PANEL: From Framework Programme 7 to Horizon 2020

ABSTRACT
This panel will discuss the strength and weaknesses of the Portuguese participation on the FP7 ICT Theme. We will also discuss and identify possible strategies for increase the success rate of the Portuguese institutions in submission to the new framework programme, Horizon 2020, starting in January 2014 running until 2020.

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K.6.1 [Project and People Management]: Management techniques

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1. INTRODUCTION
The participation of Portuguese institutions in FP7 Cooperation programme for the ICT Theme [2] has gathered a total of 86.48 M€, which corresponds around 1.41% of the total EU financing for this Theme. The statistical analysis of the Portuguese participation indicate that the majority of institutions that participate in the FP7 ICT programme have been Research Institutions, although the participation of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) is high compared with other themes. Still, we can identify a decrease in the financial contribution gathered by the Portuguese institutions in the last 2 years of the ICT calls.

In the beginning of 2014, a new financial instrument will start, the Horizon 2020 [1]. Running from 2014 to 2020 with an €80 billion budget, the EU’s new programme for research and innovation is part of the drive to create new growth and jobs in Europe. Horizon 2020 (H2020) will implement the Innovation Union, a Europe 2020 flagship initiative aimed at securing Europe's global competitiveness. H2020 will be complemented by further measures to complete and further develop the European Research Area by 2014. These measures will aim at breaking down barriers to create a genuine single market for knowledge, research and innovation.

This panel will discuss the weaknesses and strengths of the Portuguese participation in FP7 utilizing multiple Key Principal Indicators (KPIs). We will also benefit from the experience of Portuguese FP7 coordinators that will be able to present a set of good practices and alerts related to the way projects should be written and executed.

We will also present what is known at this moment for the Horizon 2020, giving particular attention to the ICT Theme. We will identify the best strategy for the Portuguese participation and the interaction between the ICT other themes of H2020.

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