

The Environment (Including Climate Change) theme funds research that promotes the sustainable management of the environment and its resources by advancing the knowledge between the climate, biosphere, ecosystems and human activities. The theme has four main activity areas, each of which fund research, networking and research support activities. These are:

## Climate change, pollution & risks

This activity researches how to prevent the effects of climate change and its current and future impacts. It focuses on pressures from both natural and man-made emissions, and the interactions between environmental risks and human health to address public health concerns and diseases.

## Environmental technologies

Environmental technologies research is funded in this area to reduce the environmental impact of human activities. The aim is to protect the environment, manage resources more efficiently and develop new products, processes and services. This area is especially applicable to industry.

## Sustainable management of resources

This area aims to improve the knowledge base and develop models and tools for the sustainable management of resources. For example, conservation of biodiversities and ecosystems and the creation of sustainable consumption patterns to reduce environmental impacts.

## Earth observation & assessment tools for sustainable development

Research here focuses on developing global earth observation systems for environment and sustainable development. The aim is to connect the use of observation systems with information management, data sharing and modelling.

# National Contact Point Service



Beta Technology offers a **free and confidential** National Contact Point service for the Seventh Framework Programme theme 'Environment (Including Climate Change)' on behalf of Defra.

This service is available to organisations that would like to find out more information or participate in the scheme.

## The National Contact Point services available are:

- Helpline open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Pre-screening of proposals for conformance with EC and proposal requirements
- Partner searching
- Regular information bulletins sent via e-mail
- Contact information for Scientific Officers at the European Commission
- Presentations at events and meetings

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