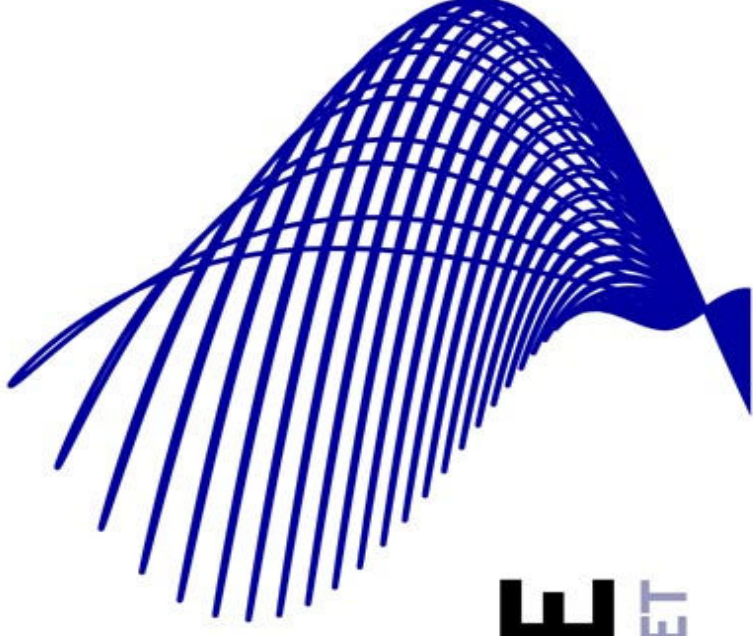




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**Joint Programming to promote collaborative research in the
Social Sciences**

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NORFACE: New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe

