

Trans-national co-operation among NCPs for International Cooperation

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Kick-Off meeting

CAIRO, 28-29 January 2010



Task 4.2: Setting the Basis for a Global Dialogue

Objectives of WP 4

- efficient networking with thematic NCPs
- to initiate and host a global dialogue on research policy
- to increase regional awareness on FP7
- to support new INCO NCPs

Task Leader: Higher School of Economics, Russia (7 pm)

Deputy Task leader: Research Council of Norway (6 pm)

Partners involved:

- The South African Department of Science and Technology – DST (4,5pm)
- Mexico's National Council of S&T - CONACYT (4,5pm)
- China-European Union Science and Technology Cooperation Promotion Office - CECO (4,5pm)
- Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt – MHESR (4,5pm)
- Thailand's National Science and Technology Agency - NSTDA (4,5pm)

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Overview of the activities (1)

- Review FP7 participation and S&T cooperation with the EU of 3rd countries (FP activity of 3rd countries, calls targeting 3rd countries, S&T agreements)
- Establish communication with INCONETs (EECA, CAAST, WBC, etc.)
- Overview the activities of INCO NCPs in 3rd countries: reasons for lack of activity, success stories
- Draft TOR for the Committee on Research Policy;

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Overview of the activities (2)

- Put up a list of countries and organizations to be invited as members (e.g. Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Peru, Guatemala, Kenya) and observers of the Committee (e.g. from South America, South East Asia);
- Establish communication with the selected organizations: propose them to join the Committee and appoint authorized representatives to it; Carry out preparatory activities (in cooperation with the European Commission) for appointment of new INCO NIPs and support the newly established INCO NCPs

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Overview of the activities (3)

- Carry-out an analysis of national policies/priorities in these countries towards global issues (in dialogue with prospective committee members); Consider the following challenges: poverty reduction, climate protection, biodiversity, energy and water scarcity, etc., as well as MDGs. For a more thorough analysis, consider consultations with UNDP HDRs, reports of global non-governmental organizations (i.e. GreenPeace and Regional Environmental Centres - on climate change).
- Compare these national priorities with FP7 priorities and priority global challenges for the EU;
- Agree on the venue (i.e. at the global NCP meeting), agenda (limited list of global issues) and organize a face-to-face meeting of the Committee. This could possibly be done in conjunction with another meeting devoted to one of the global challenges or S&T cooperation

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Deliverables, due dates (for the 1st 12 months),
responsible partner

Del.No	Deliverable Title	Due date (Project Month)	Responsible Partner
D 4.2.1	Recommendations of the joint committee on the EU-third countries joint S&T actions	M18, M30, M48	HSE

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Milestones, due dates, responsible partner

Mil. No	Milestone Title	Due date (Project Month)	Responsible Partner
5	Establishing a stable networking channel with Thematic NCPs	M12	Archimedes
6	Setting an operational Committee on Research Policy	M24	HSE
7	Establishment of new INCO NIPs	M24	HSE, HF

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- Deliverable deadlines (M18, M30, M48)
- Committee on Research Policy (TOR – M3):
 - What mandate?
 - Which countries and organizations to be invited? (*all partners + HF*)
- Which important issues, related to INCO NCP nomination are to be agreed with the EC?
- Analysis of national policies/priorities on global issues in these countries: who? which priorities? (*M30, all partners*)

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- Venue and agenda of the face-to-face meeting of the Committee (M40)
- Explore linkages with national research programmes, which are open for participants from developing countries, use the potential of national researcher and advisers to these programmes