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## General management mechanisms and service to beneficiaries

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## Executive Agencies

A new generation of institutional interlocutors

- EU public bodies
- Legal personality
- Supervision by the Commission

Core mission:

Implementing Community programmes



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## A widening portfolio of programmes



Budget 2008: ~500 Mio Euros

Budget 2008 for Culture: 45 Mio Euros



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## Turning policy into action

Managing the whole life cycle of the projects:



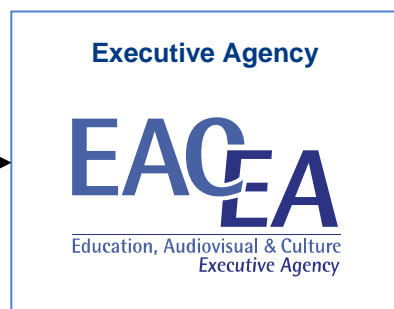
## Partners with complementary roles

### Policy



- Policy documents
- Programme definition
- Priorities
- Committees
- Impact analysis
- Management of certain actions

### Programme implementation



- Management of main actions
- Calls/Guide, selection, contracts
- Monitoring, acceptance, payments
- Clustering & dissemination
- Results & feedback



- Centre for Programme management
- ~370 staff
- Based in Brussels
- Managed by EC officials



## **Permanent priorities and challenges**

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- 1- Efficient and effective programme management
  - 2- Continuous simplification
  - 3- Synergies and interactivity
  - 4- Information to applicants and beneficiaries



## Efficient and effective programme management

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- Rigorous financial management
  - Timely information to candidates
  - Timely contractualisation
  - Timely payments to beneficiaries

## Continuous simplification

- Shorter application forms (towards on line application)
- Harmonised evaluation processes
- Decisions instead of contracts/grant agreements
- Flat rates and grant calculators
- Multiannual partnerships for operating grants
- Anticipation of deadlines





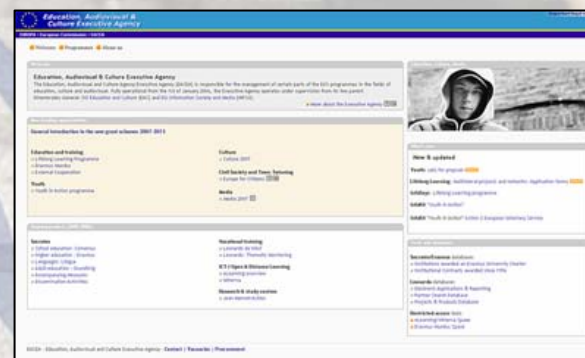
## Synergies and interactivity

- Integrated programme management
- Snow ball effect across programmes
- Enhanced interaction with beneficiaries
- Culture of feedback



## Information to applicants and beneficiaries

- Access to information
- Guidance on funding opportunities
- Dedicated Information events
- Interactive tools and services



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