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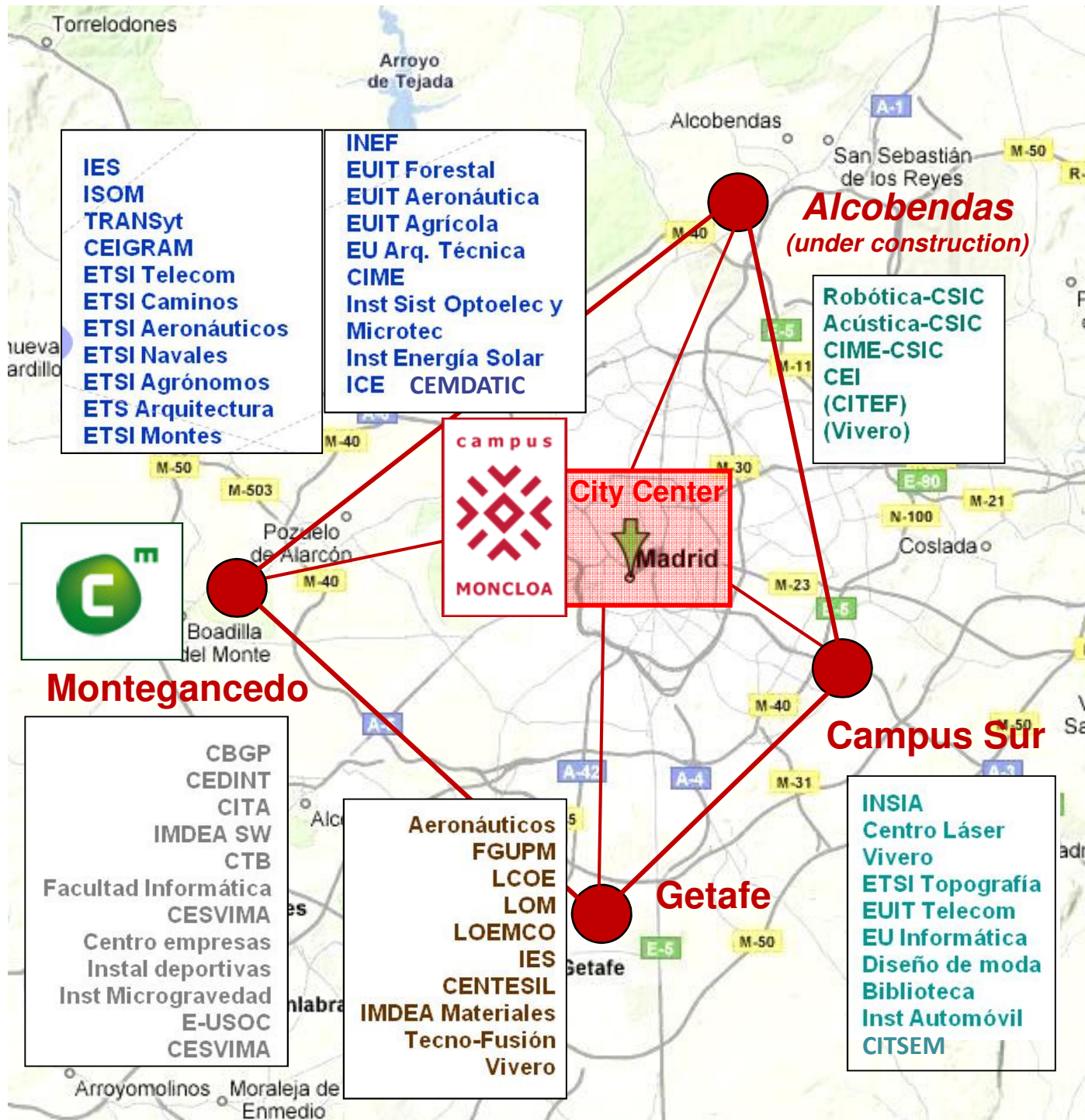
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# **UPM strategy in Transnational Programmes**

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**“Building the future”**



- 5** Sites around Madrid
- 2** International Campuses of Excellence
- 20** Engineering Schools
- 19** Research Institutes and Centres
- 37.000** Undergraduate students
- 6.700** Postgraduate students
- 338 M€** Budget 2015
- 75 M€** R&D&I funding

# R&D STRUCTURE

## Voluntary grouping of researchers

2,500  
Individual  
researchers



215  
research  
groups  
(min. 6 permanent  
researchers)

