



INCONTACT

**Trans-national co-operation among
NCPs for International Cooperation**

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INCONTACT Philosophy

- In the last years there has been a substantial increase of NCPs providing services of diverse type and quality.
- INCO-NCPs mainly work on their own – as they miss a sustainable framework for networking and exchange of experience.
- FP7: greater opportunities for ICPC participants but thematic research opportunities not anymore under the INCO scheme. Cooperation is needed with Thematic NCPs.

INCONTACT aims at the development of a platform for:

- Stimulating closer cooperation among all INCO national NCPs;
- Improving the overall NCP network's capacity;
- Raising regional awareness on FP7
- Understanding the cultural effect on research collaborations.



INCONTACT Structure

INCONTACT is structured in such a way to cover the 3 main objectives of the project, namely:

- Reinforcing the network of INCO NCPs through trainings
- Raising regional awareness on FP7 and training of ICPC NCPs
- Identification and promotion of best practice

The project is built around two technical work packages supplemented by a third work package dedicated to network coordination.

The total EU financing is **369822 €**.

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 WP 2 description

Work Package 2

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

Main Activities:

Organisation of 3 regional workshops in Russia, Mexico and South Africa, that will:

- Build regional capacity with regard to their FP7 knowledge
- improve the ability of officially designated FP7 National Contact (NCPs) in the regions to carry out their responsibilities to promote FP7 participation in their countries.
- Provide a basis for networking between ICPC NCPs
- Promote networking between ICPC NCPs and European INCO NCPs

INCONTACT will cover travel & accommodation costs for a number of regional and European 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 power point 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 major 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 for European and Regional NCPs under a clear selection process)*
- Participation of European NCPs in the three regional workshops *(travel and accommodation costs reimbursed for European and Regional NCPs under a clear selection process)*
- Participation of European NCPs (INCO & thematic) in 2 training workshops (Brussels)

INCONTACT openness to the NCPs

- 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.

INCONTACT 2 (2009-2011), ~2m€

Undergoing cooperation with the EC for planning the continuation of INCONTACT.

The focus will be on addressing identified problems of implementing International Cooperation (INCO) as well as focus on new ways of further enhancing its effectiveness by focusing on four key directions:

- Identifying and sharing good practices for boosting INCO NCPs performance
- Multiplying seventh Framework Programme (FP7) visibility in international cooperation partner countries (ICPC)
- Enhancing NCP networking and promoting the expansion the NCP network in countries without NCPs.
- Raising Awareness in Europe on INCO NCP activities

