

EU-WB ICT research cooperation

WINS-ICT project overview

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The project at a glance

Project instrument	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Action (SA) funded under FP7-ICT-2007-3 call• Action line: ICT-2007.9.2 International cooperation
Duration	01 January 2009 - 31 December 2010
EC	DG Information Society and Media
EC contribution	§ Project Cost: 1,1 million euro Project Funding: 849.993 euro
Partners	15 highly complementary partners: from the EU Member States, Accession Candidate Countries and WB region

Partnership

1	Zentrum für Soziale Innovation	ZSI	Austria
2	Greek Research and Technology Network	GRNET	Greece
3	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey	TUBITAK	Turkey
4	Technical Support for European Organisations SPRL	TESEO	Belgium
5	CIVET 2000	CIVET	Albania
6	EXIT Centar	EXIT	Bosnia-Herzegovina
7	ICT Chamber of Commerce	MASIT	FYR of Macedonia
8	Ministry for Education and Science of the Republic of Montenegro	MPIN	Montenegro
9	Belgrade Open School	BOS	Serbia
10	SC IPA SA	IPA	Romania
11	Zentrum für Innovation und Technik	ZENIT	Germany
12	Europe for Business Private Limited	EFB	United Kingdom
13	Croatian Chamber of Economy	HGK	Croatia
14	Central European Initiative	CEI	Italy
15	Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society of the Republic of Serbia	MTID	Serbia

Partnership

1. ZSI (Austria) Coordinator	2. GRNET (Greece)	3. TÜBITAK (Turkey)
4. TESEO (Belgium)	5. CIVET2000 (Albania)	6. EXIT (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
7. MASIT (FYR of Macedonia)	8. MPIN (Montenegro)	9. BOS (Serbia)
10. IPA (Romania)	11. ZENIT (Germany)	12. EFB (United Kingdom)
13. HGK (Croatia)	14. CEI - ES (Italy)	15. MTID (Serbia)

Gov. organizations & Leading S&T institutes

WB organisations with expertise as to ICT policy analysis and FP promotion

EU-MS R&D & Innovation focused organisations

Intergovernmental forum fostering dialogue on S&T development

Project conception

the basics

- the design of the ICT WP and the coordination of its objectives with priorities, capacities and needs of the WBC have a big impact on the participation rate of WB organisations
- the research community in the WBC is now informed about EU research funding opportunities
- a considerable number of organisations are getting their first experience in FP ICT projects, but this is more or less in CSA resulting from regionally targeted objectives
- **Only a few institutions from the WBC are currently involved in research projects (Integrated Projects or STREPs and the success rate of all WBC in ICT is lower than the overall in FP7)**

Project conception the needs

To move forward in a threefold approach involving:

1. **Consolidation of national cooperation priorities and improvement of research capabilities in ICT** areas identified as relevant for economic and social development
2. **Alignment of national ICT policies at the regional level, leading to an improved political dialogue between the EU-WBC** and setting the basis of a closer match between the future ICT Work Programmes with the priorities and needs of the WB region
3. Additional support towards **increasing the visibility of the WBC ICT research potential** in the EU, **creating sustainable networks** between EU-WB researchers and the **building of FP7 participation capacity** amongst the WB ICT research community

Specific objectives...

- Provide comprehensive **understanding** of the current **EU-WBC ICT RTD policies** and RTD collaboration
- Address and involve the **relevant stakeholders** so as to optimize the policy and research collaboration framework
- Support the building of **sustainable networks** between innovative WB –EU ICT researchers for the collaboration in the FP7 - ICT Priority
- Enhance the **capacities and capabilities** of WBC researchers to successfully participate and compete in FP7 as co-ordinators

...and key activities

1. **Analysis** of national policies, current participation and cooperation patterns of research organizations from the target region, factors that are barriers for cooperation, as well as available funding opportunities
2. **Support to regional and bi-regional policy dialogue on ICT research**, which will create inputs for Steering Platform on Research for the WBC through an appropriate Dialogue Forum on ICT research
3. **Increase of visibility** of both WB and EU organizations interested in collaboration by providing regular **targeted information**, developing an **ICT key research actors database** and organising **networking and brokerage sessions** at relevant events.
4. **Capacity building and training events** for different types of WBC organizations and support of relevant stakeholders by providing concise background documentation on issues relating to the state-of-the-art in ICT research in WBC.

Cooperation with other projects: ICT-WEB-PROMS

- **Collaboration advisable since the 2 projects share the same goal:** to support the WBC in joining the European Research Area and becoming more closely involved in FP7.
- Some similar project activities **but also important differences** in approach and detailed goals which make the **2 projects complementary rather than overlapping:**
 - WINS-ICT focuses on policy involving also the Inco-Net activities and intends to liaise closely with the ministerial and policy actors.
 - ICT-WEB-PROMS emphasises the technology that is related to ICT/FP7 and has more activities foreseen to approach the WBC through roadshows and presentation of material in the languages of the WBC

Concrete joint Action Plan

- WINS-ICT will analyse and report on national policies and programmes to contribute to the D8.2 of ICT-WEB-PROMS on policy recommendations will be made available
- Training workshops – joint collaboration in order to decide dates, themes, agendas avoiding duplications. Events coordinated between the two projects, and jointly promoted
- Parallel initial analysis of current state of the art, but complementary goals > results and information will be shared as well as the list of contacts
- Jointly development of database of researchers (ref. IS2WEB, SEE INNOVATION, etc) that will be available from both project portals
<http://www.ict-web-proms.eu/>
- Brokerage events to organise will be separate but with mutual promotion

Future events

- CEBIT 2010, Hanover, Germany, 2 - 6 March 2010
- 11th Bled Forum on Europe - Foresight Conference on "The Future of Information Society and Challenges for Good Governance" Bled, Slovenia 11-12/03/2010
- World of Health IT 2010, Barcelona, Spain 15-18/03/2010
- ICT workshop, Podgorica 24-25 march 2010
- ICT 2010 event, Brussels, September 2010
- eChallenges 2010, Warsaw, October 2010

<http://www.wins-ict.eu/events/list>



More information and first results are available on www.wins-ict.eu

Thank you for your attention

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