’
- trust-based approach
- ...
- Document: CdR 230-2010



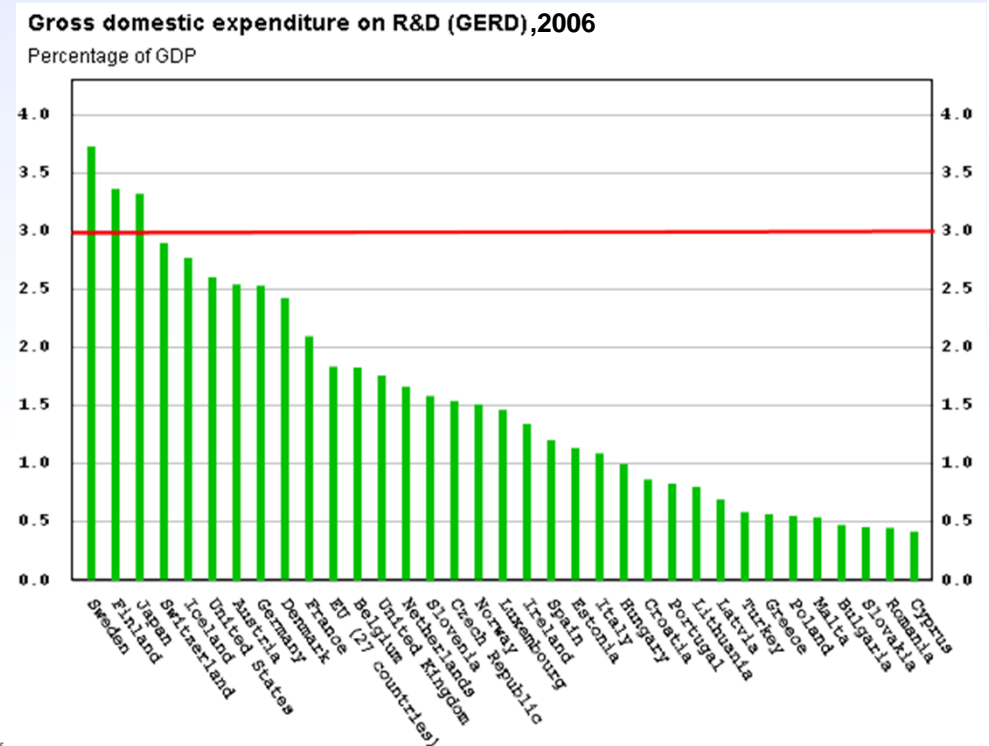
► CoR recent opinions – Innovation Union (draft)

- Strategic approach to innovation chain
- Promising areas of comparative advantage (smart regional specialisation strategies)
- Public sector innovation
- Synergies between EU policies supporting research and innovation
- ...
- Document: CdR 373-2010



► CoR recent opinions – Green paper on the FP (draft)

- Common strategic framework
- Synergies between research/innovation and cohesion policies
- Social and environmental innovation
- Clusters
- Procurement
- EGTC
- ...
- Document: CdR 67-2011



► Networks and Activities of the CoR

Europe 2020 Monitoring Platform



Subsidiarity Monitoring Network

European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation



Covenant of Mayors



Open Days

European Week of
Regions and Cities



▶ European Groupings for Territorial Cooperation - role



- Coordination and joint planning of research policy.
- Joint implementation of strategies.
- Pooling resources to develop economies of scale.
- Integration of research policy in a wider joint strategy of growth and competitiveness.

▶ The EGTC Platform



- Who? EGTCs constituted and in process of constitution, experts, and organisations of support (public administrations, associations).
- Launched in Brussels the 28 January 2011
- Online forum: www.cor.europa.eu/egtc
- Contact: egtc@cor.europa.eu

▶ European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)

- **Legal personality**
 - *based on EU law*
 - *recognised in all EU Member States*
- **Establish and operate together a research infrastructure**
 - *1st ERIC status: cross-border research databank on population ageing “SHARE”*
 - *8 more ERIC requests expected*

