



FP7 for small and medium enterprises

a decade of EU research from the point of view of a Polish SME

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from 1998 till now...

- FP5, FP6, FP7 (ICT, Security, SSH)
- eContent
- Leonardo da Vinci
- EQUAL
- Interreg
- EFRD, EFS









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the key growth driver



created as a result of an EU project

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based on funds for innovation

a vehicle for some research areas



FP7 for SMEs...

a few

myths

demystifying...

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BUTs:

- R&D character
- market orientation?
- long-term vs. short-term objectives
- cash-flow!
- contacts...
- do you have a "brand"?



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BUTs:

- competition
- excellence
- proposal
- contacts...

- cash-flow!
- currency exchange risk



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BUTs:

- co-financing (50-75%)
- qualified costs
- overheads (normally 20%)
- themes/challenges
- proposals
- EU-centered consortia!



homo sum, humani nihil a me alienum puto

everything's for people....

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- "EU department" development between 1998 – 2008:
 - EUR 0 EUR 1 − 1.5 million / per year
 - 1 person 25..30 persons
 - 0 projects 3-6 simultaneous projects
- ITC consulting we were not "producers" per se
 - few "products" for ourselves
 - mostly knowledge and position
 - services for others



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