



# **EU Research in the area of disability:**

**background, projects and recent approaches**

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## ***Outline***

- 1. European research into disability:  
*background and recent approaches***
- 2. FP6 research for policy support:  
*ongoing FP6 SSP projects***
- 3. For further information**





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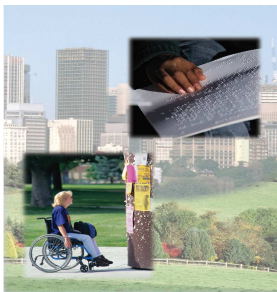
## *Research relating to Disability issues (1)*

- In FP5 (1999-2002): “Quality of life and management of living resources” programme

- A dedicated Generic Activity:

### GA 11: Research relating to persons with disabilities

- 30 projects funded (incl. fellowships and accompanying measures)
- Projects are finished or in final phase
- Operated within the RTD Health Directorate = Medical model of disability





## *Research relating to Disability issues (2)*

- In FP6 (2002-2006):
  - A dedicated research theme in the area "Providing health, security and opportunity to the people of Europe" of the *Research for Policy Support* priority:



### 2.4 Quality of life issues relating to handicapped/disabled people (including equal access facilities)

- Operated within the RTD Health Directorate **BUT**
- **Driven by a policy DG**, in this case DG Employment = Evolution to the Social model of disability (independent living & active inclusion)



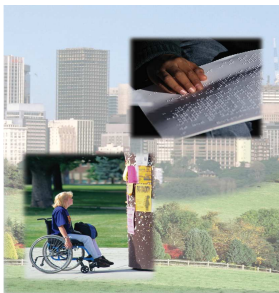


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## *Research relating to Disability issues (3)*

- In FP7 (2007-2013): Possible entry points will be:
  - **Theme 8: "Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities"**, that could address research related to disability from several perspectives: in relation to, for example, employment, education and training, social cohesion, quality of life and citizens' rights,
  - **Theme 1: "Health"**, more specifically in relation with research on **ageing issues**
  - **Theme 3: "Information and communication technologies"**, under the strategic objective of **e-Inclusion** (see: [http://europa.eu.int/information\\_society/policy/accessibility/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/information_society/policy/accessibility/index_en.htm))
  - **Theme 7: "Transport"**, ....





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## ***FP6 Research for Policy Support - Scientific Support to Policy (SSP) in the area of Disability***





