

# How do national contact points work? The case of France

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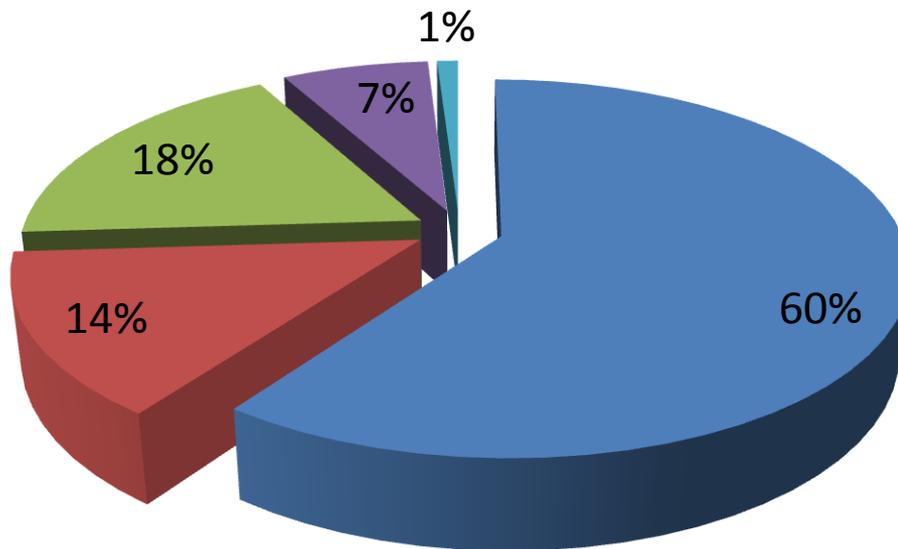
## Some figures about France in FP7

- 3.4 Billion Euros received by French players (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 1822 projects coordinated by French actors (10,7%)
- 8643 participants in 17 000 projects
- Success rate of 25.3 % ( 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- 465 ERC recipient (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- French SMEs get 19,3% of cooperation program financing received by French actors

## Some figures about France in the Health theme

- 435 million Euros received by French players
- 895 participants in 476 projects ( 3<sup>rd</sup> participant)

### Organisation type



**French SMEs get 18 % of health theme financing received by French actors**

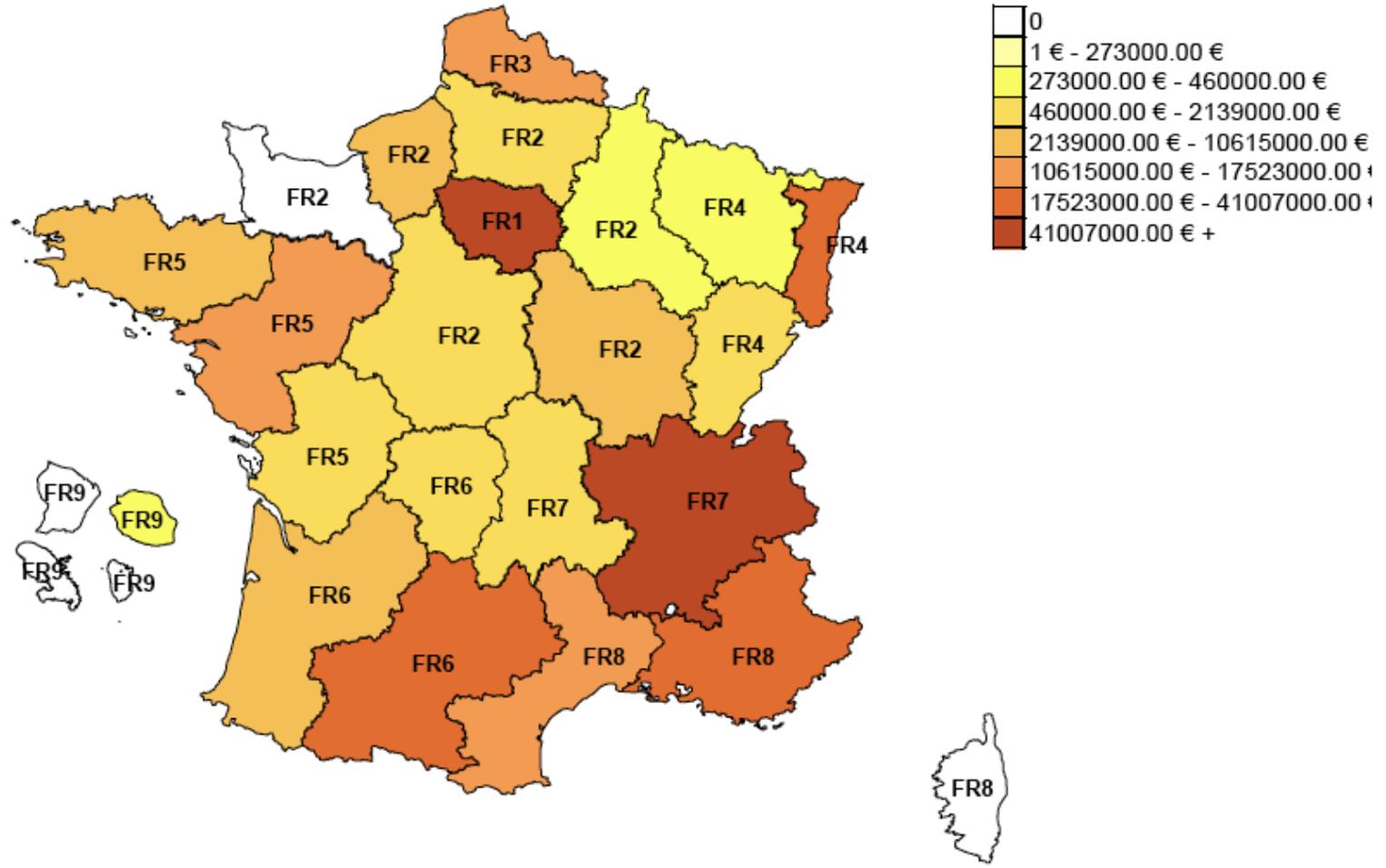
■ Research Org ■ Academia ■ SME ■ Industry ■ Other

