

## **ASD KEY PRIORITY 1.1 FP8**

### **ISSUE**

There is a need for continued involvement in R&T supported by visionary investment policy and mechanisms. The investments in R&T not only bring value for money to the investors, but also contribute to the competitiveness of EU economy at large with their proven spill-overs and spin-offs.

In 2010, the looming effects of the financial crisis will put great pressure on the European Institutions to decrease the funds allocated to Research as recently witnessed in the 2010 Budget discussions.

This comes at a time when the European Institutions are finalising the FP7 mid-term review and intensify the preparations of the next Financial Perspective. There is therefore a risk that the multiplier effects which can be reached by investing in those growth enhancing sectors, be ignored.

The state of maturity reached today by the ASD sectors is the result of sustained past investment. The confidence in stability thus created must not be jeopardised by disrupting new rules. Any arbitrary cut in the budget for Public Private Partnerships is bound to have a detrimental effect on European competitiveness in the mid- to long term.

### **BACKGROUND**

For the Commission real reform needs a change in the basic Financial Regulation. The Commission will prepare the next generation of EU programmes based upon past experience. A consultation on the implementation of FP7, closed in September 2009 provided helpful elements to the Commission. In the course of 2010, both the new Financial Regulation Commission proposal and the FP7 Mid-term Review are scheduled for delivery. The allocation of budgets may be reshuffled across the different themes based on the recommendations from the FP7 Mid-term Review. It is therefore of prime importance that the strategic nature of the ASD sectors be recognised as growth enhancing sectors. At the same time, the work on the Financial Perspective 2014-2020 is expected to intensify.

For civil aeronautics, the estimation (dating from 2000) of the efforts (both public and private) needed to deliver the Vision 2020 was in excess of 100 billion euro over 20 years. This estimation remains valid and the second half of the FP7 and the FP8 will represent opportunities to correct the current underinvestment.

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For Space, ASD welcomes the positive developments in GMES and will contribute to its success in the spirit of maintaining technological non-dependence of Europe. It will be crucially important that appropriate funding sources and mechanisms ensure its seamless operations. The industry claims its readiness to implement these ambitions, but recognises that a number of challenges will have to be overcome, including the development of a common European vision on the basis of a strong political commitment, elaboration of corresponding roadmaps, and ensuring the necessary budget within the next Financial Perspective.

As regards Security, it is an area that will undergo the most significant changes with the Lisbon Treaty, which clarifies the action to be taken and brings the policy fully within the scope of the normal EU procedures. The forthcoming Stockholm Programme will be a key lever of the action. ASD expects future Security research programmes to be fully geared to operational objectives, technology developments and to a proper strategy of implementation of innovation.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of ASD is to relentlessly demonstrate the added value of investing in R&T for the ASD sectors as a genuine move towards bringing value for money to Europe in addressing the Grand Challenges of our time.

### **ASD ACTION**

- ASD will contribute to the public consultation on the review of the EU Financial Regulation, which is at the basis of all other reforms related to EU financing and research programmes
- ASD will contribute to the FP7 Mid-term Review by providing informed feedback and recommendations
- ASD will further communicate on the added value of investing in R&T for the ASD sectors and their vision for the future
- ASD will develop groundbreaking recommendations in view of the FP8