

**7.3. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS** (1-2 pages for each separate action: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3., etc.)

**Title of the Action:**

**INNOVANETWORKS: Advancing towards the integration of the regional innovation system into the European Research Area**

**Theme:** (i)  (ii)  (iii)  (choose the predominant theme)

**Description of the Action** (for example: studies, pilot projects, strategic planning, participation in networks, technical assistance, etc.):

***Approach and Objectives:***

The purpose is to develop a internationally competitive R&D infrastructure (Poles of Excellence) through the promotion of participation and the building of international research and development networks.

Innovative actions are a useful tool for stimulating the exchange of experiences between regions and for building collaboration networks. This action should contribute to the elaboration and development of a methodology for the building and integration of interregional R&D networks, in line with the ERRANTE Action within the 6th Framework Programme.

**Participants:**

Public bodies:

Government of Navarre (DG Information Society , DG European Affairs and Planning and DG Industry and Commerce ), CDTI, OPTI, DG Research, IRE, Innovation Agency of Navarre, Regional Governments of Excellent European Regions.

Private bodies:

CEMITEC, CIMA, CENER-CIEMAT, CNTA – Ebro Lab, Research and Technological Institutes from other European regions.

Universities:

Public University of Navarre y University of Navarre, Universities from other European regions.

Enterprises:

Enterprises operating in the sectors of Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Renewable Energies and ICTs.

**Activities:**

1. Developing the interregional technological foresight and planning stages
  - Building a pole of regions for the common implementation of the foresight survey on technological policies and to share experiences (e.g., Catalonia, Lombardy, Baden Württemberg, Rhône-Alpes, etc.).
2. Defining the supranational frameworks for financing R&D projects
  - Setting up the methodology for better defining the supranational frameworks for the financing of R&D projects, bringing together regional and European resources.
3. Building the networks and networking:
  - Seeking and identifying interesting innovative networks and projects of excellence.
  - Reaching the agreements between enterprises and agents in Navarre with European “excellent” technological institutes.
  - Promoting the building of news oriented to cooperation and exchange of interregional experiences at interregional level (e.g., on Renewable Energies).
  - Aligning the “Integrated Projects” with the European Networks of Excellence. Supporting the presentations of proposals to the Sixth and Seven Framework Programmes on R&D.
  - Developing a European Technological Conference (200 participants) focusing on a theme pertaining to the sectors identified (Biotechnology, Nanotechnology and Renewable Energies).
4. Evaluation and Transfer of results

- Defining the “Scoreboard” to monitor the Action.
- Evaluating the results attained through networking and interregional cooperation.
- Disseminating the methodology used to build and participate in networks to other sectors and especially to other regions. Identification of Best Practices.

**Geographical coverage:**

- Objective 1 areas:
- Objective 2 areas: 50%
- Areas outside Obj. 1 and 2: 50%

**- Groups targeted**

Public bodies:

Governments and other public agents.

Private bodies:

Research Institutes.

Universities:

Universities

Enterprises:

Enterprises operating in the sectors of Biotechnology, Nanotechnology, Renewable Energies and ICTs.

**Indicative project selection criteria:**

- Participation of “excellent” regions.
- Potentials of the existing cooperation network.
- Potential and innovation level of the agents making up the newly created cooperation network.

**Results expected** (specify the choice of indicator depending on the type of action):

1- Development the interregional technological foresight and planning

- Creating an interregional foresight and cooperation with at least 5 European regions.
- Developing a foresight study for at least 3 sectors.

2- Defining the supranational framework for the financing of projects

- Opening a transnational call for proposals for R&D projects with at Local Employment Associations 2 regions.
- Selecting 6 projects.

3- Building and participating in Networks of Excellence:

- Integration of 15 institutes and enterprises from Navarre into Networks of Excellence.
- Building a research network led by regional partners (theme as yet undecided).
- Presentation of 6 R&D proposals to the VI and VII Framework Programme (connected with the “Integrated Projects” under Actions 7.1 y 7.2).
- Obtaining EUR 600,000.00 from the Community.
- Organisation of an International Congress focusing on a specific theme (at least 200 participants).

4- Evaluation and Transfer of results

- Engaging an external evaluator to report, make conclusions and recommendations.
- Organising an Annual Conference to disseminate the results (at least 80 participants).
- Elaborating a Guide laying down the methodology to operate within interregional and intraregional networks.