



# Framework Programme Seven Food, Agriculture & Fisheries, & Biotechnology



The Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology theme funds research that addresses the social, environmental and economic challenges of users of biological resources and supports the developing European Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy. The theme has three activity areas each of which fund research, networking and research support activities. These are:

## Sustainable production & management of biological resources from land, forest & aquatic environments

Research into the sustainable use and management of bio-resources is funded here. This includes micro-organisms, plant health, fisheries, animal husbandry including health and welfare and the exploitation of biodiversity. Policy and socio-economic research is also covered in this area.

## Fork to farm: food (including seafood), health & well being

This area focuses on consumer behaviour and preferences, the impact of food on health and the overall well-being of the European citizen. Research will look into improving food quality and safety, nutrition and diet and the environmental impacts on food and feed chains.

## Life sciences, biotechnology & biochemistry for sustainable non-food products & processes

This activity covers research into biomass production, plant based renewable products and bioprocesses, for example bioethanol and enzyme production. Environmental biotechnology is also funded under this heading, covering cleaner processing and bio-remediation.

# National Contact Point Service



Beta Technology offers a **free and confidential** National Contact Point service for the Seventh Framework Programme theme 'Food, Agriculture & Fisheries, & Biotechnology' on behalf of the Food Standards Agency and 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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