

On the 1st May 2007, the ORFEUS Project Coordinator took part in a seminar jointly organised by Beta Technology, who operate as a UK National Contact Point for the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme [FP7], and One North East, the Regional Development Agency (RDA) covering North East England.

The seminar, entitled "European Framework Programme 7 (2007-2013) - its strategic importance in supporting the sustainable regeneration of the North East", took place at The Centre for Life in Newcastle upon Tyne in the UK. The Centre for Life is an organisation providing state-of the-art research and educational facilities in life sciences, and accommodation for several biotechnology businesses and conference suites.

Richard Maudslay, Chair of the North East Science and Industry Council, introduced the seminar which started with presentations on the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), by Beta Technology, and the Benefits to the NE Region of the UK, by Professor Janet Bainbridge of One North East. These were followed by two FP6 case studies from industry and academia given by OSYS Technology (OREFUS), and the University of Teesside who described an unsuccessful proposal.

The ORFEUS contribution was a brief fifteen minute presentation describing the aims of the project and the European Commission's contribution.