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1. *Before the publication of the Work Programme (several years in advance):*
 - Make lobby activities for influencing the selection and configuration of the topics and the instruments.

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2. *Once the topics are informally disseminated:*

- Check their relevance for you:
 - There is a topic that match your profile?
 - Are you an internationally recognized expert on the matter?
 - Do you have recent relevant publications to demonstrate it?

- If so, start contacts to shape a consortium (don't be shy)

- How to find potential partners? (be ambitious, you need the best)
 - If you are expert in the field, you should know some of them.
 - Internet, PubMed

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3. *Once the call is formally launched:*

- Continue with the preparation of the proposal.
- Work intensively from the first day.
- Managerial support

Key elements for a competitive proposal

1. Excellent matching of the proposal with the description of the topic
 - Changes from FP7 to H2020 (more general descriptions, several projects funded per topic)
2. Innovative and feasible scientific contributions to the topic
3. Partners recognized as international experts in the field
4. Optimal consortium design (total coverage of the required scope of expertise, avoiding unjustified duplication of partner profiles, geopolitics is not critical)
5. Involvement of relevant industry (and SMEs)
6. Attractive presentation of the proposal (text and layout)
7. Don't forget the “political” sections

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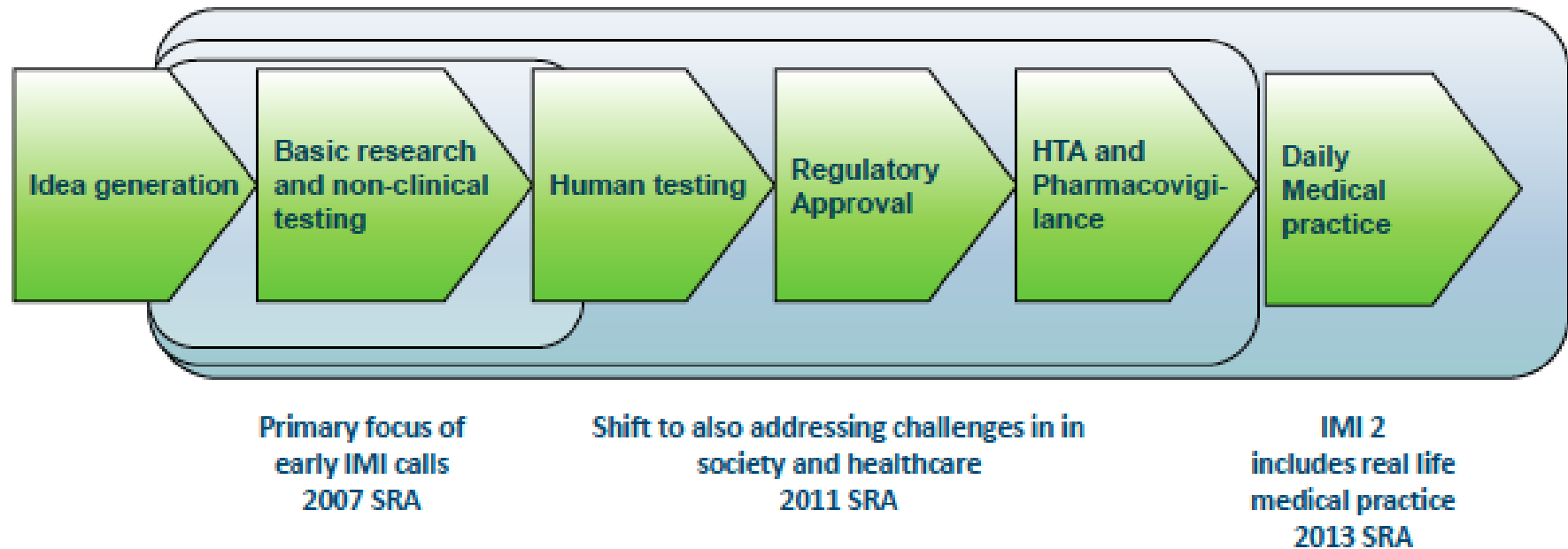
Main IMI characteristics

- Very similar to collaborative H2020 projects
- Main differences:
 - Funded by H2020 and EFPIA
 - Topics defined by EFPIA but it is possible to lobby for topics
 - A single project by topic
 - Officially 2 stages, in practice a single one
 - Industries proposing and co-financing the topic incorporated in the second stage

IMI2 in a nutshell

- **Bigger budget**
 - 3.275 Billion Euro
- **Broader Participation**
 - Industry partners extended from only EFPIA members to other organisations (Healthcare IT, diagnostics, medical devices,...)
 - Publically funded includes medium sized companies
- **100% Reimbursement**

The Evolution Of IMI



More information on IMI at:

<http://www.imi.europa.eu/>

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 - Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
 - **Individual Fellowships (IF)**

Key elements for a competitive Marie Curie IF proposal

1. PI with a very good CV in the project field
2. Very good candidate (in relation to his/her career stage)
3. Innovative and feasible scientific project. The winning proposals are usually written by the PI, not by the PI candidate.
4. Attractive presentation of the proposal (text and layout)
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