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Attachment 2: IFRIS six main research themes

1 - Changes in the regimes of knowledge production

- 1.1 – The economy of technological promises.
- 1.2 – The convergence promoted by nano S&Ts.
- 1.3 – The new modalities of knowledge appropriation.
- 1.4 – Changes in research practices.
- 1.5 – Conceptualising “regimes of knowledge production” in society.

2 - Institutional and organisational changes in scientific governance

- 2.1 – The apparatus of “technical democracy”.
- 2.2 – The dynamics of the European research sphere.
- 2.3 – Local authorities and competitive hubs.
- 2.4 – Universities in the knowledge society.

3 - Productive changes and innovation processes

- 3.1 – Innovation processes in services.
- 3.2 – Users and design (“bottom-up” innovation).
- 3.3 – Distributed knowledge and innovation processes.
- 3.4 – Technological training processes and innovation in developing countries.

4 - The political uses of science

- 4.1 – Crises, expertise and new organisational devices.
- 4.2 – Global problems and the mobilisation of expertise.
- 4.3 – Norms and standards in the construction of breakthrough innovations.
- 4.4 – Innovation in public goods.

5 - Globalisation, sustainable development and territorial dynamics

- 5.1 – Globalisation and the role of the “BRIC” in research and innovation.
- 5.2 – Knowledge production and development (African countries).
- 5.3 – Global problems and the development of metropolitan areas.

6 - Process and instruments of policy frameworks

- 6.0 – Development indicators for the first five programmes.
- 6.1 – New “thematic” indicators (type, science and society).
- 6.2 – Indicators and models for human resources.
- 6.3 – Positioning indicators of organisations and universities.