

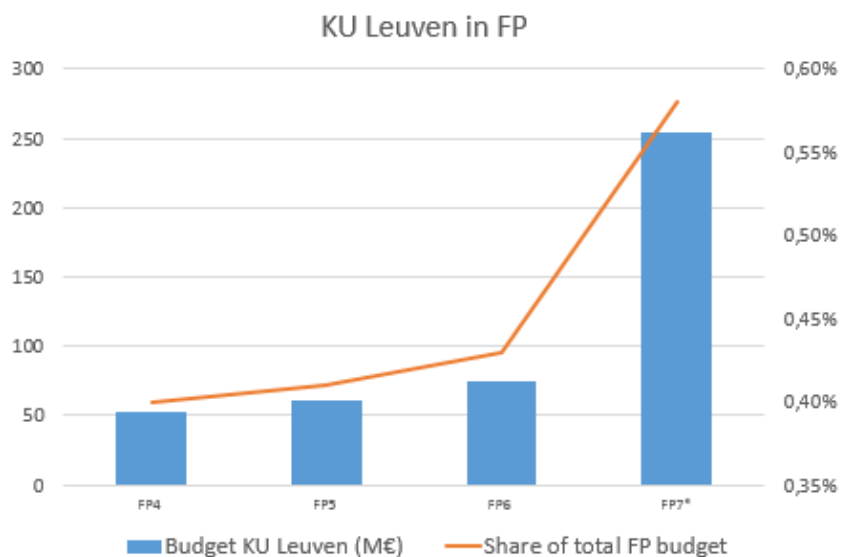
## Experiences and tools

<b>Title:</b>	KU Leuven
<b>Topic:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Practices for fostering higher participation in EU research funding programmes</li> <li>2. Upgrading the system of Research and Innovation</li> </ol>	1
<b>Country:</b>	Belgium
<b>Geographic level (regional or national)</b>	Regional
<b>Organisation</b> (Please include here the name and some background information).	KU Leuven – International Funds
<b>What were the aims of the experience/tool?</b>	<p>The EU Team is part of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is a Dutch-speaking university in Leuven, Flanders, Belgium, since 1425.</p> <p>It is part of the Research &amp; Development - Technology Transfer Office KU Leuven Research &amp; Development (LRD) is the knowledge and technology transfer office (TTO) of the KU Leuven Association. LRD has developed a tradition of collaborating with industry, securing and licensing intellectual property rights, creating spin-off companies and stimulating knowledge-driven regional development.</p> <p>The aim of the EU Team is to support researchers in better access EU funds.</p>
<b>In which part of the decision tree is the experience (see image at the end of the document)</b>	Pre-call intelligence, Call scan, Applicant Awareness, Applicant Readiness, Support in proposal preparation, project management

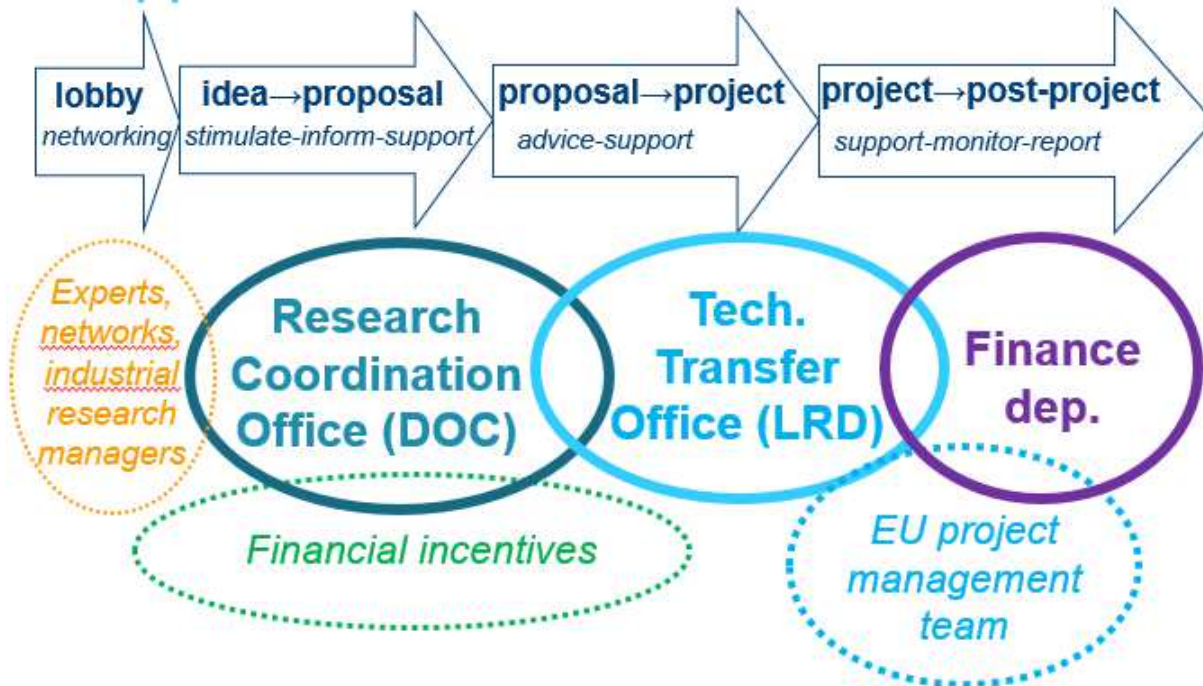
<p><b>Who were the beneficiaries or the target group?</b></p>	<p>Departments and Researchers of the university</p>
<p><b>Description of the experience of using the best practice:</b> (Describe the operating experience with particular focus on the evolution of its development, end user experience).</p>	<p>The KU EU Team supports researchers and departments in participating to FPs. The have set up a support structure that support the researchers in the development of the project proposal (Research coordination office) and in the management of the project (Technology transfer office). The EU team is active in the lobby/networking phase, participating to several network at regional and European level: Flemish Europaplatform, Flemish Interuniversity Council, LERU (League of European Research University), Vision2020 thematic clusters.</p> <p>The EU team is also active in the analysis of the results on the participation to the FPs, looking for the department of the university that could improve their performance and offering them specific support and trainings.</p>
<p><b>What is the period during which the experience/tool has been carried out?</b></p>	<p>The EU Team at the KU Leuven started his activity in 2006 as a structured office with 3 employees.</p>
<p><b>What were the results of this best practice?</b> (Please provide any charts, data, statistics, etc. showing the results of the implementation).</p>	<p>KU Leuven improved his participation to the FPs (in particular during the FP7) thanks to the support offered by this office (please see statistics below)</p>
<p><b>What is needed for the experience/tool to be successfully replicated?</b></p>	<p>The experience can be replicated putting in place a similar office, a support structure that can help the researchers to be aware of opportunities. The first thing needed is the willingness of the university to have a strategic approach towards the international research and</p>

	<p>towards the FPs. Then, to put in place a competitive environment to access to funds and to support excellence already internally. The institutions can use national/structural funding as leverage to access to international funding.</p>
<p>Please include any references or bibliography here:</p>	

## Impact on FP participation 1994-2013



## Support service: KU Leuven EU-team



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## The Decision Tree for Participating in Horizon 2020



Source: EURADA