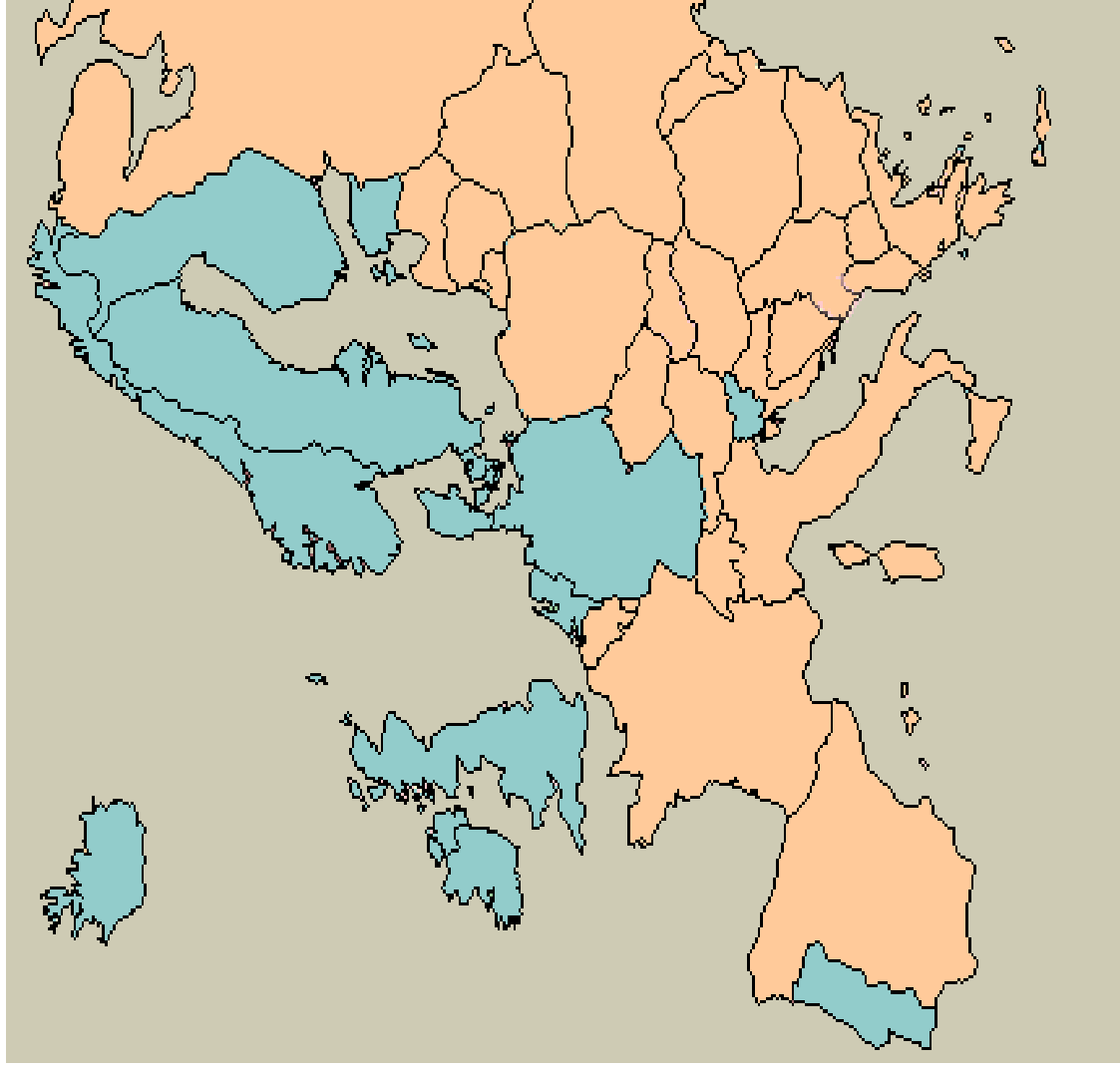
- a Strategy for Social Science

2004-2009

Strategic objectives

- the development of a durable **partnership** in research funding policy and practice between the partner organisations
- increasing co-operation between national programmes and **developing a transnational research programme between** the partner organisations

12 partners: FI, NO, SE, UK, DK, IS, IE, DE, EE, PT, NL, SI;
Associate partners: AT, FR, CA



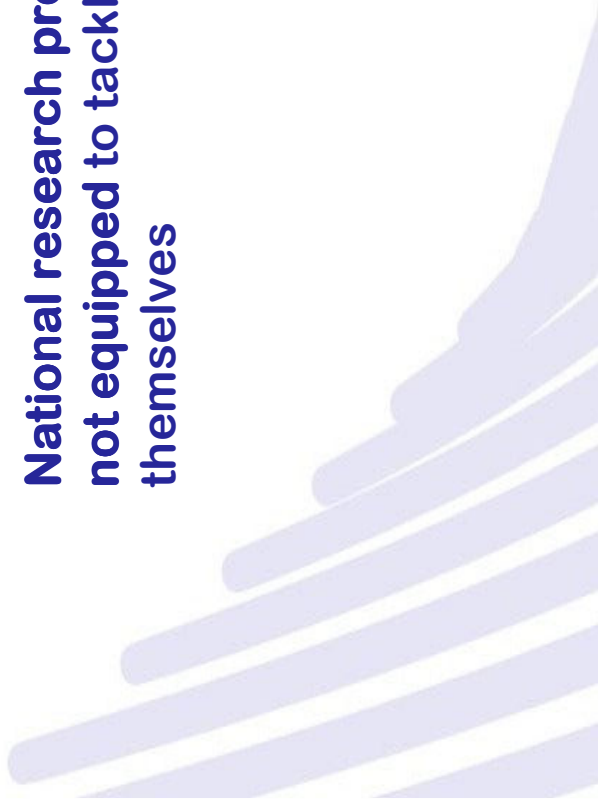
EU: Joint Programming - 1

Key Challenges :

Science and Technology must contribute to solving major societal challenges

Benefits not optimised due to compartmentalisation of public research funding in the EU

National research programmes have their place... but are not equipped to tackle major European societal problems by themselves



EU: Joint Programming - 2

Response to challenges:

