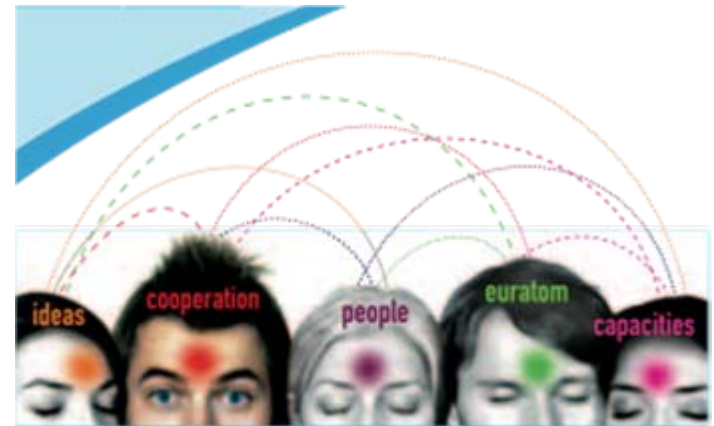


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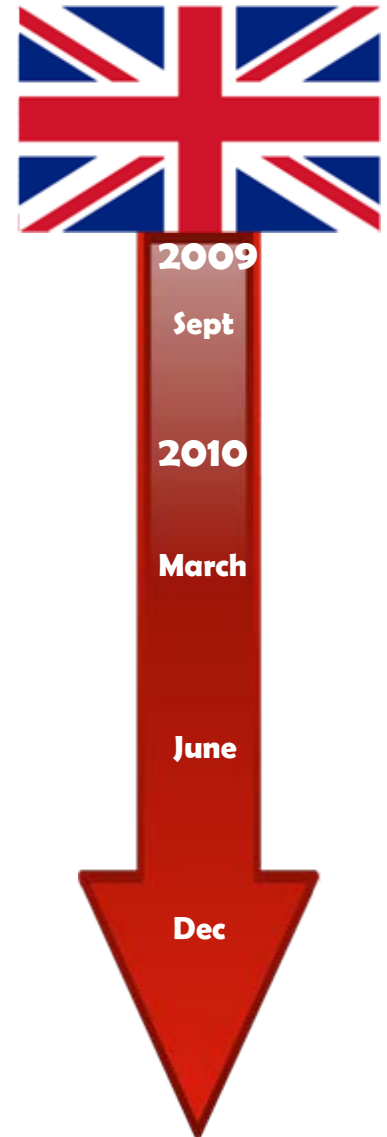


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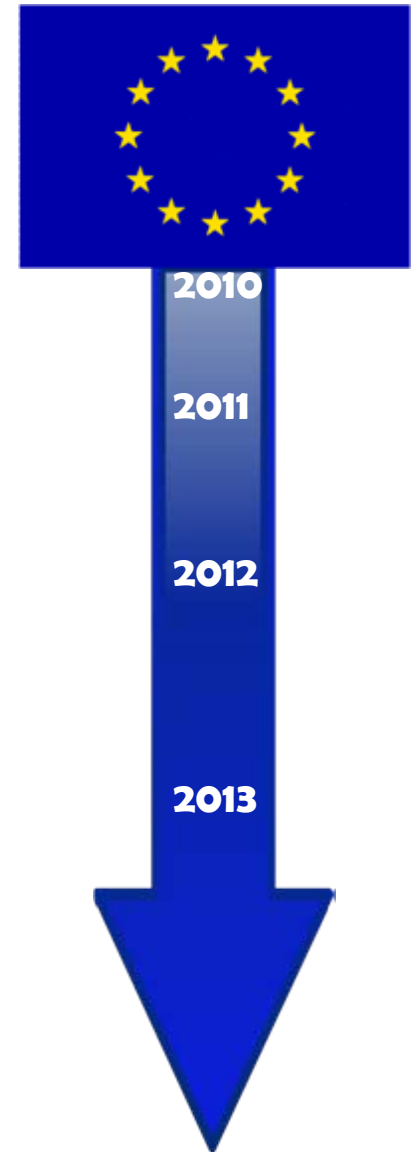
# UK evidence gathering timetable

- **June-August 2009**  
Review existing evidence (evaluation reports etc)
- **September 09-January 10**  
Informal consultations with stakeholders
- **March 2010**  
Delivery of Technopolis report on FP impacts in the UK
- **March 2010**  
Commission Communication on Simplification
- **June 2010**  
Delivery of study report on impact indicators for FP8
- **Q3 2010**  
Public consultation on UK negotiating position
- **December 2010**  
Submission of formal UK position to the Commission



## EU FP8 timetable (estimated)

- **October 2010**  
Commission report on FP7 Interim Evaluation
- **Q1 2011**  
Commission Orientation Paper/ Communication on FP8
- **Q4 2011**  
Commission Proposal for FP8
- **Q1 2012**  
European Parliament First Reading
- **Q4 2012**  
Council Common Position
- **Q1 2013**  
European Parliament Second Reading
- **Q2 2013**  
Council Second Reading
- **Q3 2013**  
Conciliation and Adoption of FP8



# FP7 Interim Evaluation

Work will begin in February; final report due October 2010, with the focus on:

- Achievement of FP7 objectives
- Impact on shaping the European Research Area and other policies
- Role in positioning Europe on global science & technology map
- Efficiency of novel measures (e.g. JTIs, article 169, RSFF etc)
- Impact of cross-discipline collaborative research on societal challenges
- Simplification
- Progress in addressing issues highlighted in FP6 ex post evaluation

## Further research

- Review of existing documentary evidence suggested two areas for further study:
  1. Examine leveraging impacts of Framework Programmes on areas of UK strength and policy priority (e.g. NINJ objectives)
  2. Impact indicators suitable for FP8
- First study awarded to *Technopolis* - report by end March 2010.
- Second study will be commissioned early summer 2010, when we will have a better idea about what we want FP8 to look like

## Who to contact to influence FP7 (and FP8)

- Framework Programme Management team (BIS/ISIU)
- UK representative on the relevant FP7 Programme Committee
- FP7 National Contact Points (NCPs)
- Knowledge Transfer Networks (KTNs)
- European Technology Platforms (ETPs)
- Brussel-based representative organisations (e.g. Business Europe, sectoral organisations etc)



## Problems with FP7

- **Slow** – ‘Time to grant’, payments etc
- **Inflexible** – Proposals can’t easily adapt to changes in science; poor recognition of national procedures etc
- **Bureaucratic** – Burdensome reporting requirements
- **Risk averse** – Strict auditing of relatively small sums
- **Inconsistent** – Different management tools used across DGs, legal interpretations etc

## What's on the horizon?

Emerging themes:

- **Grand Challenges**

FP8 to become challenge-led?

- **Public Private Partnerships**

Are they the answer for industry?

- **Outsourcing FP management**

Would expanded Executive Agencies make FP a more efficient and business-friendly programme?



**Thank you**

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