CORDIS, the European Community Research and Development Service, has launched a new health research web service for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) to provide information on health research, a part of the FP7 Cooperation programme.

On this website, an ‘About Health’ page gives comprehensive details of the three pillars of health research focus. Emphasis on biotechnology and ensuring that research is specifically geared towards the improvement of human health are the first two themes. Maximising the delivery of the outcomes of research to relevant recipients, including healthcare professionals, practitioners and patients is the third.

The ‘Get Support’ link provides a list of National Contact Points (NCPs) for obtaining further information. Users will also find support for research applicants, proposal negotiation, project management and small and mediumsized enterprises (SMEs). A page on the site will be dedicated to ‘International Cooperation’, which explains the strategies involved in the realisation of this theme throughout FP7.

FP7 has increased funding, which constitutes 15% of the overall budget of the Health programme. Intellectual property has been given more protection.

For other information, the ‘Library’ page lists all relevant documents on Health Research under FP7 and the ‘Useful Links’ page outlines all areas relating to Health within FP7. These include current health research in FP7 as well as details of ‘Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health’, the FP7 theme’s forerunner from FP6.


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