

Advisory Bodies: CREST (Scientific and Technical Research Committee)

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CREST: Legal Basis

- **Set up by a Council Resolution in 1974 (OJ C7 29.1.74 p.2) to assist Commission and Council**
- **Second resolution in 1995 (OJ C264 11.10.95 p.4)**



CREST Mandate (inter alia):

- **Helps Commission draw up Community RTD programmes**
- **Promotes co-ordination of Member State and EU RTD policies**



Who participates?

- **Member State representatives**
- **Commission chairs meetings**
- **Secretariat is provided by General Secretariat of the Council**



Observers:

These are allowed from the following countries, all of which are associated to FP6:

- **NO, FL, IS, CH (EEA/EFTA)**
- **RO, BU, TR (candidate countries)**
- **IL**



Current focus of CREST:

- **OMC and 3% Action Plan (second cycle)**
- **Article 169 Initiatives**
- **National Basic Research Schemes**

