

Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding

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Why a Common Strategic Framework? - Increasing IMPACT

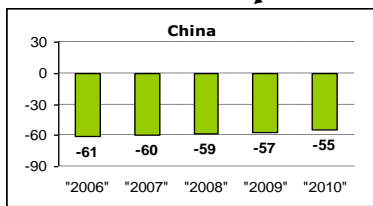
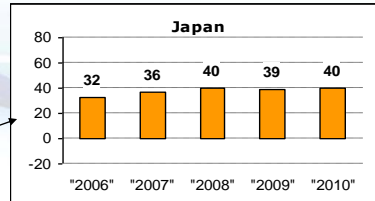
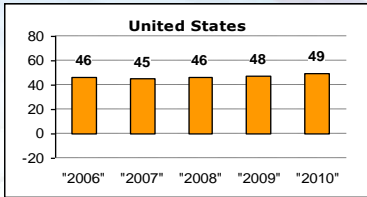
- **FROM** different priorities in each programme and initiative
 - **TO common strategic priorities**, focusing on major societal challenges, competitiveness and research excellence.
- **FROM** gaps between the stages (R&D, demonstration, market take up, etc)
 - **TO** coherent support for projects and organisations across the innovation cycle **from research to retail**
- **FROM** research results to innovations
 - **TO stronger support for innovation**, including non-technological innovation and market uptake



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Innovation gap with US and Japan, emerging countries catching up



Percentage gaps between EU performance (0) and other countries across 12 indicators. Other countries, such as India and Brazil, are developing fast.

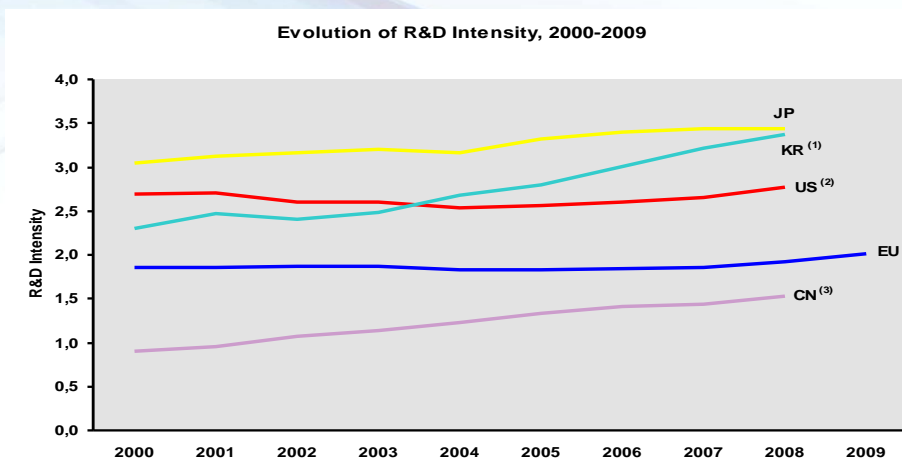
Source: 2010 Innovation Union Scoreboard



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EU R&D investment is lagging behind our main competitors



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The context: the Europe 2020 strategy

- Objectives of **smart, sustainable and inclusive growth**
- Headline targets, including **3% of GDP** invested in R&D
- Calls for the **Innovation Union Flagship initiative**
 - A strategic and integrated approach to research and innovation
 - Putting in place the key conditions to make Europe attractive for research and innovation
 - Focus on major challenges and aiming at competitiveness and jobs
- Endorsed by February European Council (Heads of State) as key to future growth and jobs



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... and the Innovation Union Flagship

- Future programmes to focus on innovations that address major societal challenges, raise competitiveness and generate new jobs
- Streamline funding instruments
- Radically simplify access through a better balance between a control-based and a trust-based system.



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... announcing research on social innovation

- Find new ways of meeting social needs not adequately met by the market or the public sector
- Bring about behavioural changes needed to tackle major societal challenges
- Empower people and create new social relations and models of collaboration



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Next steps

- **Follow up:**
 - The consultation on the Green Paper closes on May 20,
 - Major event to present the analysis and conclude consultation (10 June 2011)
 - **Commission proposals:**
 - for post 2013 EU budget (June 2011)
 - for the Common Strategic Framework (by end of 2011)
 - **Legislative decisions** on the Common Strategic Framework by the Council and European Parliament (2012-13)
- => **Common Strategic Framework** (from 2014)



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Clear need of research on socio-economic and humanities to address Global Change

Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

- Integrating socio-economic sciences and humanities to address societal challenges such as Global Change:

“T shaped approach”

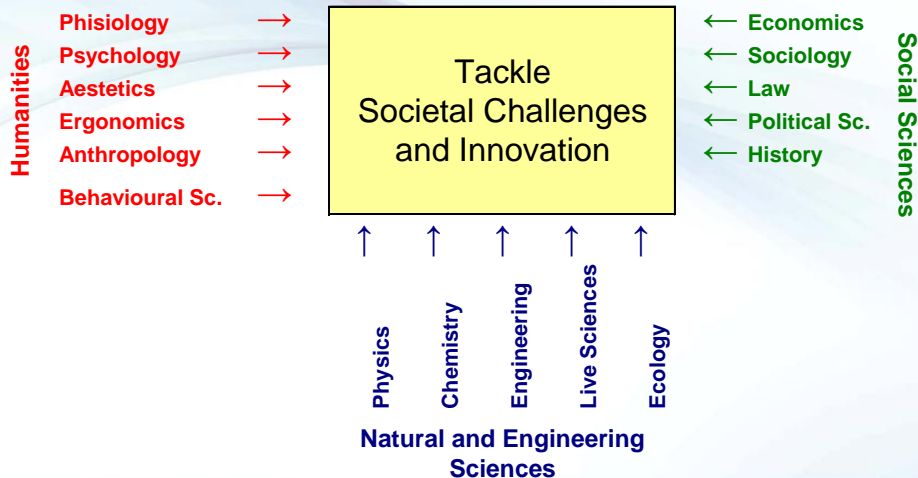
- Socio-economic impact evaluation criteria across all Societal challenges
- Specific SSH priorities
- Basic research (ERC)



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Consider potential social, economic, political & cultural processes & impacts to tackle Societal Challenges and Innovation



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We expect that the consultation and various events during 2011 will provide indications on how SSH could help addressing, among other things, sustainability throughout the Common Strategic Framework

Thank you for your attention

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