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EU FUNDING OPTION
a complex exercise

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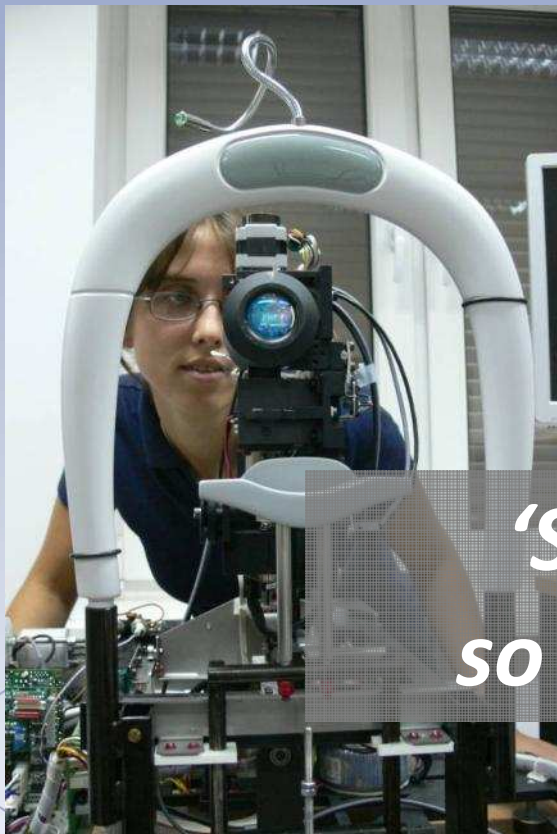


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*‘Supporting only the best,
so they become even better’*



FOUNDATION FOR POLISH SCIENCE –
the largest non-governmental organization
supporting science in Poland **from 1991**



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Endowment

Central Development Fund for Science and Technology

24 million EUR (1991)