20 Engineering Schools & Faculties

+  
19 Research Centres & Institutes



# FRAGMENTATION IS A WEAKNESS...

✓ No hierarchical structure

Research...  
Academic... } ... freedom  
Grouping... }

✓ Competitiveness between research groups

hierarchy

## ... BUT FLEXIBILITY IS A STRENGTH

- ✓ Flexible structure



Freedom for

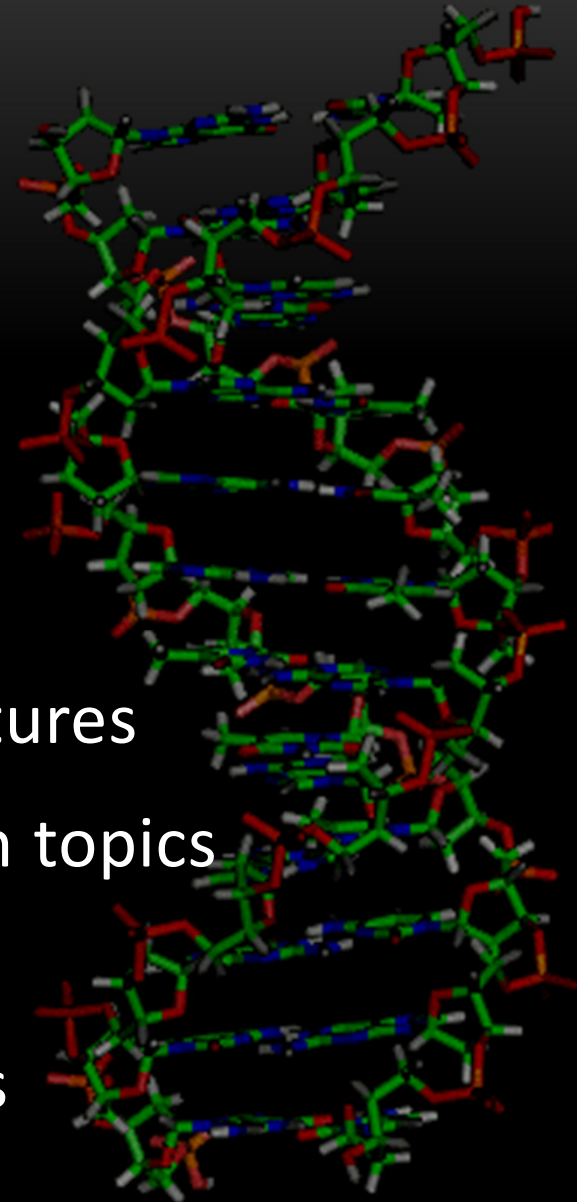
Researching

Entering in new structures

Defining new research topics



