

FP7 Programme “IDEAS:” Brief Overview & Results from the 1st Call

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Core goals of the program

- To make Europe (again) **competitive in research and innovation** at a global scale
- To provide incentives for the retainment and repatriation of European researchers, as well as to attract other researchers to work in Europe

“Retain, Repatriate, Recruit”

- To reduce the effect of “**brain leakage**” towards other continents
- To support both junior and established researchers, using **research excellence** as the core selection criterion
- To shape a “**Champions League**” of European Research!

Program structure

- The IDEAS program was suggested by the **European Research Council (ERC)**, as part of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7)
- The creation of the ERC is the result of an effort to create an **independent organization** for the funding and assessment of research at a European level
- The ERC is expected to play an important role in European **Frontier Research**
- ERC's Scientific Council is presided by Professor **Fotis Kafatos**
- The program implementation is coordinated by the Program Committee, which is headed by Dr. **Jack Metthey**
- The National Representatives of the EU countries are members of the **Program Committee**, which acts in a mostly advisory role regarding the shaping of the work program. The Program Committee also acts as the link to the Scientific Council

Implementation

- IDEAS is implemented according to the **Work Program** that is approved by the Program Committee and addresses a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines
- The program is **person-oriented**, in the sense that each grant is primarily addressed to the Principal Investigator who is fully responsible for submitting the proposed and fully empowered to run the work when awarded the grant
- The first call for proposals addressed junior researchers (“**Starting Grant**”) and its submission deadline was April 25, 2007
- The second call addressed established researchers (“**Advanced Grant**”) and closed late February / early March
- The program has the ability to reshape itself on an ongoing basis during its 7 year duration

Statistics from the first Starting Independent Researcher Grant

- **Total submissions: 9167** (out of which **8794** were deemed valid)
(Total submissions from Greece: **339**)
- **Proposals who made it to the 2nd Phase: 547 (~6%)**
(out of which **11** were from Greece - **3.24%**)
- **Proposals that were approved for funding:**
 - **201** originally approved (out of which **2** came from Greece)
 - **116** form a reserve list that was also approved for funding
(including another **2** grants from Greece)
- **Average success rate for funding is 3.45%**
- **Corresponding percentage for Greece is 1.18%**

Proposals distribution according to scientific discipline

Discipline	Number of Proposals	Percentage
Life Sciences	3396	37.0%
Physical Sciences & Engineering	4408	48.1%
Social Sciences & Humanities	1363	14.9%
Total	9167	100%

Greece: proposals distribution according to the type of host institution

Type of organization	ERC Proposals
Hospital	1
Museum	1
NGO	1
Research institution	114
Technological Park	4
Higher Education	218
Total	339

Greece: Geographic Proposal Distribution

Geographic Area	ERC Proposals
Aegean	5
Crete	70
Macedonia & Thessaloniki	41
Peloponnese	30
Stereia Ellada & Attica	153
Thessaly	16
Thrace	5
Epirus + Ionian Islands	19
Total	339