Commission Communication on Joint Programming in research (July 2008)

Definition : Member States engaging

Voluntary and on the basis of variable geometry

...in the definition, development and implementation of common strategic research agendas

...based on a common vision on how to address major societal challenges



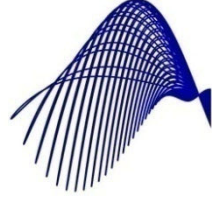
EU: Joint Programming - 3

It is a concept which

- involves collaboration between existing national programmes or the setting up of entirely new ones.
- aims at putting together resources, selecting or developing the most appropriate instruments (including eventually Community ones), and collectively monitoring and reviewing progress.
- is a partnership between Member States, Associated States and the Commission; the Commission acts as a facilitator.



Research funding activities

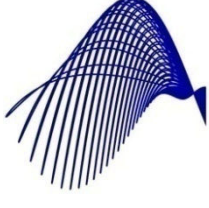


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- Seminar series (720.000 €)
 - 2005: *Security Challenges; Science Policy and Science in Society*
 - 2006: *Immigration and Demographic Challenges in Europe; Social Aspects of Language Diversity*
 - 2007: *Politics and Evidence Based Knowledge; Transforming Europe – the Consequences of Globalisation*
- Pilot programme - 2006 (5,4 million €)
 - Re-emergence of religion as a Social Force in Europe?*
- Pilot on capacity building – 2007
- Transnational programme – 2008 (23 million €)
 - Migration in Europe*

Strategic activities

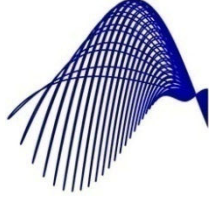
- Comparative analysis of partner organisation
- Data and research infrastructures
- Participation of ethnic minorities in social sciences
- The impact of language to international research co-operation
- Opening up to transnational participation
- Design of new transnational funding instruments



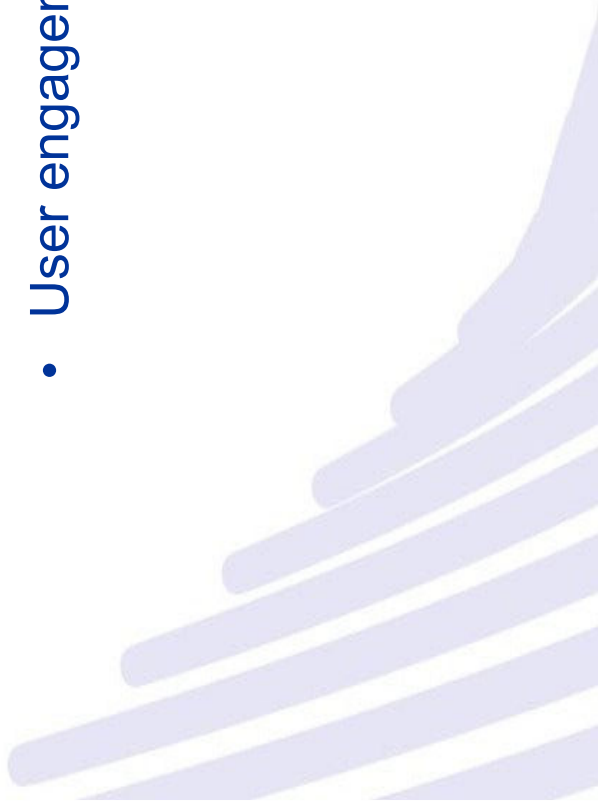
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Best practice studies

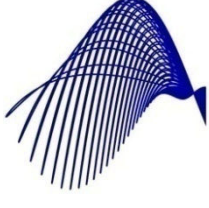
- Evaluation and peer review of research
- Promotion of gender equality in research
- Programme development and management
- Priority setting and development of new initiatives
- User engagement



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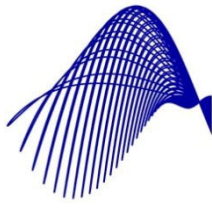
Planning criteria for programmes