▶ Good practice exchanges – facilitated by the CoR

■ **EDUC study visit to Cantabria University**

→ *sustainable energy,*

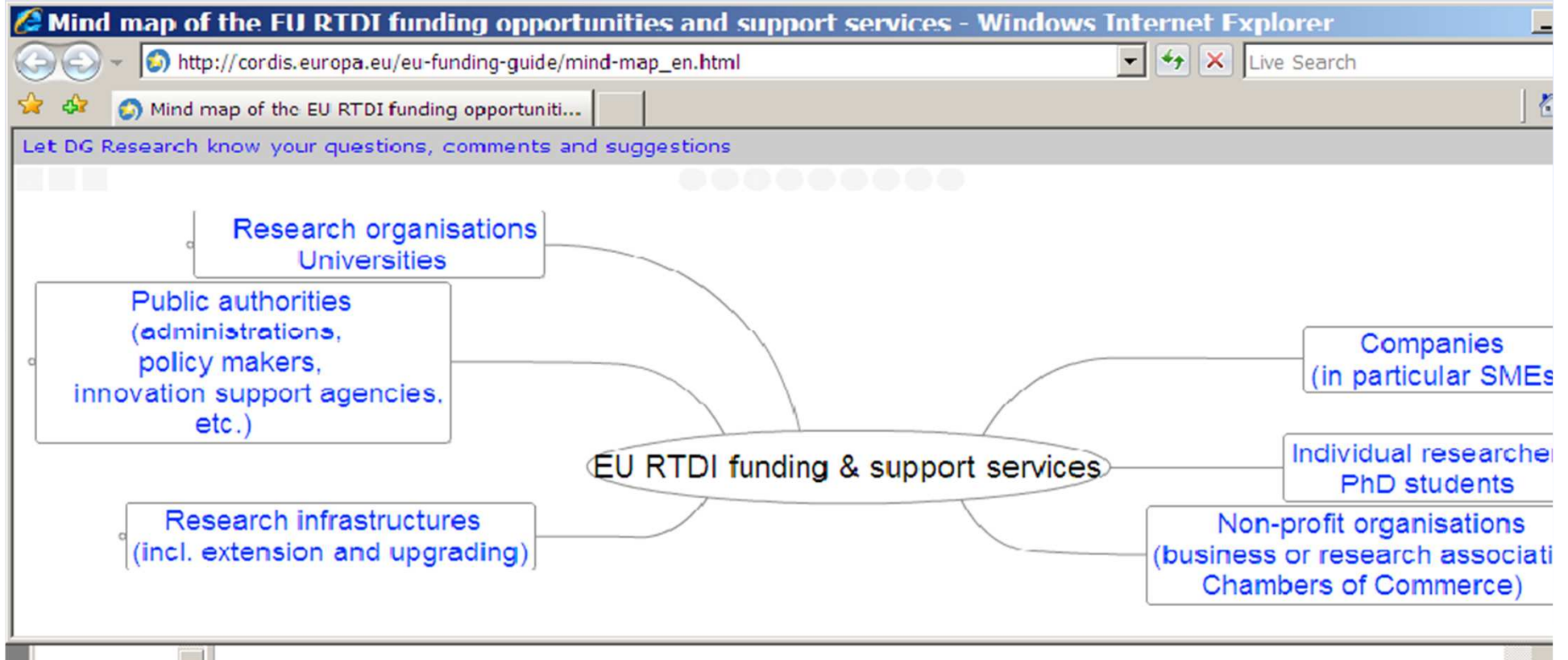
→ *water*

→ *heritage*

■ **EDUC conference in Athens, 2010**

→ *collaboration - universities and local authorities*

► Practical guide to EU funding for R&I: synergies



available online

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- Research Framework Programme
 - strengthen scientific/technological base
- Competitiveness & Innovation programme
 - encourage competitiveness of enterprises
- Cohesion policy
 - reduce disparities in development level among regions and Member States

▶ European Territorial Co-operation objective

- Cross-border cooperation
 - neighbouring small-scale border regions
- Trans-national cooperation
 - neighbouring large scale areas
- Interregional
 - cooperation: INTERREG IV C
 - networking/exchange: URBACT

▶ Listen to your views

- Cross border RDI cooperation
 - Opportunities
 - Challenges
 - Directions
- Other views



▶ Further information

❖ http://cordis.europa.eu/eu-funding-guide/rel-info_en.html

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/crossborder/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/transnat/index_en.htm

www.interreg4c.eu

<http://urbact.eu>

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