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A large proportion of the FP7 Cooperation programme deals with topics in different fields related to climate change or human health⁷⁴

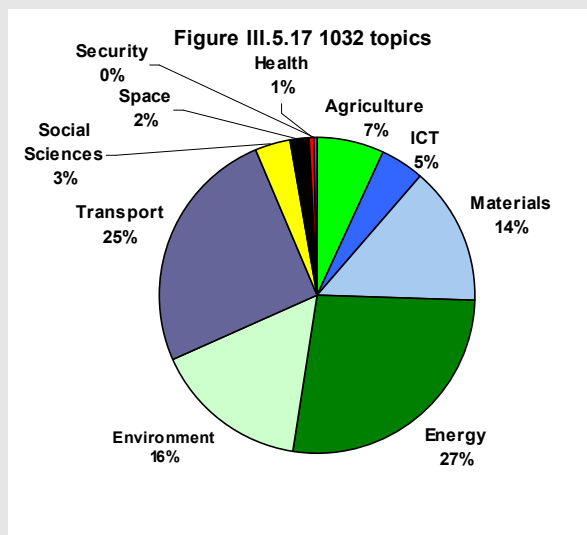
A recent review of the monitoring of the Cooperation Programme of the FP reveals that around 1032 topics (i.e. 43% of the total number), deal with research conducive to a low-carbon society. In terms of budget, this amounts to EUR 2.7 billion, i.e. 31.5% of the total allocated budget. In the same line, 771 topics, accounting for EUR 3.34 billion dealt with human health. These topics are not only covered in Health, but in many other areas.

Box : The Monitoring system to measure FP7's contribution to sustainable development and societal challenges

In FP7, the legislator has been very clear on its willingness to harness EU-funded research to sustainability goals, including its contribution to address societal challenges.

In order to assess the contribution of the FP7, a new monitoring system which builds accountability for the FP7 by harnessing concrete results in the field of sustainable development has been set up. This system establishes cross-referencing between all the topics of all Work Programmes in the 'Cooperation' Programme and the 78 operational objectives included in the Sustainable Development System. For each topic, a set of 'micro-decisions' is taken at the level of each operational objective when a decision is taken, and on the impacts.

Based on this approach, a better perspective can be achieved on the real nature and impact of the different FP7 cooperation programmes in addressing different societal challenges. More precisely, regarding 'climate change⁷⁵', 1032 topics, i.e. 43% of the total, call for a research conducive to a low carbon society.



⁷⁴ Preliminary data from the monitoring system of the FP7 implementation.

⁷⁵ This does not take into account the EU contribution of EUR 800 million invested in the Clean Sky joint Technology Initiative and the EUR 470 million invested in the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Technology Initiative.