Current assets

100 million EUR

My experience with



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- **100 762 102 EUR**

EU STRUCTURAL FUNDS

- **700 000 EUR**

EEA FUNDS



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ALL PROGRAMMES



MONOGRAPHS

International PhD Projects

FOCUS

VENTURES

KOLUMB

START

HOMING +

FNP PRIZE

STUDIES

PhD

SCIENTIFIC CAREER/AGE

TEAM

POMOST/BRIDGE

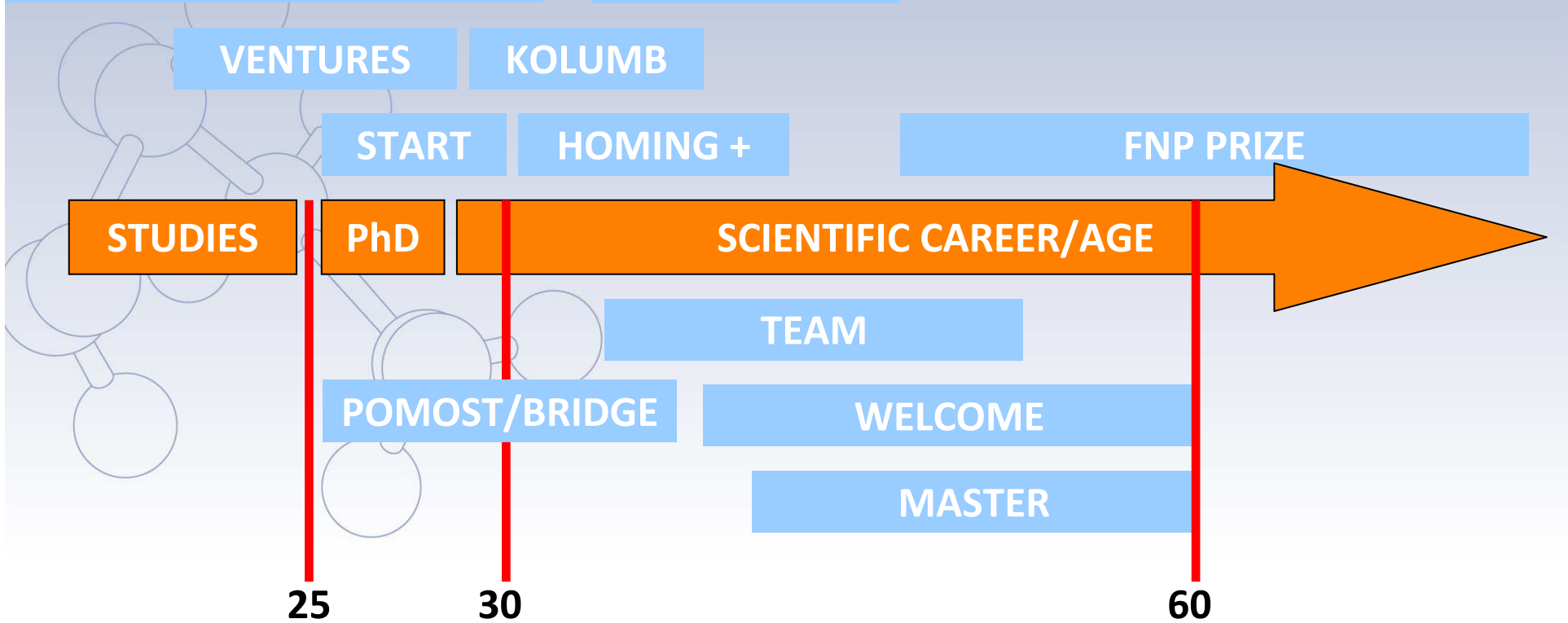
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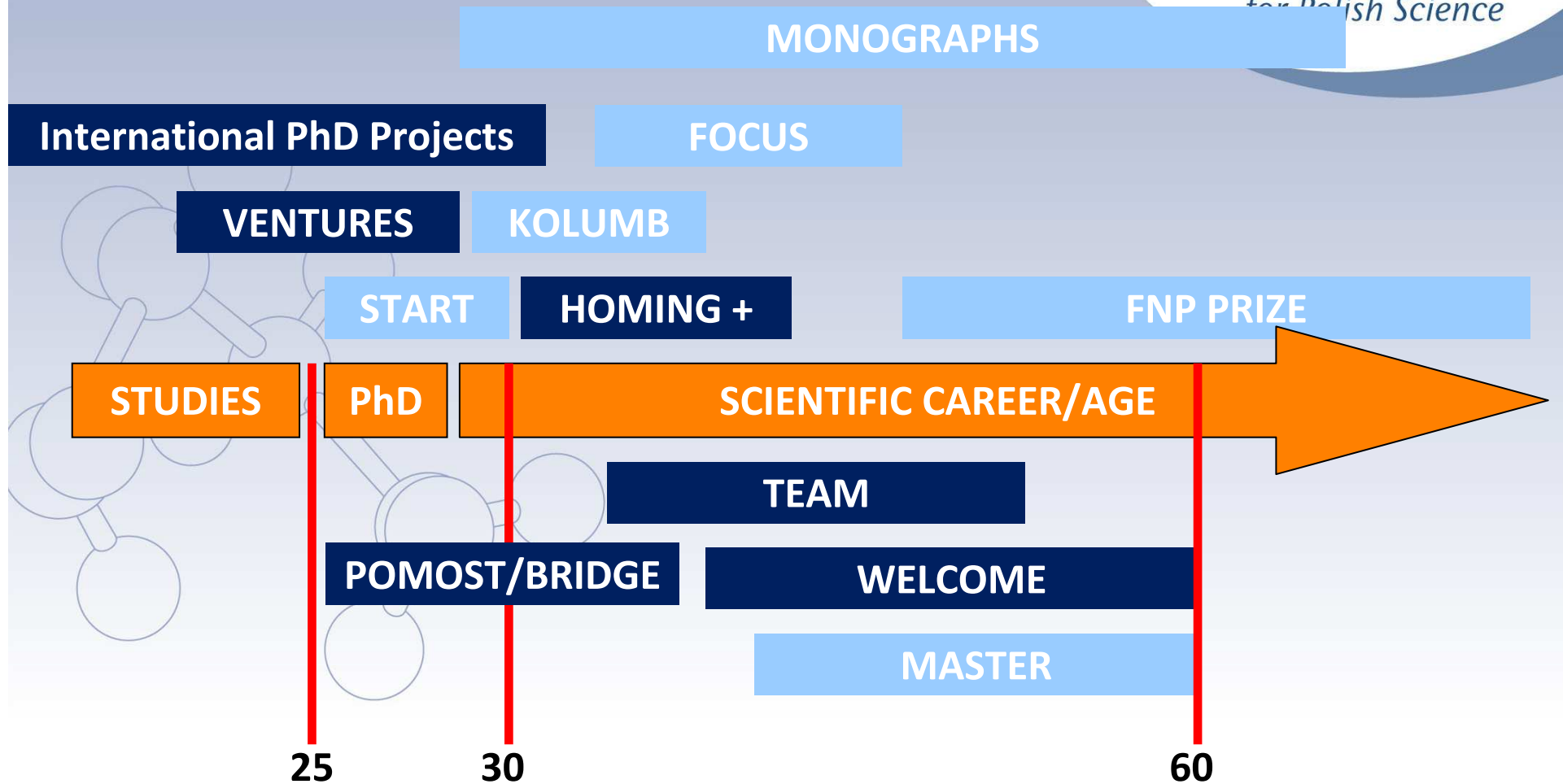
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EU FUNDED PROGRAMMES