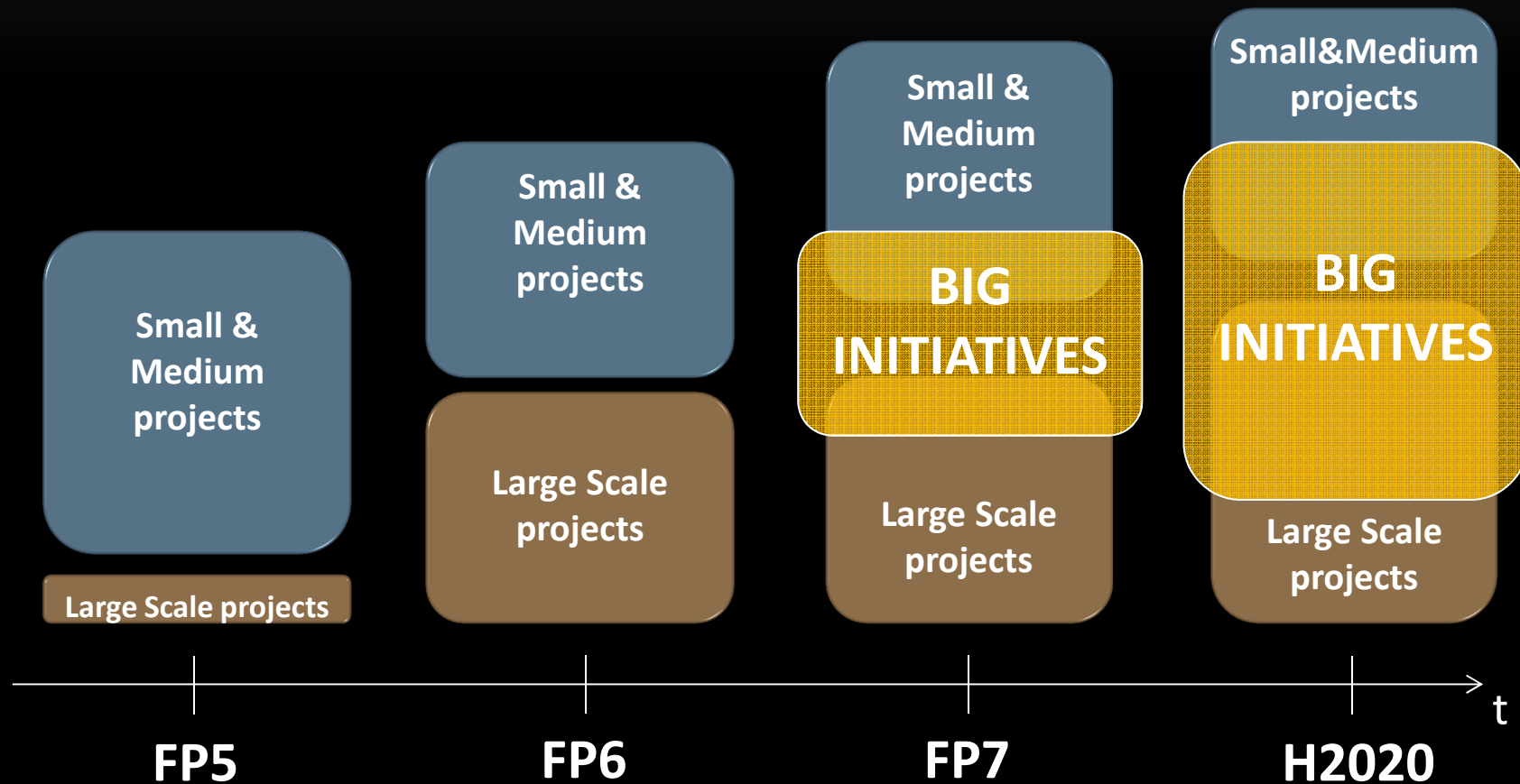
- ✓ More competitive research groups



# EUROPEAN BATTLEFIELD

- More quantitative competence
  - Newcomers from Eastern countries
  - Newcomers from Western countries
- More qualitative competence
  - More experience of usual participants
- More relevance to test infrastructure
  - For Innovation Actions
  - For piloting
- More relevance to strategic alliances with industry

