

# A Roadmap for European Research - what do we expect?



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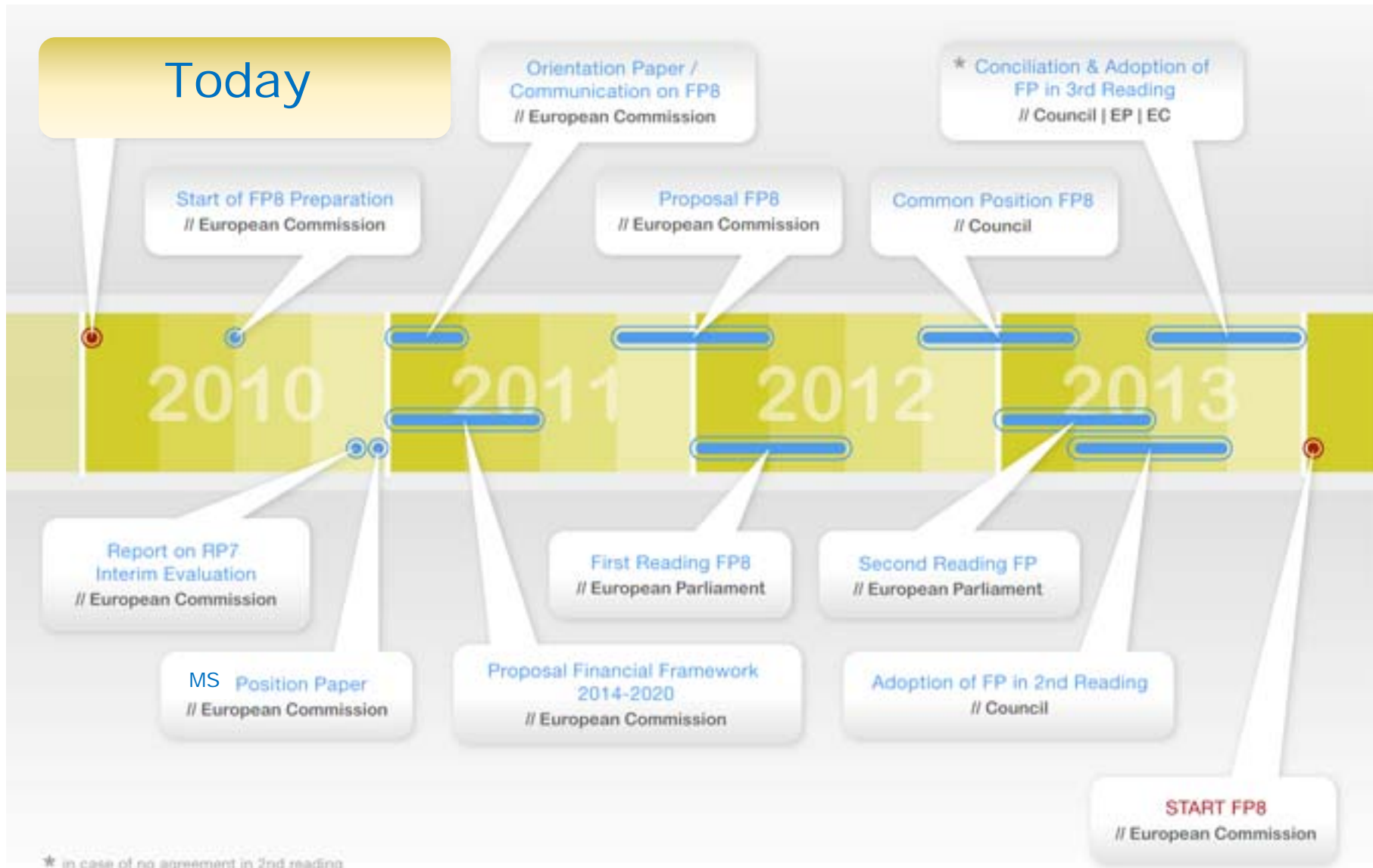
- What will be the roadmap (guesses!)?
- When, What, Who?
- FP8-priorities – what might they be?



# What is ahead of us?

- FP7 midterm review (2010 autumn)
- Expire of the Euratom Framework Programme
  - Euratom FP 2007 – 2011
- Danish EU Presidency (2012 spring)
  - Trio with Poland (2011 autumn) and Cyprus (2012 autumn)
- New Financial Framework and new Financial Regulation
- FP8 launch (2014\*)

*\* The European Parliament has asked for an extension of the Financial Framework from 2013 until 2016. If Council and Commission agrees, I expect it would affect the launch of FP8*