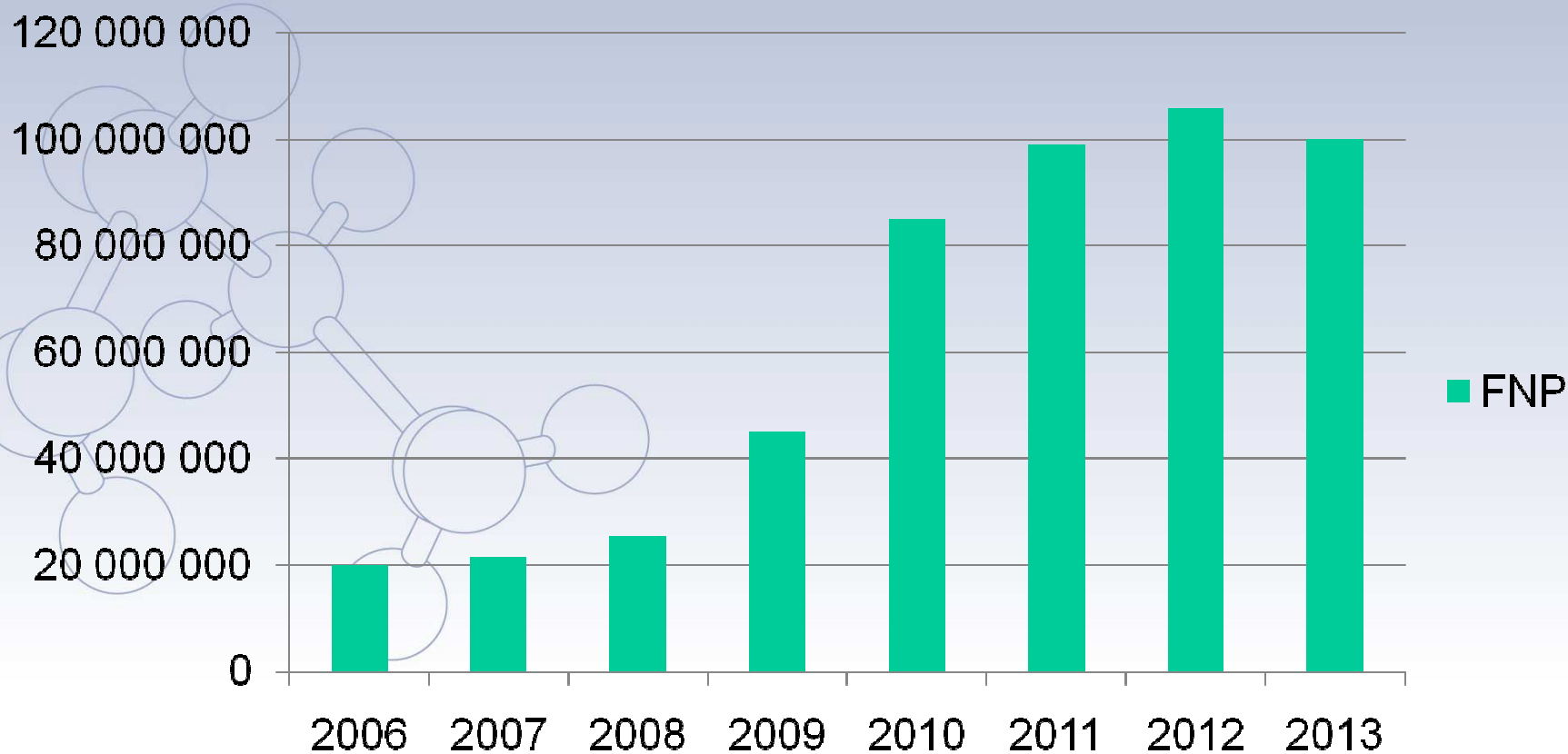
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ANNUAL EXPENDITURE (PLN)



