

Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation in FP9

„Remunerations for the EU-13 FP
participants since FP5 until FP9”

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5th Framework Programme (1999 – 2003):

- New participating states (not yet EU members): mostly unsatisfying results...
- Lack of experience and infrastructure, not always excellence high enough, very demanding challenge, and remunerations... 😞
- ...Something's wrong with personel costs!

6th Framework Programme (2003 – 2007):

Ministry for Science and Higher Education, Warsaw, 17/08/2006,
Rules for calculation of personnel costs in EU Framework Programme projects, negotiated
and accepted by DG RTD:

*Remuneration adopted as a basis for calculating personnel costs... may
consist of two parts:*

- *fixed regular remuneration...*
- *and supplementary remuneration justified by specific conditions of
executing an additional research task”*

Legally valid, widely used not only in Poland CSTs (contracts for specific tasks)
allow to rise personel costs in FP projects. Participation is going to widen 😊

6th Framework Programme (2003 – 2007):

Improvement !!! (at the end)

Regular, low salaries after being added to supplementary incomes (CSTs!) motivate better as a basis for personnel costs 😊

7th Framework Programme (2007-2014):

Comme ci, comme ça - but remunerations are finally competitive, and infrastructure is developing rapidly. Not bad 😊 but could/should be better...

8th Frame... Ooops... Horizon 2020 (2014-2020):

Infrastructure sometimes appears even better than needed 😊 😞

But remunerations ...

CSTs are no more OK, and participation (in EU13) is no more widening, possibly even decreasing 😞

CITATION of a highly ranked scientist from EU13: ...We are just extremely sad that we were unable to overcome the whole situation and we need to leave a very promising project...

the derived hourly rates are too low... *(even 3 times lower than in average H2020 project!)*

23 November 2016, Commissioner **Carlos Moedas** speaks...:

...One of the changes in the Rules for Horizon 2020 needs to be reviewed. This concerns the provisions for additional remuneration – the so called capped "bonus" of 8000 euro – which is leading to problems.

In some countries, the capped bonus has led to reduced salaries for researchers when they take part in Horizon 2020. This is the opposite impact of what was intended. It has created a problem that did not exist with the rules under the 7th Framework Programme. I am especially concerned that this negative impact seems to be greatest from countries with the lowest levels of participation.

On 23 November 2016, Commissioner **Carlos Moedas** clearly aimed to dot the 'i's and cross the 't's:

...This is a critical issue that I am committed to solve. I want to make sure that researchers who take part in Horizon 2020 will receive at least as much as they do for national projects...

Happy end in 2020?

And what about H2020?

Thank you