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**Possible Synergies between Regional and
EU Research Funding (ERDF - FP7/ Horizon 2020)**

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Synergies: ERDF – FP6/FP7/Horizon 2020

Top-class European research



ZBT GmbH -
Zentrum für BrennstoffzellenTechnik
Duisburg

Fuel cells and components, systems engineering
Hydrogen production and storage
Decentralized energy supply and batteries
Quality assurance and inspection

NRW Objective 2 2007-2013
OP ERDF NRW 2014-2020
From 2002

- Setting up of the centre
- Consolidation and expansion of research expertise

FP6, FP7 and Horizon 2020
Cutting-edge research

- Fuel cell principles
- Energy supply

NRW Objective 2 2007-2013
OP ERDF NRW 2014-2020
Cooperation projects

- Product development
- Demonstration projects



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Analysis Results Synergies between ERDF and FP7/Horizon 2020

- Basis: 1,715 NRW Objective 2 projects analyzed, 33 projects with 95 project partners identified which targeted the establishment of research infrastructures/innovation capacity building, 17 case studies conducted, including extensive interviews with university institutes, research institutions and enterprises
- Research institutes and innovation capacity in new technology fields developed with ERDF funds are playing an active role in top-class research at national and European level (FP7/Horizon 2020) – Examples: ZBT GmbH and the Centre for Telemedicine, Aachen
- Large and small enterprises engaged in research as well as research institutes see themselves - and are striving to be - part of top-class European research
- University academics are particularly successful when they develop and apply for projects in cooperation with affiliated or Fraunhofer institutes
- Established research infrastructures give universities access to the EU's mobility programmes as well as the funding schemes of the European Research Council and raise their appeal for research consortia



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