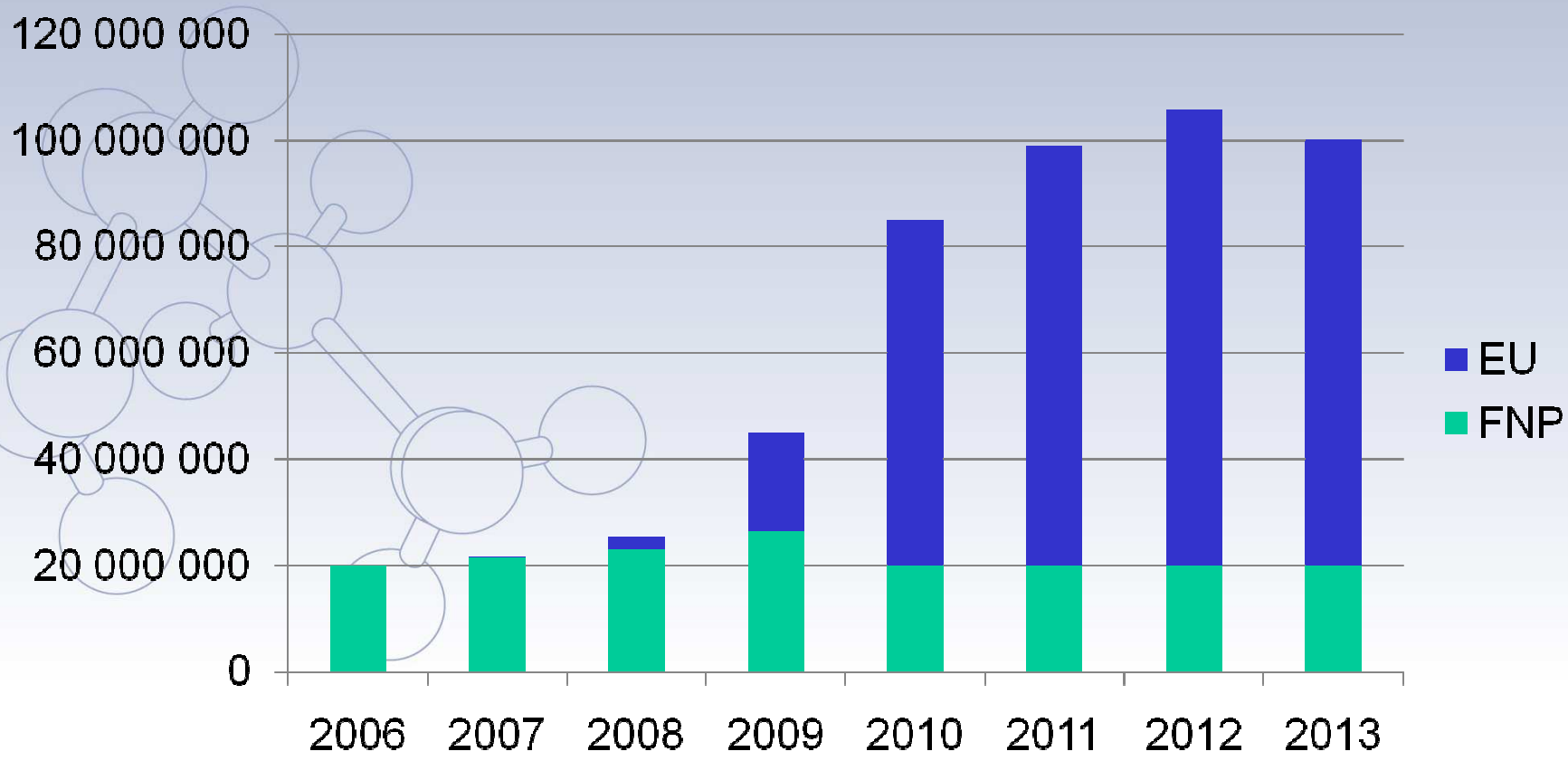
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ADVANTAGES



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- **Better responding to needs**
- **More funded young researchers (x6)**
- **Generous funding (higher stipends, higher grants)**
- **Greater impact**
- **Rising public awareness**



