

From AC towards FC

- sharing some Dutch experiences

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Background, interests framework programmes

- Interests successive Framework Programmes
- Most Dutch universities use AC model
- 1993: first university transition to FC

Background, going around together

- Local, national and European activities
- Association of universities in the Netherlands
 - Decision of develop a joint approach
 - Decision to transfer to FC as soon as possible

EC contribution FP6 versus FP7 (personnel)

Cost model	Eligible personnel costs	Indirect Costs %	Total Costs	EC Contr. %	EC Contr. €
FC FP6	100+10	80	198	50	99
AC FP6	100	20	120	100	120
FC FP7	100+10	80	198	75	148,5
FC FP7	100+10	60	176	75	132
FC FP7	100+10	40	154	75	115,5

Joint approach in the Netherlands

- Investigation of problems
- Common denominators

Investigation of problems

- Various local calculation systems
- Calculation of direct costs
- Calculation of indirect costs
- Time recording
- Communication

Calculation of direct costs

- Actual versus average costs
- Number of eligible working hours
 - Regular number of working hours
 - Extra work

Calculation of indirect costs

- Distinction research and education
- Eligibility cost centre
 - Scientific personnel only
 - Scientists and technical assistants
- As a percentage or a fixed amount

Time recording

- Responsibilities
- Lack of experience
- Psychological resistance
- All organisation involvement
 - Complete and/or normative time writing

Communication

- All stakeholders / broadly based involvement
- Specific target group information
- Elucidation and training
- FP7, why bother?

Common denominators

- Keep systems as simple as possible
- Elimination of education before calculating indirect costs
- Common number of eligible working hours
- Looking for a complete time writing system
- Cost centre based upon researchers

Local implementation, an example

- Wageningen University and Research Centre
 - Clear decisions at level senior management
 - Working group of all stakeholders
 - Communication plan in time
 - Systems operational in time
 - Training support staff
 - Show advantages

Thank you for your attention