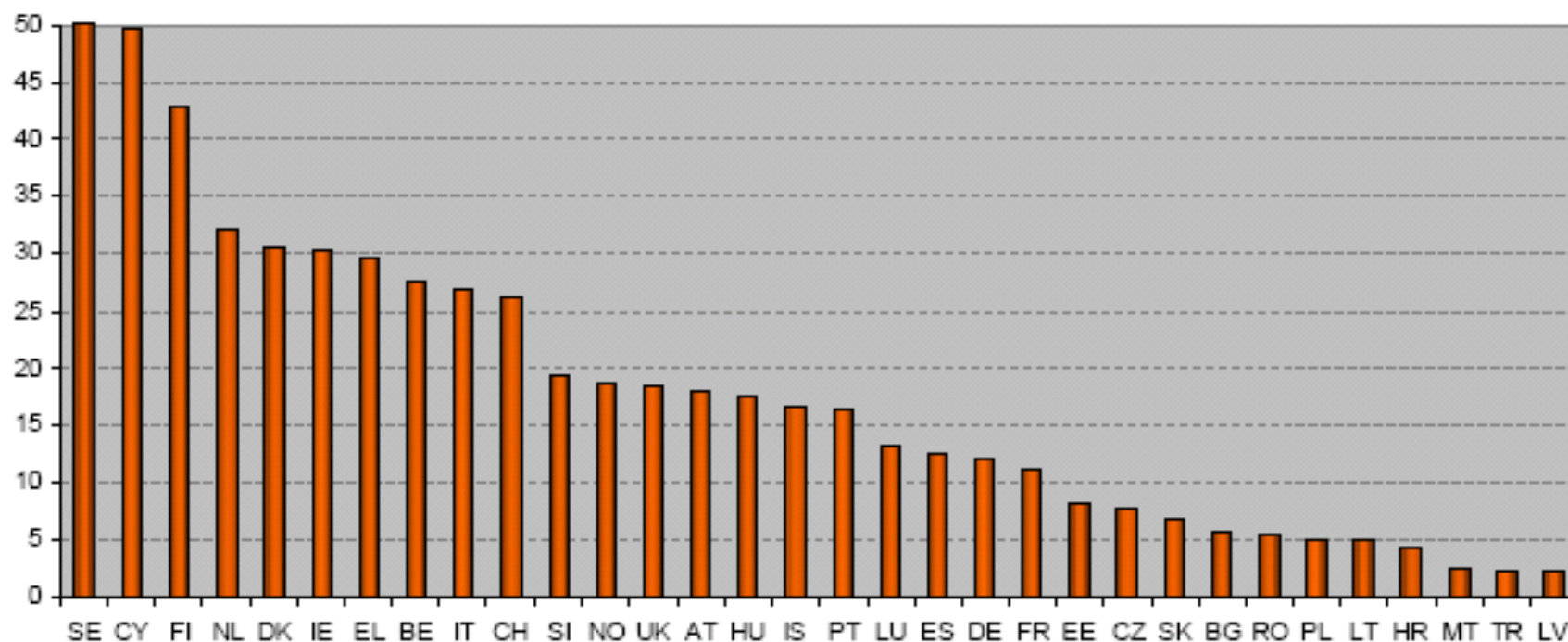
Proposals related to population

for the evaluated 8794 proposals

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Proposals per million inhabitants



Source: Eurostat 2007, Reference year: 2006 or latest year available, Missing data: IL, RS