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DISADVANTAGE 1



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- **Risk of initial actions**
- **Lack of expertise**
- **Long evaluation of proposals**
- **Long negotiations of contracts**



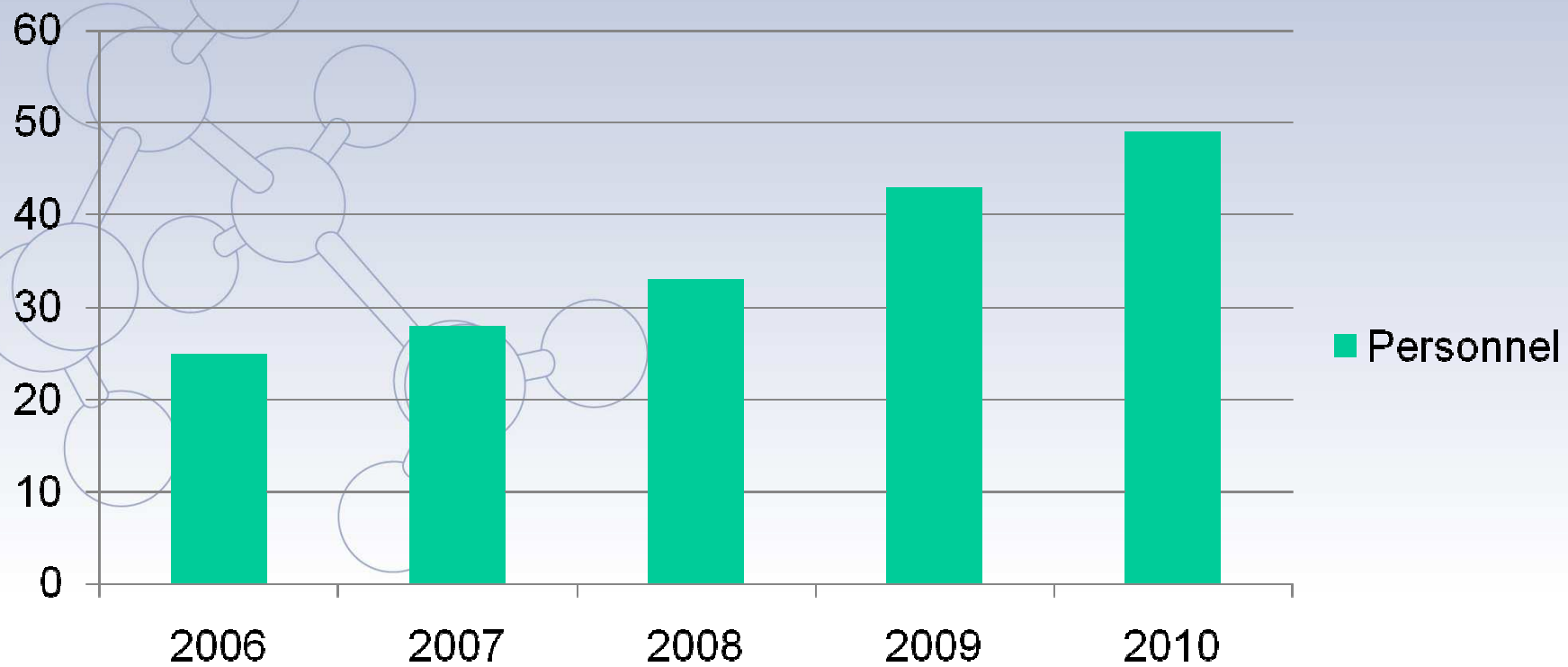
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DISADVANTAGE 2



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DISADVANTAGE 3



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- **Constant recruitment procedures**
- **Inefficient previous electronic system**
- **Auditing and controlling procedures**
- **Detailed reporting obligations**
- **Public procurement**
- **Bureaucracy (bylaws)**
- **Uneven transfers of installments**



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RECOMMENDATIONS



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- **Get very good contact with public authority (EU or national)**
- **Learn as much as possible**
- **Secure Co-funding needed**
- **Hire qualified personnel**
- **Provide new office space**
- **Do not forget about electronic system – data bases (safe)**
- **Be ready to cover ineligible costs**



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IS IT WORTHY?



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- **Why I am doing so?**
- **Does it need to be so difficult?**
- **Shall we contribute to the EU strategy together with administrative burden imposed on our beneficiaries?**



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