

Opportunities for and expectations of government organisations in EU R&D projects

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Large research projects have a reputation:

- Costly
- Remote from the end consumer Citizens of the EU
- Results are difficult to communicate or are poorly communicated (transparency)





(Potential) gain for government organisations (and others)

- Well managed and integrated projects will avoid duplicating research and will share results amongst partners: greater financial efficiency
- Providing (local / regional) government access to participation in integrated projects should allow access to:
 - Information on emerging risks
 - Solutions to manage these risks at an early stage
 - Coherent communication tools, which give the same message throughout the EU





(Potential) gain for government organisations (and others) – (2)

- By being informed at an early stage, regulation and legislation can be adopted which addresses the concerns of all stakeholders (industry, administration, the citizens of the EU and the environment).
- Providing access to local / regional government should allow a feedback into the project, so that concerns can be addressed and a communication dialogue can (as far as possible) be established, thus:
 - Increasing transparency
 - Increasing the chance of acceptance of the project and its results at consumer level





Expectations of Government organisations



- Programmes involving hazardous activities require a robust risk management process.
- Risk communication must accompany all steps of the process,
- Risk assessment should be transparent and the methods applied together with the data used should be plausible.





Expectations of Government organisations (2)

- To address the risk management of hazardous activities in a systematic manner it is necessary to:
 - Describe the intended / correct function or operation of the activity concerned together with the relevant limiting parameters. At this stage unknowns and assumptions should be identified.
 - Define the appropriate hazard identification and risk assessment methodologies, taking note of their individual limitations.
 - Identify the stakeholder groups who may be involved / affected by the hazardous activity.
 - Determine appropriate communication tools, routes and mechanisms to interact with the stakeholders.
 - Continuously monitor the effectiveness of the risk management process (PDCA / Continuous improvement)





Thank you for your attention!

