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FP7 Network of
INCO NCPs

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FP7: INCO NCPs

- Over the last years there has been a substantial increase of NCPs providing services of diverse type and quality.
- INCO-NCPs (comprising European contacts for FP7 international cooperation and third country FP7 information points) mainly work isolated and miss a sustainable framework for networking and exchange of experience.
- FP7: greater opportunities for international cooperation despite discontinuation of INCO schemes of earlier FPs. NCPs have to respond to mainstreaming of international cooperation in FP7.

Project Objectives

- **INCONTACT** aims at the development of a platform for:
 - Stimulating closer cooperation among all INCO NCPs;
 - Improving the INCO NCP network's capacity;
 - Raising international awareness on FP7 (and awareness in EU of FP7 international cooperation);
 - Facilitating international cooperation by bettering understanding impact of cultural differences on research collaborations.

INCONTACT Structure

Project Duration: 24 months, **Start Date:** 1st January 2008

Total Budget: 369,822 €

Work Packages

(1) Management and Coordination

(2) Regional Workshops for training International Cooperation Partner Country NCPs

Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe

(3) Networking Activities

Online encyclopaedia on international cooperation

Targeted training and sharing of good practices

Cultural differences in R&D cooperation

51% of the total budget corresponds to the personnel costs for the implementation of the tasks, while a substantial **fraction (40%** of budget) is dedicated to tasks (travelling, seminars, regional workshops) open to all the NCP network.

INCONTACT BUDGET	
Personnel Costs	189250
Travel Costs & logistics	144304
Subcontracts	10000
Indirect Costs	23540
Total	369822

INCONTACT - consortium

- **HELP-FORWARD NETWORK/FORTH (Greece)**
- **DP-DLR (Germany)**
- **VINNOVA (Sweden)**
- **APRE (Italy)**
- **TUBITAK (Turkey)**
- **CONACyT (Mexico)**
- **HSE (Russia)**
- **DST (South Africa)**

INCONTACT WP 2 description

Leader: VINNOVA , **Task leaders:** DST, HSE, CONACyT

Main Activities:

Organisation of 3 regional workshops in
Russia (15-17 Oct 2008),
Mexico (16-19 Nov 2008) and
South Africa (1-2 Dec 2008), organised to:

- Build regional capacity with regard to FP7 knowledge
- Improve the ability of officially designated FP7 National Contact (NCPs) in ICPCs to carry out their responsibilities to promote FP7 participation in their countries. (Train and “guide” appointment of new NCPs)
- Provide a basis for networking between ICPC NCPs.
- Promote networking between ICPC NCPs and European INCO NCPs.
- Identify best practices in and policy recommendations for establishing ICPC NCPs

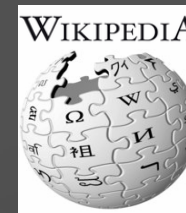
INCONTACT WP 3 description

Work Package 3

Leaders: DP-DLR , APRE

Main Activities:

- Setting-up an **Online Encyclopaedia on International Cooperation** compiling all relevant information on INCO activities in FP7. The online encyclopaedia will work according to the principles of Wikipedia and all INCO NCPs can contribute to the development of the handbook. The Wiki will function as an **online handbook** for interested NCPs and NIPs providing guidance on project preparation, partner search, contacts to thematic NCPs, etc.
- Provision of 2 **training sessions** mainly for European INCO NCPs.
- Development of a set of **presentations** addressing cultural differences in research and technology project initiatives. The objective of this task is to formulate a presentation module regarding the effects of cross-cultural communication on research projects.



INCONTACT openness to the NCPs

A key objective is to involve the broader INCO NCP community in the project activities:

- Participation of ICPC NCPs in the three regional workshops (*travel and accommodation costs reimbursed under a clear selection process*)
- Participation of European NCPs in the three regional workshops
- Participation of European NCPs (INCO & thematic) in 2 training workshops (Brussels)
- Production of an on-line wikipedia/handbook available to all INCO NCPs. *Contributions are welcomed by all NCPs.*
- Production of a set of presentations on cultural differences available to all INCO NCPs. *Contributions are welcomed by all NCPs.*
- Newsletters and News Alerts delivered to INCO NCPs.

EuroRIs-Net / INCONTACT Cooperation

- Increasing important international dimension of FP7 research infrastructure activities – including participation in ESFRI projects preparatory actions, e-Infrastructures, etc.
- International forums such as G8 and OECD are focusing on international cooperation in research infrastructures
 - (Also part of policy dialogue promoted by FP7 INCO-Nets)
- INCONTACT network can facilitate contact for RI NCPs with third country partners (partner search) and advise on modalities of cooperation
- EuroRIs-Net can provide valuable advice to INCONTACT with regard to training of third country NCPs with regard to research infrastructures

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