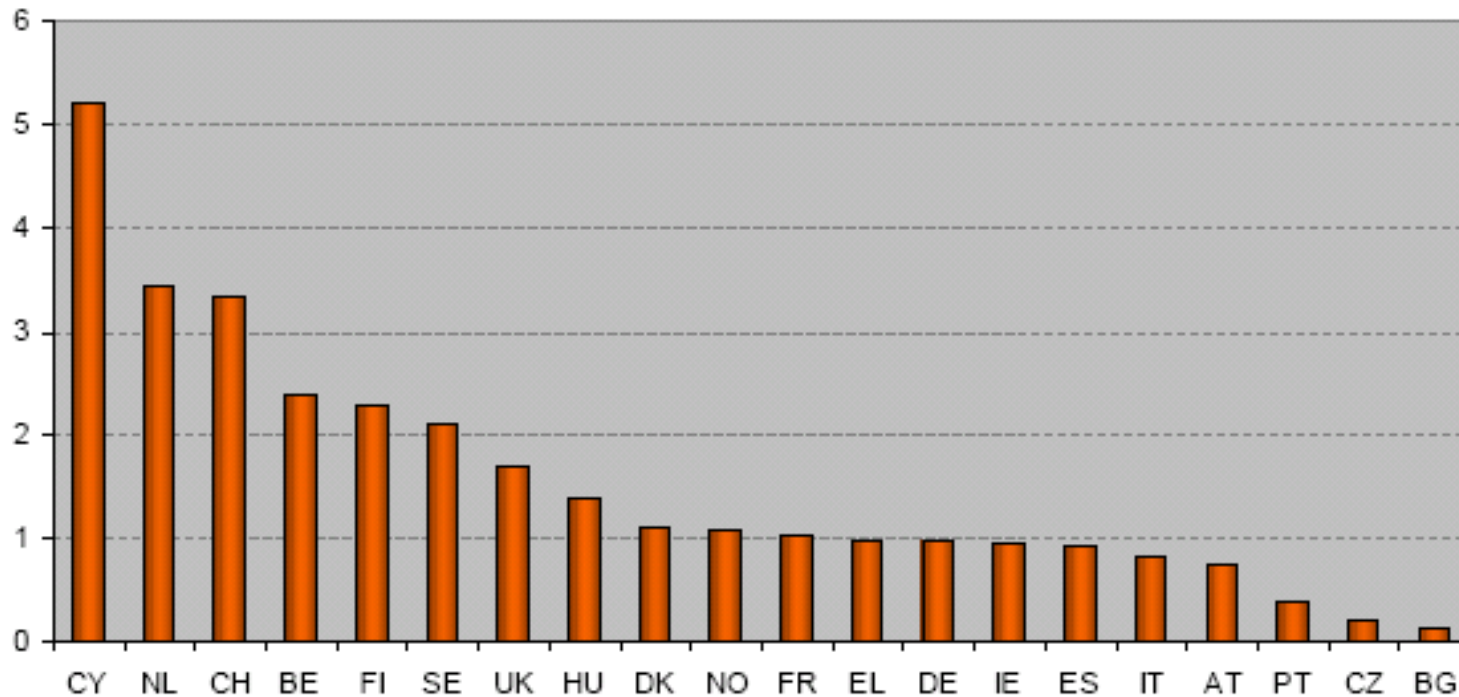
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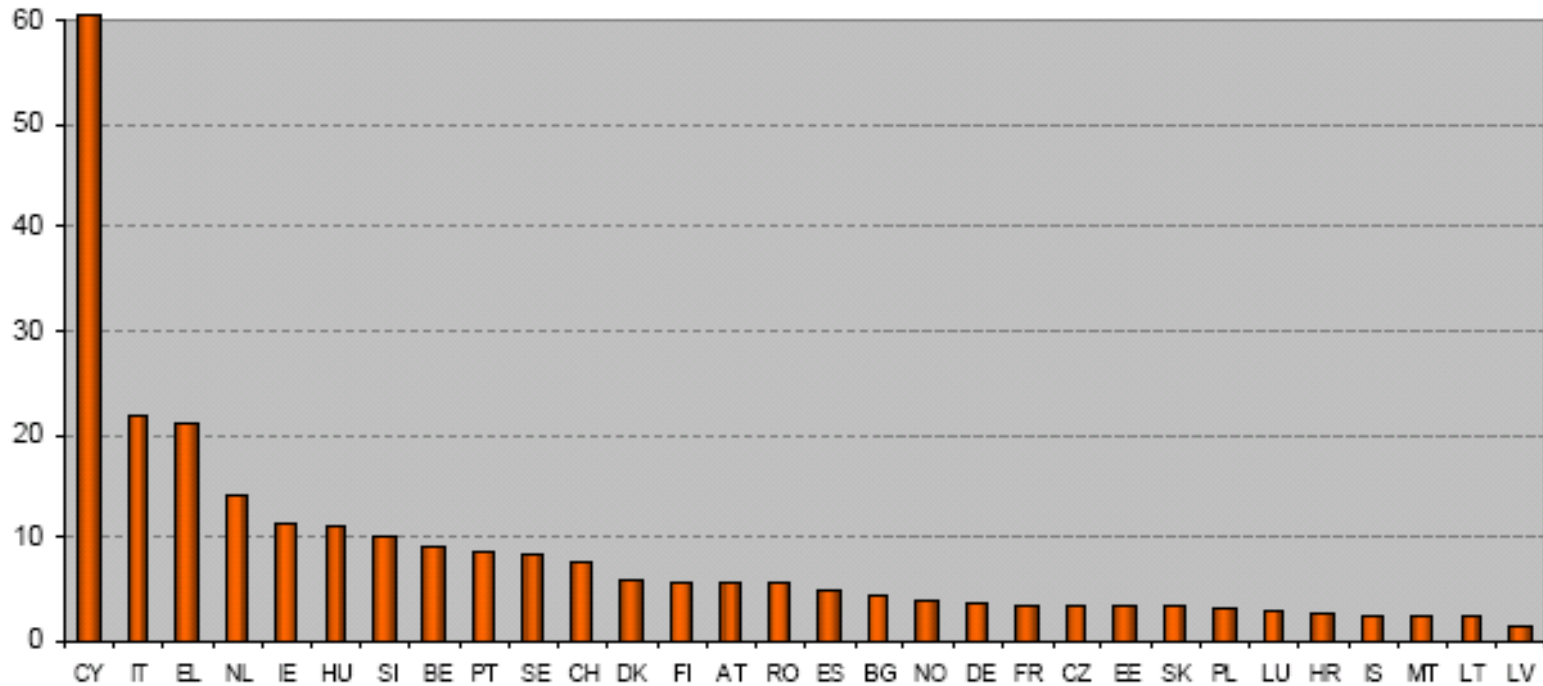
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Proposals per thousand researchers