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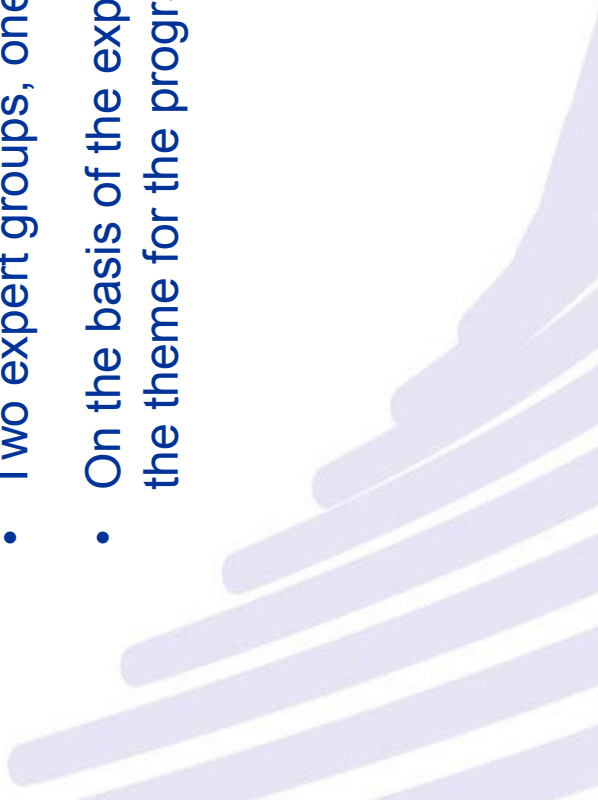
- “Common pot” funding model enables the funding of the best projects (excellence)
- Common peer review
- “Researcher friendly” and transparent
- “One stop shop” for researchers
- Same rules apply to all projects – general terms and conditions of grants, reporting and monitoring
- The projects are ‘real’ joint projects, not separate national projects

NORFACE Programme - theme planning

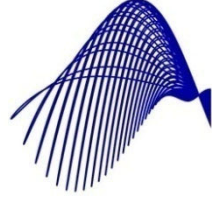


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- NORFACE partner countries invited to send in suggestions for themes
- Three clusters of themes emerged
- Two themes 'migration' and 'conflict' were chosen for further development
- Two expert groups, one for each theme, were nominated
- On the basis of the expert groups' reports Migration was chosen as the theme for the programme



NORFACE Research programme: Implementation



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‘Real common pot’ funding – 23 million EUR + ?

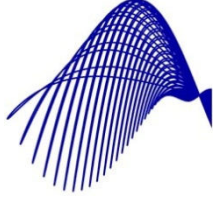
Project requirements:

- Each application must include research teams in at least **three** or more different NORFACE countries
- Research teams from non-NORFACE countries can participate as co-operation partners, but will not be funded from “common pot”
- Minimum funding per project is **500.000 €** and maximum **4.000.000 €**
- Maximum duration is **48 months**

Two-stage procedure:

- outline proposals – 10 September 2008
- full proposals - 30 January 2009

NORFACE Programme – call results

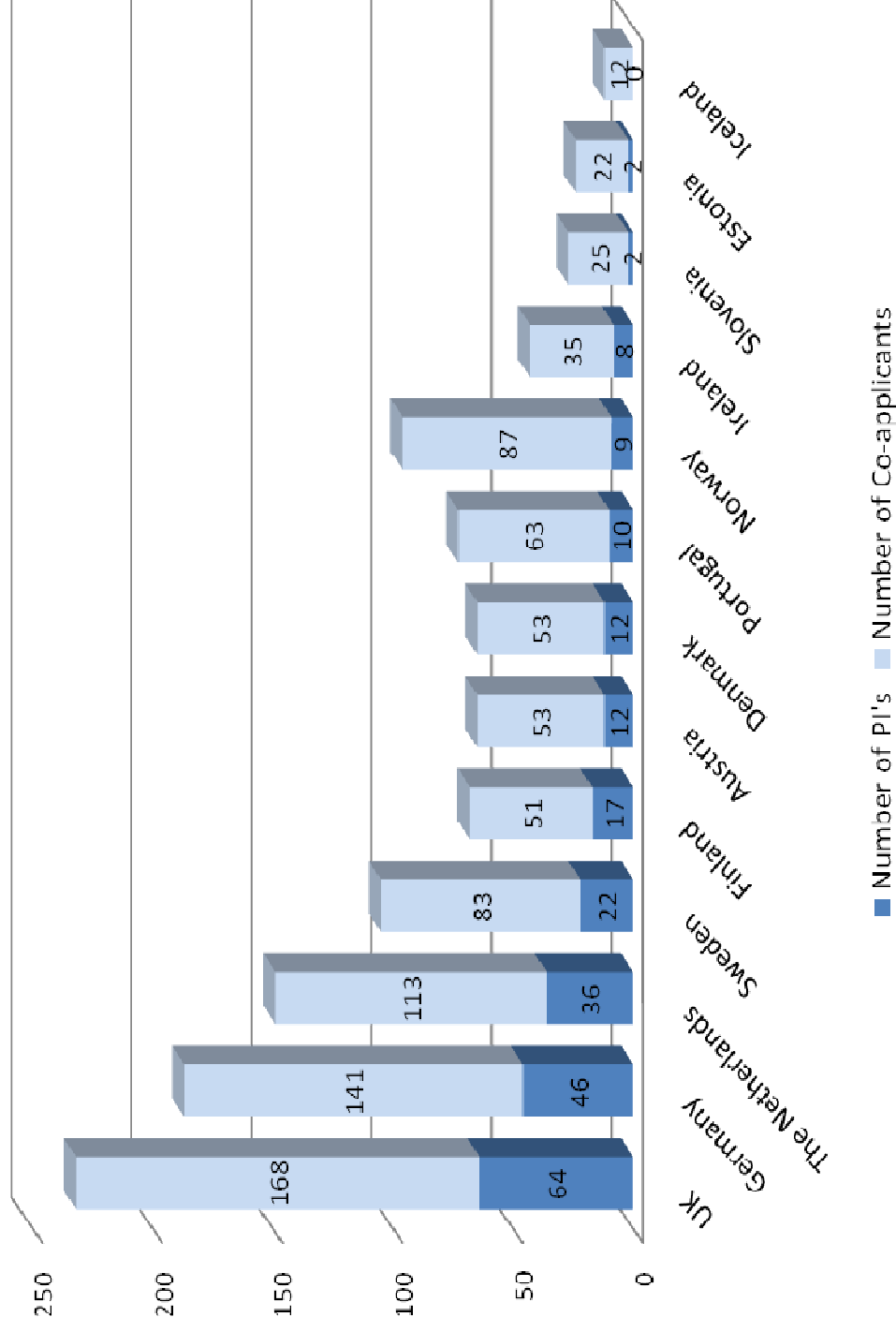


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- 240 outline proposals received
- 237 proposals were eligible
- Total amount of funding requested was over EUR 400.000.000



Participants in NORFACE countries



Non-NORFACE countries /Co-operation partners	Number of CO-partners
Canada	38
France	26
Italy	7
Poland	7
Switzerland	6
USA	6
Belgium	3
Hungary	3
Latvia	3
Romania	3
Spain	2
Sweden	2
Turkey	2
Ukraine	2
Australia, Belarus, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Greece, Lithuania, Moldova, New Zealand, Nigeria	1

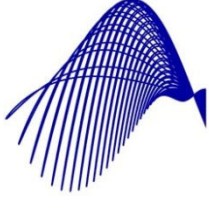
‘Real’ common pot funding - requirements

Necessary:

- trust
- transparency
- commitment

Desirable:

- ‘step by step’ implementation
- similar type of funding agencies
- scientific coordination activities for funded projects



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