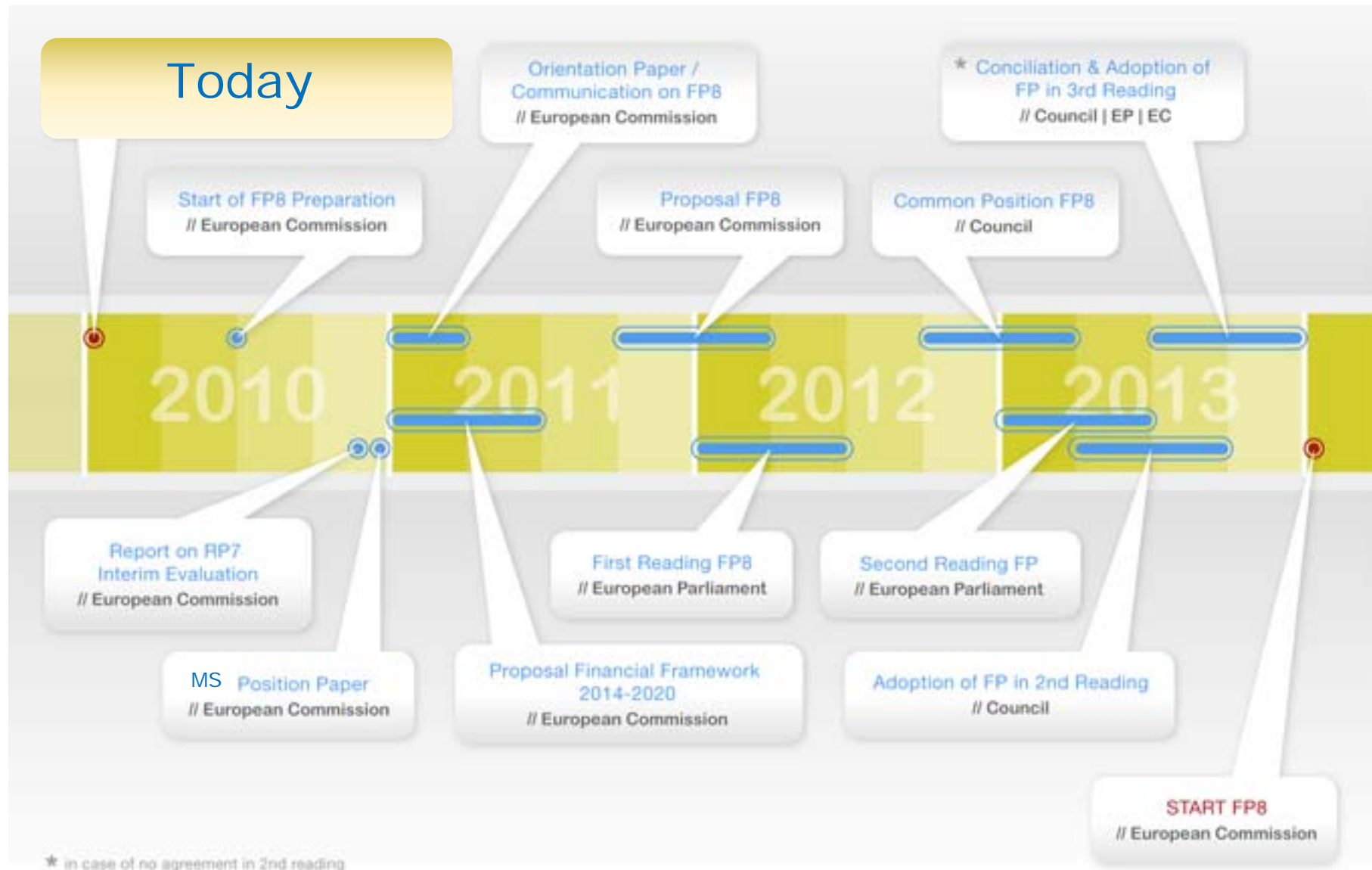
## WHEN should you act?

The **most important period** is before the Commission presents its 'discussion document', normally around six months before the proposal.

In practice, as soon as the **Commission has proposed** a Framework Programme the major part of its **thematic content is fixed**.

In the **negotiations** with and between the Council and Parliament, numerous additions are made but **seldom any reductions** or major shifts in priorities.

**Hardly any 'deprioritisation'** has been done in the history of the FP – new priorities have been added whilst maintaining old ones. This has been possible because the **budget has increased**.





## WHAT should be prepared?

Stakeholders and Member States must be much more **proactive**, i.e. not only reacting to the Commission's proposals.

Develop a strategy in order to give constructive input.

It should be pointed out that being proactive should **not** mean putting forward 'one's own' priorities and/or shopping lists.

Instead, stakeholders need to get advice '**at European level**' following from interaction with stakeholders at European level.



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## WHO is in charge of priority-setting?

The 'road' to setting priorities in the FP is a **long process** with many actors involved.

Formally, the ultimate decision is in the hands of the **Council** with the **Parliament as legislator**.

But in practice it is very much **in the hands of the Commission**. They ensure the 'end product' complies with the objectives and criteria in the FP.



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## WHO has influence?

It goes without saying that the so-called **research DGs**\* are in the 'driving seat'

But they are very much influenced by

- **policy DGs**, such as environment, health, agriculture, fisheries
- **Member States**
- **well-organised stakeholders** (such as e.g. the aeronautics industry)

\* *Former DG RTD, DG ENTR, DG TREN, DG INFSO*



# What will also shape the Commissions proposal?

A number of activities will **help shape** the Commission's views :

- FP6 ex-post evaluation
- FP7 progress report
- FP7 interim evaluation
- Yearly FP7 monitoring reports
- ERC review
- Debate on simplification



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# New Commissioner

Ms Máire Geoghegan-Quinn



**New priorities**/strategy of the new Commission?

President **Barroso's political guidelines** for the new Commission:

- **combining resources** across Europe
- **refocusing** on key areas
- world **excellence** in basic research
- more industry-driven **applied** R&D
- extending **mobility** programmes
- spreading R&D capacities to the **regions**

DG Research now also includes **innovation**



## Our approach in Denmark

### Focus: **Bottom-up** approach

- Early involvement and consultations with FP users and stakeholders
- Consultants, project participants and applicants
- Industry, academia and public authorities

### 2009:

- **Consultations** with stakeholders and in-dept studies
- Catalogue of the key-messages from the stakeholder consultations (end 2009)
- The key-messages were subject to policy discussions between the Minister and the Danish Parliament (January 2010)

### 2010:

Moving towards **policy** – elements yet to be confirmed



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# Thank you for your attention!

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