# THE FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME TENDS TO BIG INITIATIVES



# UPM PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN INITIATIVES

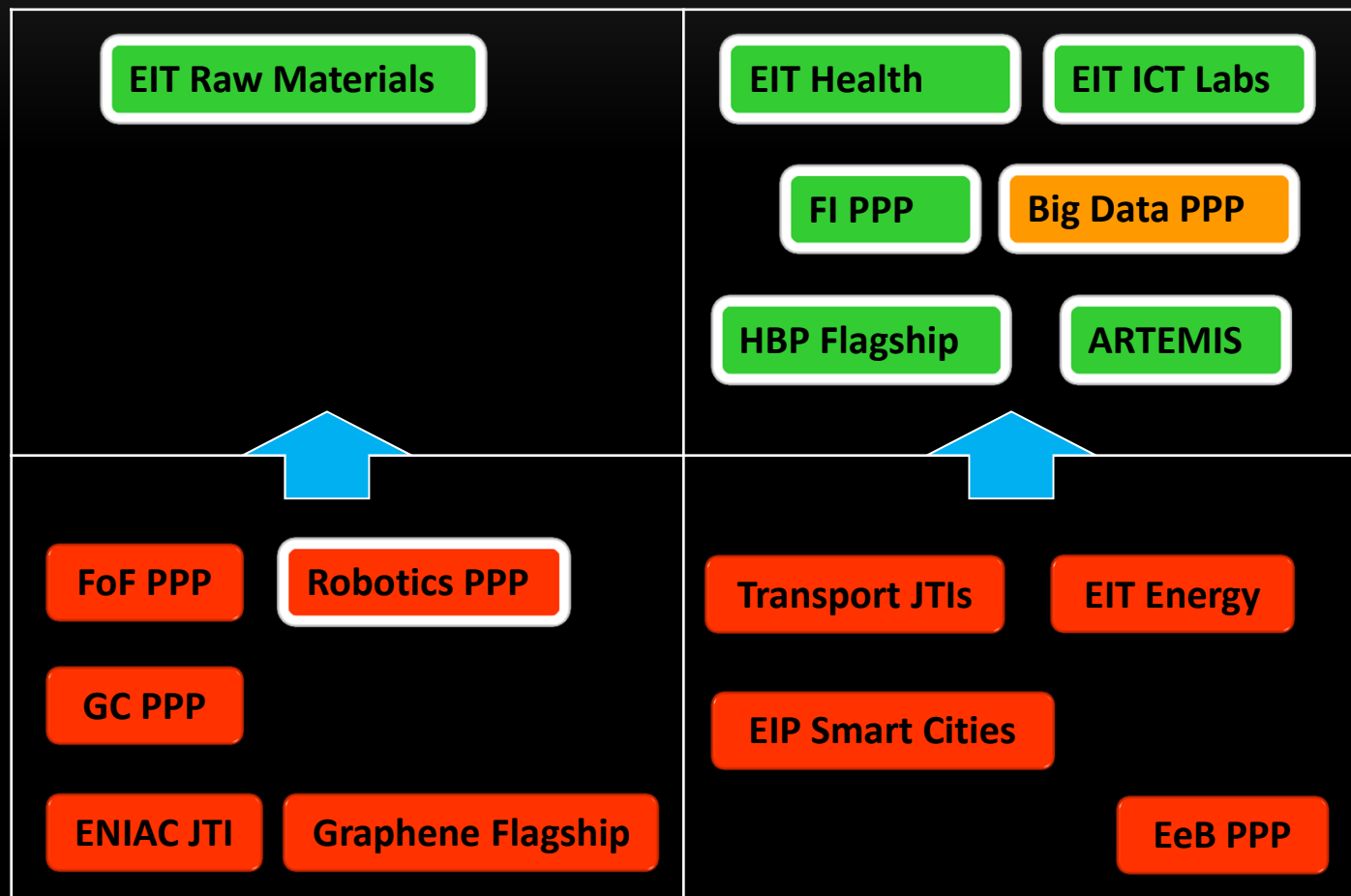
- Identification of R&D initiatives with high UPM interest.
  - Usually from the institutional side (contact with National Representatives, knowledge of the battlefield...).
  - Based on UPM research capacities.
    - Research background.
    - Research Centres or Institutes in that area.
- Appointment of one UPM representative.
- Coordination of UPM capacities.
  - Collaboration among research groups is encouraged.
  - Information at early stages.
  - Presentation of UPM Research Capacities as a whole.
- Positioning at National and European level.
  - Participation (if possible) in the ETP or Association behind.
  - Strategic Alliances with Spanish industry related.



# ANALYSIS OF UPM PARTICIPATION IN BIG INITIATIVES

Good  
positioning

Bad  
positioning



Standard R&D capacities

High-class R&D capacities

Successful

Failed

Big effort invested



FUTURE  
INTERNET  
PPP

## *USE CASE*

- Excellent participation in call 1 FP7-ICT.
- Participation in cross-platforms meetings.
  - Members of NESSI and NEM Steering Boards.
- Strategic Alliance with big Spanish companies.
  - UPM has a deep background as technological partner.
- Hosting of key events:
  - At National Level: Infoday call 3 ICT with 280 attendees (Jun 2009).
  - At International Level:
    - Future Internet Assembly and ServiceWave (Dec 2008)
    - W3C world congress (Apr 2009)

## UPM European Projects Office

The European Projects Office at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid is the unit in charge of promoting research activities of the University in order to foster participation of the UPM researchers in the European R&D Programmes such as 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, Competitiveness & Innovation Framework Programme, Joint Technology Initiatives, ERA-NET, initiatives based on article 169 (AAL), EUREKA, COST and ESA contracts.



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UPM vision  
 and research  
 potencial



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# RESULTS IN THE FUTURE INTERNET PPP

- Participation in the FI Platform:
  - FIWARE
  - FI-CORE
- Participation in Pilots:
  - FI-CONTENT
  - FI-SPACE
  - SmartAgriFood
- Participation in CP/CSA:
  - FI-ADOPT
- Participation in Support Actions:
  - INFINITY (coordinated)
  - XiFi
  - FI-LINKS (coordinated)

