

Horizon 2020 and last opportunities of FP7

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The increasing difficulty of the agencies (Universities and Research Institutes) in financing fundamental research makes more and more compelling to look around for external sources, in primis those made available by the European Union.

These opportunities are often unknown, in many cases considered too “aliens”, for a supposed difficulty of approach, in other (few) cases object of participation, also successful. Next year the long and successful series of EU Framework Programs (FP) will arrive to the end with FP7.

A completely new scheme has been created, which will bring together all existing EU funding schemes for research and innovation: Horizon 2020.

The scope of this talk is to inform in due time the scientific community about Horizon 2020, which will enter into force in 2014 until 2020.

The information may hopefully stimulate the interest towards some of the many offered opportunities and, therefore, help overcoming the lack of knowledge, the reluctance to participate, the sense of frustration for the unavoidable failures, so frequent features of the attitude towards European programs.

Last but not least, the last opportunities of FP7 will be recalled.

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