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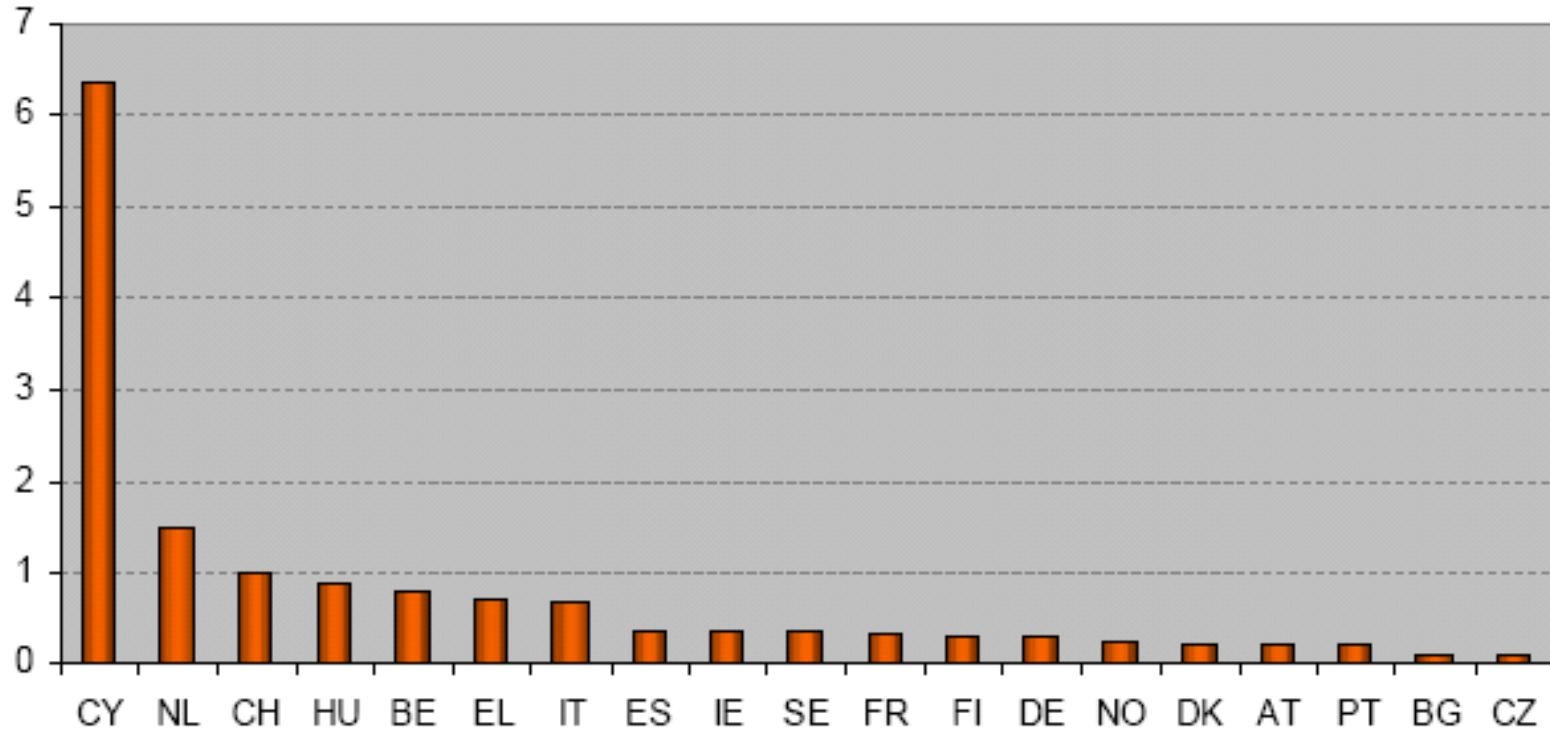
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