



## Fit for Health

Support to **SMEs & Researchers**  
in **FP7 Health-oriented projects**

### What makes a good consortium?

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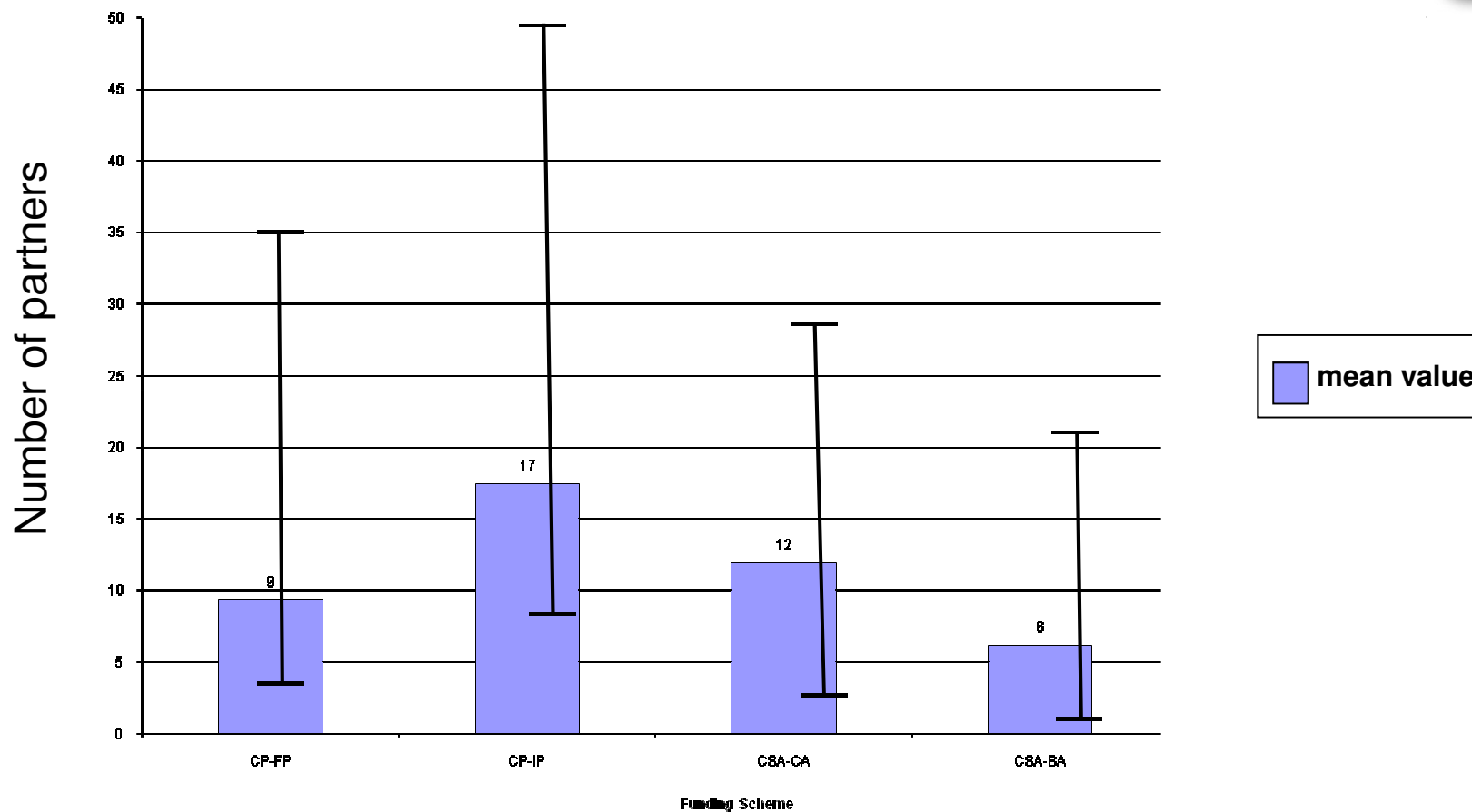
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- **European dimension** to the project
- Basic rule: **3 partners** (independent legal entities) from 3 different Member States (MS) or Associated Countries (ACC)
- **Special cases:**
  - SME-targeted: specified part of the total estimated EU contribution to SMEs (15%, 30% or 50%)
  - SA (Support Action): minimum 1 partner
  - SICA (Specific International Cooperation Actions): 2 partners MS or ACC, 2 partners ICPC (International Cooperation Partner Countries)

**Additional demands in annual Work Programme!**

# Average number of partners HEALTH 2007-2010



**Flexibility = small consortia wanted!**

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- **Coordinator, partner no 1**
  - communication with European Commission
    - acts as **intermediary** for any communication between the EC and the beneficiaries
    - represents the beneficiaries towards the EC
  - **Scientific manager/coordinator** of project and research tasks
  - might be the **project manager** as well
- **work-package leader / task leader**
  - supports coordinator / responsible for their WP
  - management tasks
  - research or coordination tasks
- **partner**
  - research or coordination tasks

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# What makes a good consortium?



## A good consortium...



- **best partners** for the job
  - scientific excellence
- **experienced coordinator**
  - scientific reputation
  - interpersonal skills
- **multi-disciplinary** approach (fulfill topic requirements)

- **complementary** partners (all provide added value)
  - different institutions (academia – industry/SME – NGO, patient organizations, consumers, patients...)
  - different disciplines
  - different competences / skills
  - SME participation **often mandatory!** (15% up to 50% of the total estimated EU contribution)
- **Additional criteria:**
  - project experience (national / European)
  - interests / motivation
  - **reliability**, team player - communicative competences

## Determine your position



- what is your **goal**/your **motivation**?
- in which **type** of project do you want to participate?
- what **role** would you like to have?
- what can/want **YOU contribute** to the project?

# Your entire organisation is partner



legal dept.



YOU



your boss



administration



your staff

# How to find the winning team?

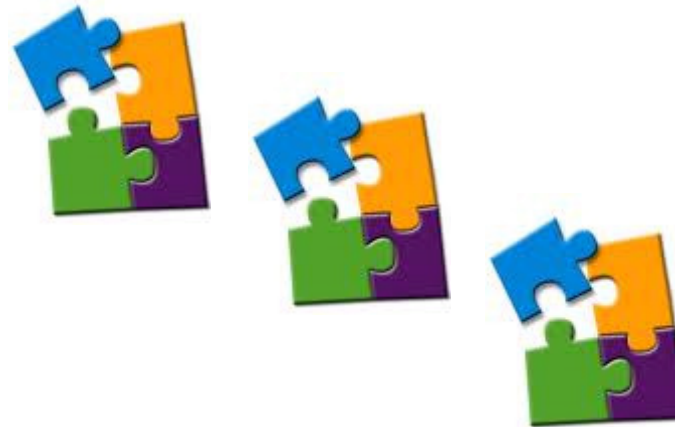
- use your own network!
- key players in FP6 and FP7
  - CORDIS:
    - <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/projects.htm>
    - [http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/projects_en.html)
  - Healthcompetence Portal  
<http://www.healthcompetence.eu/converis/publicweb/area/1353>
- FP7 conferences
  - <http://ec.europa.eu/research/index.cfm?pg=conferences&filter=ec&CFID=17474776&CFTOKEN=65963158&jsessionid=b201b2e8452a54c734da556c54601b102347TR>
- use us (NCPs)
  - Later on this afternoon



Follow closely the **requirements** given in the **topic** text when you compose your consortium

## **Leading characteristics:**

Balance, Complementarities, Excellence & Commitment



## Contact details



Thank you for  
your attention!

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