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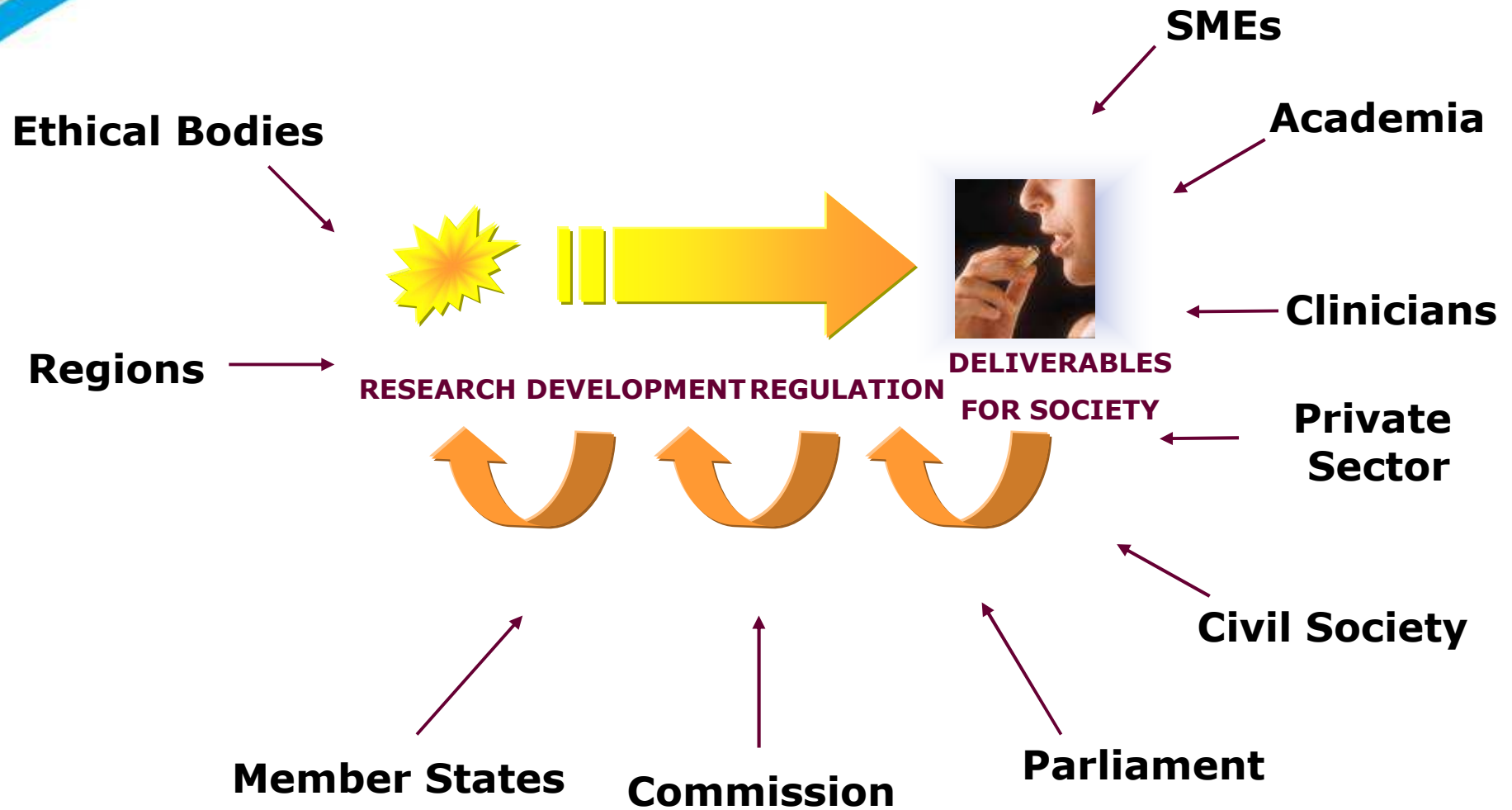


## FP6 "Priority 8" (2002 – 2006) Scientific Support to Policies

**Objective** of this Policy-oriented research: to provide scientific support that is:

- targeted precisely on needs (demand-driven),
- integrated across policy areas,
- responsive to changes in policy requirements as they OCCUR (e.g. SARS, Avian flu).

**SSP Success will depend on mobilisation of all actors**





## ***FP6 Research relating to Disability issues***

**FP6 Calls for proposals have been issued in areas identified by DG EMPL and resulted in the following 8 projects:**

- **Accessibility of built environment:**
    - POLIS (Decision Support Tools and Policy Initiatives in Support of a Universal Design of Buildings)
    - REASONABLE ACCESS (Good Practice for Providing Reasonable Access to the Physical Built Environment for the Disabled)
  - **Support to Employment:**
    - OPTI-WORK (Optimising Strategies for Integrating People with Disabilities into work)
  - **Analysis Capacity:**
    - MHADIE (Measuring Health and Disability in Europe: Supporting Policy Development)
    - DIS-QOL (Quality of Care and Quality of Life for People with Intellectual and Physical Disabilities)
  - **Accessibility of public transport:**
    - EURO-ACCESS (For a European Accessibility of public transport for people with disabilities)
    - PTaccess (Public transport system's accessibility for people with disabilities in Europe)
  - **Free movement:**
    - LIVINGALL (Free movement and equal living opportunities for all)
- Total budget: +/- 7.9 Mio euros**



## More information

- FP7 Socio-economic theme, including access to call pages:  
[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home\\_en.html](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ssh/home_en.html)
- FP7 Rules for submission of proposals, and the related evaluation, selection and award procedures:  
  
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