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Developments

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FP7 facts

- 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.

Objectives

INCONTACT aims at the development of a platform for:

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

INCONTACT Structure

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

Total Budget: 369,822 €

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.

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 - 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)**, 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.



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