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Funding for comparative research on sickness absence

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Background

- Funding for comparative research in Europe: EU!
- But :
 - Requirements complex
 - Not always complying with research
 - Other sources: Ministries, National Social Insurance
- Comparative research is currently in the interest of national research grant suppliers
- International databases on sickness absence already available

Finding your way in Brussels...

- EU research framework programme FP7
 - DG Sanco: PH interventions
 - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
 - Directorate B- B3 Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work
 - DG Research
 - Marie Curie: international network meetings
 - Marie Curie Initiation Training Networks (Jan. 12, 2012)
 - 3 institutes or more involved in networking activities (workshop, conference etc.)
 - Junior researchers, PhDs and postdocs - visiting researchers
 - Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (Jan. 18, 2012)
- COST for network building

EU yearly FP cycle & how to react

- Jan-Febr: Drafts of work programme
 - Read asap
 - Decide: initiator or participant?
 - Initiator: contact other starplayers & write scope
 - Participant: mention you want to become work package leader or task leader
- June-July: Work programmes are published
- Autumn: Deadlines for submitting
- Winter: Roadmaps with topics

- Very competitive!

What to do in advance?

1. React on calls
 - Publish your profile on database
2. Influence calls
3. Get experience by becoming an expert
 - Subscribe on website
4. Know your partners
5. Participate in EU meetings
6. Find your local EU lobbyist!

When is EU interested in comparative **research** in sickness absence?

- Not just comparing, not only Northern Europe
- Research as means to increase competitiveness of Europe
- Include explanations for differences
- European emphasis
 - SA should decrease – sustainable participation
 - Relationship with social class

Other European opportunity

- Eurofund: (2/3 yearly) data collection across Europe
- Large amount of data on working conditions, health, sickness absence etc.
- Not included: policy characteristics (OECD)
- www.eurofound.europa.eu/surveys
- Miss Greet Vermeylen: research manager

Report your experiences to us!

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Or next year at the pre-conference