

Ramjiawan chairs European Commission P7 panel

Congratulations to [Dr. Bram Ramjiawan](#), Director of Research Innovation and Regulatory Affairs, on his appointment as chair for a panel of the European Commission's Framework Programme 7. The Panel is in the Research Directorate-Science, economy and society Unit on Governance and Ethics; the meeting was held last week in Brussels, Belgium.

The Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) bundles all research-related EU initiatives together under a common roof playing a crucial role in reaching the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment; along with a new Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), Education and Training programmes, and Structural and Cohesion Funds for regional convergence and competitiveness. It is also a key pillar for the European Research Area (ERA).

The broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into four categories: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities. For each type of objective, there is a specific programme corresponding to the main areas of EU research policy. All specific programmes work together to promote and encourage the creation of European poles of (scientific) excellence.