

Experiences and tools

Title:	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Topic: 1. Practices for fostering higher participation in EU research funding programmes 2. Upgrading the system of Research and Innovation	1
Country:	Austria
Geographic level (regional or national)	National
Organisation (Please include here the name and some background information).	The Austrian Research and Promotion Agency is a national organisation for industrial research and development in Austria.
What were the aims of the experience/tool?	<p>The role of the agency is to strengthen the position of Austrian research organisations with regard to their role in European and international research programmes such as FP7. The mission statement is as follows <i>“Our aim is to make a lasting contribution to the strength of the Austrian economy. As part of the Austrian innovation system, we help Austria’s business and science sectors to remain competitive both nationally and internationally”</i></p> <p>With regard to FP7, the agency offers comprehensive information and assistance services on FP7 and is responsible for the dissemination of information as well as assistance for researchers from academia and industry about FP7 in Austria.</p>
In which part of the decision tree is the experience (see image at the end of the document)	<p><u>Applicant awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional material is published to potential applications. • Usage of media for promotion

	<p><u>Proposal drafting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of workshops and provision of consulting services <p><u>Targeting partners</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leading strategy talks with companies, Universities and Research Institutions
<p>Who were the beneficiaries or the target group?</p>	<p>Austrian companies, Universities and research institutions</p>
<p>Description of the experience of using the best practice: (Describe the operating experience with particular focus on the evolution of its development, end user experience).</p>	<p>The Austrian Research Promotion Agency in practice undertakes the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages and gives funding to research projects which involved the collaborations between scientific research and industry. • Manages cooperation programmes within the EU and with other international partners. • Represents Austrian research interests at EU and international level. • Provides advice and support to strengthen the Austrian participation in European programmes. • Supports and has input into a potential Austrian innovation system. • Raises the public awareness of research and development.
<p>What is the period during which the experience/tool has been carried out?</p>	<p>The agency has been commissioned to provide support for framework programme projects ever since FP4 (1994-1998). The formal status as the Austrian Research Promotion Agency was introduced in 2004.</p>
<p>What were the results of this best practice? (Please provide any charts, data, statistics, etc. showing the results of the implementation).</p>	<p>More than 2,000 Austrian organisations participated in FP7 projects which represented €551 million, a 30% increase in funding received from the previous framework programme (€425 million). Austria's overall participation was 19.6%, similar the EU average. Austrian organisations had the highest success rate of FP7 countries in international cooperation and also performed well in the area of development of research policies.</p>

<p>What is needed for the experience/tool to be successfully replicated?</p>	<p>Four key factors are needed in order to replicate the achievements of the Austrian Research Promotion Agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity of success stories attracts attention. • Valuing successful coordinator leads to increase visibility of researchers and show good example. • Organisation of strategic talk to explore the strategy and potential of Universities, research organisation and private firms to increase participation in FP7. • Disposing of a complete database of competences leads to better consortium
<p>Please include any references or bibliography here:</p>	<p>Eliare Network (2010) Good Practices. [online] Available from <http://eliare.eu/support-to-stakeholders/good-practices/> [30 July 2014]</p> <p>FFG (2014) The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). [online] Available from <https://www.ffg.at/en> [29 July 2014]</p>
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