**TOTAL FUNDING: 5 M€**

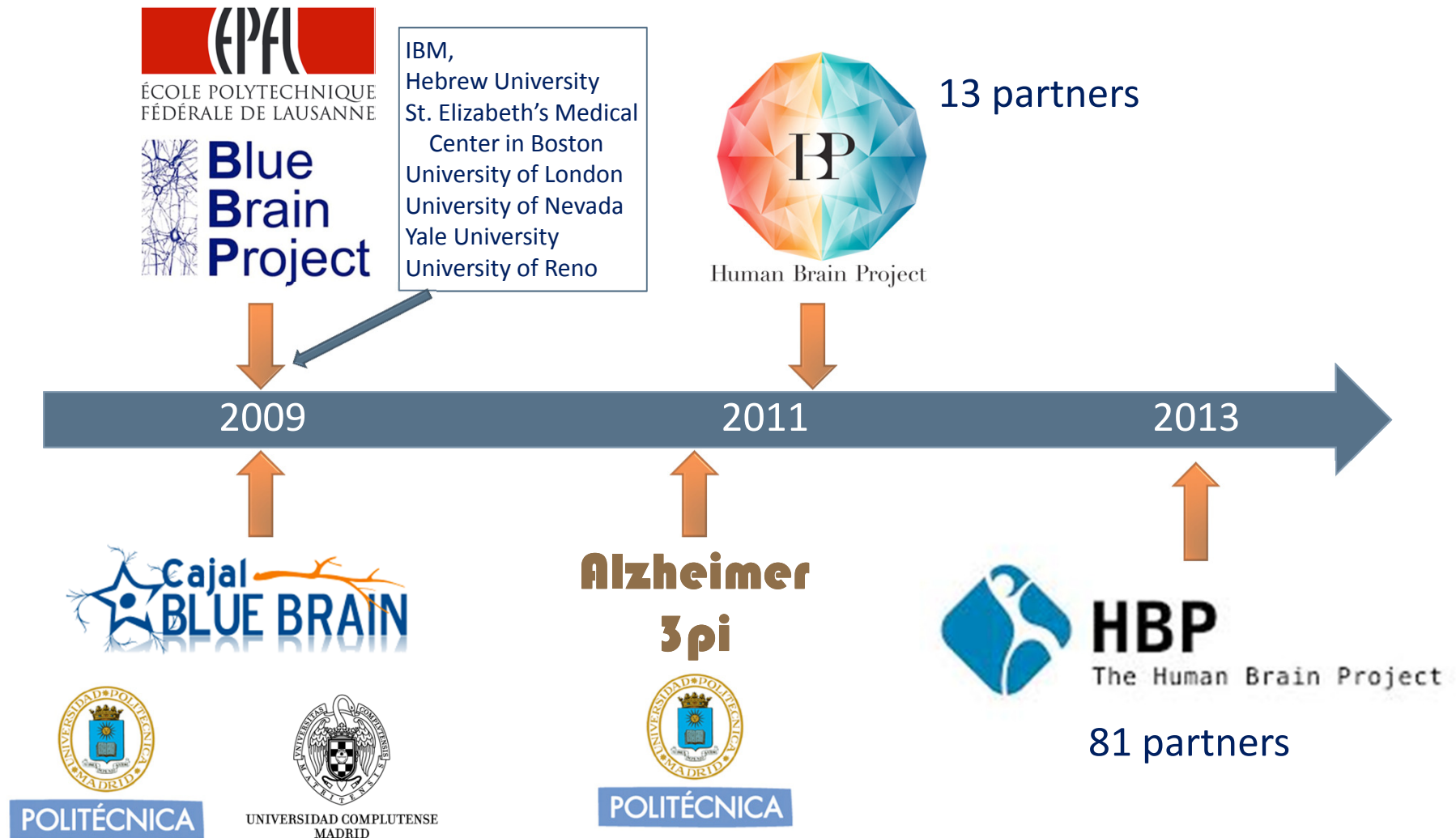
**International  
positioning**

**Improvement of  
research excellence**



# Human Brain Project

*USE CASE*



- UPM member of the NESSI ETP from 2005 (15-25 partners)
  - 3 different representatives at the Steering Committee.
- Working group on Big Data in 2012.
  - December 2012: White paper “Big Data: A New World of Opportunities”.
- Contacts with the EC in early 2013: opportunity for a cPPP.
- UPM founding member of BDVA: July 2014
- Hard work in 2014:
  - 30+ telephone calls, 10+ physical meetings, hundreds of emails...
  - Close collaboration between EPO and NESSI representative.
  - 4 UPM people involved ~ 1 FTE

# CHANCES AND CHALLENGES OF PARTICIPATING IN BIG INITIATIVES

- We need to turn FRAGMENTATION into FLEXIBILITY and INTEGRATION.
- We need to push collaboration between research groups.
  - Competence between them has been very important for success in the past...
  - ...but the new playground implies other needs.
- We need to encourage our positioning.
  - Just from the very beginning.