## Top 10 France topics in the Health theme

1. Innovative therapeutic approaches and interventions
2. HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis
3. Systems biology
4. Large scale data gathering
5. Rare diseases
6. Responding to EU policy needs
7. Detection, diagnosis and monitoring
8. Cancer
9. Anti-microbial drug resistance
10. Potentially new and re-emerging epidemics

# Some figures about France in the Health theme

## Health Programme Funding



# France Europe 2020: The strategic agenda for research and innovation

Articulation between national programming / European programming (H2020)

- No double funding
- Complementarities
- Initiation grants ( ex young researchers)

Develop strategic influence

- Preparation and anticipation of French contribution to EU programming
- French presence in Brussels (experts, evaluators, administration...)

Promote participation incentives

- For individuals ( not only for ERC..)
- For universities and institutions

**Evolution of national support system : NCPs**

Launch of France Europe 2020 on 21<sup>st</sup> of May and a big H2020 launch on 16<sup>th</sup> of December

# Role of National Contact Points (NCPs) in France

On the operational side

- Basic information on EU programs and orientation towards the appropriate scheme
- Ensure thematic information by explaining work programs and provide “gray information”
- Help to find and understand documents linked to legal and financial matters
- Answers to precise questions (phone rdv - sort of hotline)
- **Information days** throughout France including global information, work program presentation, fine-tuned information to precise public ( SMEs, MDs etc) and one to one meeting to help identify if projects fit to WP topic
- Create a link and a dynamic between different actors at a regional level
- Exceptionally read and feedback of some proposals (small entities that can't afford help)
- Advise on how to find help and funds to write the proposal

# Role of National Contact Points (NCPs) in France

On the strategic side

- Presence at the program committee and collaboration with our delegate ( from the ministry of research)
- Feedback of topics or thematic from researchers to the ministry
- Link with thematic experts ( Itmo, Aviesan) for national positions

# Structure of health NCP in FP7



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# New structure of NCPs for H2020

- Smaller consortia ( around 5 members including the program committee delegate - not definitive)
- **Structured around AVIESAN the French National Alliance for Life and Health Sciences**
- Stronger coordination by the ministry of research
- Precise role given to each NCP member by the ministry of research
- Gathering of competences that includes: scientific, operational (proposal writing), strategic, communication (website [www.horizon2020.gouv.fr](http://www.horizon2020.gouv.fr) )
- Larger scope: IMI, JPI, EDCTP, link with structural funds tools
- Transversal missions:
  - Link with other NCPs ( multidisciplinary challenges)
  - SMEs and Industry** (EEN, clusters, regional innovation agencies)
  - Articulation with regions**

# French National Alliance for Life and Health Sciences (Aviesan)

## Full Members



+ *associated members*  
Including the French association  
of pharmaceutical industry

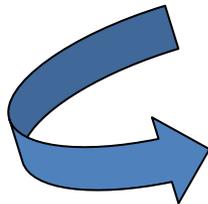
# Aviesan main objectives

## •Scientific coordination

- Strategic analysis
- Scientific foresight
- Programming (national and European levels)

## •Operational coordination

- Partnership with universities (funding, human resources)
- Transfer of knowledge
- Simplification



More visibility and reactivity  
To share priorities on structuring projects

## Aviesan: 10 thematic institutes

Molecular and  
structural  
bases of living  
organisms

Cell biology,  
development  
and evolution

Neurosciences,  
cognitive  
sciences,  
neurology and  
psychiatry

**Alzheimer**

Circulation,  
metabolism,  
and nutrition

Genetics,  
genomics and  
bioinformatics

Immunology,  
hematology,  
and  
pneumology

Microbiology  
and infectious  
diseases

**ANRS**

Cancer

**INCa**

Public Health  
(and  
environmental  
medical  
sciences)

**IReSP**

Health  
Technologies

# Aviesan: Achievements

- **Strategic analysis & scientific foresight**

- **Scientific animation**

Annual conferences, thematic workshops and working groups

- **Programming**

At National level

At European level: JPI, ESFRI BMS, FP7 Health priority, H2020

- **Structuring actions**

H1N1, Research infrastructures, Environment and Health, synthetic biology

- **Partnership with universities and private research**

- **Transfer of knowledge**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

