

Stem Cell Research Policies in Europe: Barriers to Scientific Research and Stakeholders' Actions

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1. Substantial barriers to ESC research in Europe

Key determinants

- ▶ Legal inconsistency
 - ➔ *Policies are inconsistent across European countries*
- ▶ Legal uncertainty
 - ➔ *Policies are too broad and fail to provide effective guidance to researchers*

3. Policy goals

- ▶ **Long term goal** ➔ eliminating policy barriers to the free circulation of ideas among European researchers
- ▶ **Short term** ➔ making an effective use of funding made available under the European Union's 7th Framework Programme

2. European stakeholder initiatives

Research consortia

- ▶ EuroStemCell
- ▶ ESTOOLS

NGOs

- ▶ Associazione Luca Coscioni
 - ➔ *World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research*
- ▶ Boston Cell of the Associazione Luca Coscioni
 - ➔ *Bridge between European and North-American stakeholders*