# UPM STRATEGY

1

Internationalization of Research Groups, Institutes and Centres.

- New regulations
- New rewards



## UPM STRATEGY

### 2 Institutional Initiatives as umbrellas:

- BIOTech, NanoTech, SpaceTech, [cityofthefuture-upm.com](http://cityofthefuture-upm.com), Future Internet, Big Data

## UPM STRATEGY

# 3

Institutional support to researchers:

- At programme/initiative level
- At project level

# UPM STRATEGY

## 4

### Strategic positioning:

- With Spanish blue-chips:  
Telefonica, Santander, Repsol,  
Indra...
  - Joint Research Centres, Joint Research  
Units, long-term alliances, University-  
Industry Chairs...
- Participation in European Initiatives

# EUROPEAN PROJECT OFFICE AT UPM

## PROMOTION

- Director
- Deputy: ICT, SPACE, ESA
- P. Manager 1: AGRO, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY
- P. Manager 2: HEALTH, ICT, TRANSPORT, SECURITY
- P. Manager 3: NMBP, Social Sciences, ERC, INCO, SMEs
- P. Manager 4: MARIE CURIE, INFRASTRUCTURES

PROMOTION

TRAINING

INFORMATION

PROPOSALS

PROJECTS

## MANAGEMENT

- Responsible
- Technician 1: Legal/IPR advise (CA) + Marie Curie support
- Technician 2: Negotiation and declaration of costs
- Technician 3: Negotiation and declaration of costs
- Technician 4: Negotiation and declaration of costs
- Technician 5: Contract management

# EPO-PROMOTION

*Our mission: Increase UPM participation in International R&D Projects*

To know our researchers and their research capacities

**“OUR CLIENTS”**



**EPO-Promotion**

To know the **“Context”**

**“THE MARKET”**

- The Programmes:
  - Funding opportunities, Work Programmes, Rules for participation
- The players:
  - European Commission, National Representatives & NCPs
  - Participants: Research Institutions, Private Sector and European Technology Platforms
- The initiatives:
  - PPPs, JTI, EIPs...

# EPO STRATEGY

- HR investment in initiatives identified as key for UPM.
  - Co-working with researchers and UPM representatives in these initiatives.
- Follow up of participation in ETPs of interest by UPM as institution.
  - Even funding of fees.
- Participation in European networks:
  - For partner search: Vision 2020 (<http://www.2020visionnetwork.eu>)
  - For best practices exchanges: ULAB (FP7), BESTPRAC (COST), ELIARE (SUDOE-INTERREG).
- Training:
  - Post-graduate course for European R&D promoters and managers (160h)
  - Training seminars for external UPM community...
- NCPs: FET and TRANSPORT

# UPM PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES (2007-2013)

	Proposals	Projects approved
FP7	1275	288
<i>Coordinated by UPM (colaborative)</i>	<i>286 (24%)</i>	<i>82 (28%)</i>
FP7 EC Funding received		83.266.939,45 €
FP7 success rate		22,5%
Other international programmes (ESA, EUREKA, Interreg, CIP, etc.)	705+	208

- ⇒ More than double of FP6 funding per year
- ⇒ Ranked **first Spanish University** in funding granted in FP7 (CDTI, 2014)

## CONCLUSIONS/LESSONS LEARNT

- Institutional commitment is key.
- Participation as a whole is critical for success.
- Positioning is not enough... but it's needed.
- Research quality is needed... but it's not enough.
- Build upon the existing close cooperation with private sector.
- Close cooperation between EPO and researchers is a must.
  - Mutual confidence is absolutely needed.



## OPEN FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION

- Collaboration in flagship initiatives such as PPP, EIT, FET-F, EIP...
- Exchange of good practices: processes, methodologies, tools...
- Exchange of information and opportunities between EU offices.
  - Exchange of good practices: processes, methodologies, tools...
  - Questions and answers on administrative, legal, financial issues...
  - Set up of joint proposals at early stage.
  - Search for partners exchanges.
  - Joint Thematic workshops or training for Researchers, networking.
- Mobility of Programme Managers and Technicians.

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