

Meeting of
European research funders

SNOWMAN net•work•shop

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**Kind Ladies and Gentlemen,
dear Colleagues,
welcome to this SNOWMAN meeting.**

Europe has started by 2002 the implementation of collaborative research funding. For that purpose the European Commission has called for proposals on ERANET projects with the start of the Sixth Framework Programme.

Values, benefits and success factors have been highlighted and extracted from workpackages over workpackages during the last couple of years.

Endeavour has bred structures and procedures for cooperations, but still there are many unknown miles ahead of us.

Targeting on collaboration of research funding organisations ERANETs will need robust and long term configurations.

Setting up the agenda of this workshop and elaborating its particular tasks we are contributing some more pieces to a larger picture which we call an ERA, an European Research Area.

Enjoy your days. Thank you.

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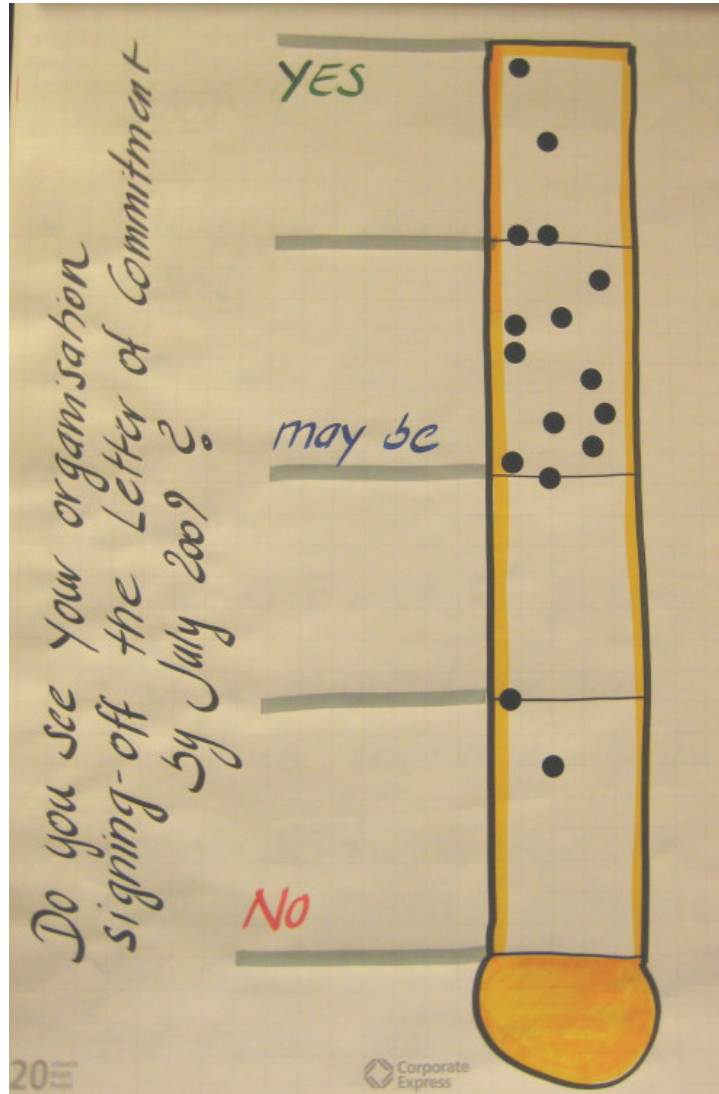
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Seeking Common Ground:



Agenda:

MON, 2009 MAR 02, 1-6 pm

Time Table	Agenda	Name	Setting, Methode
12:00	Check-in		
13:00	Welcome, Scope of the conference, expected results Agenda, methodologies	SV Fac.	
13:15	ERA-NET SNOWMAN – The story behind the project	SV	Short presentation
	SNOWMAN Research Program (SNRP)		
13:30	ERA-NET SNOWMAN – The Research Program (SNRP)	HV	PPT Presentation
14:00	Introduction to Group Work Working documents, methodology, expected results	Fac.	
14:10	Discussion of the SNRP Questions for discussion cover: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Block 1: Do people feel these 7 areas cover the whole fields of research and are a good approach to create a comprehensive overview? Are the research needs in the 7 areas complete, are there missing issues? 2. Block 2: Is this SNRP in line with the national soil and groundwater research agendas? 3. Block 3: Is this SNRP in line with the EU soil and groundwater research agenda? 4. Block 4: Are there other ERA-nets which cover parts of the SNRP?? 	Fac.	Working Groups chaired by SNOWpersons Chairs in a circle (max-mix)
15:00	Coffee break (30 min)		
15:30	Discussion of the SNRP (ctd)	Fac.	
16:00	Presentation of the main group results and discussion	Fac.	
	Common sense of the SNRP	HV	
	SNOWMAN Network Paper (SNNP)		
17.00	ERA-NET SNOWMAN – The Network Paper (SNNP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Short overview ▪ Introduction on Benefits and Success Factors 	BK	PPT Presentation
17:10	Discussion of the SNNP – Part 1: Benefits and Critical Success Factors Tasks for the Groups: reflecting on the benefit Table 1 of the SNNP: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What do you see as the most important benefits? 2. Are there any other benefits? Task for the Groups: reflecting on Critical Success Factors for funding organizations	Fac.	Working Groups chaired by SNOWpersons Chairs in a circle (max-mix)
17:50	Short presentation in plenary	Fac.	Plenum
18:00	Outline of the next day, dinner, organizational details	SV	Plenum

TUE, 2009 MAR 03, 9am-6pm

Time Table	Agenda	Name	Setting, Methode
9:00	Welcome 1. What we have accomplished yesterday 2. Motto of the day? Why a new agenda? The NEW Agenda of the day Agreement to the new agenda	SV Fac. Fac.	
9.30	Motivation of potential new funders Guests in the middle ... 1. What is your motivation to be here at the SNOWMAN network meeting? 2. The money aspect ... are you also interested in a self-funded network?	Fac.	Inner circle for guests SNOWMANPers. around; one open chair for snowman-members
10:30	Coffee break (30 min)		
	SNOWMAN Network Paper (SNNP)		
10:50	The Objectives of the SN Network: Short Presentation of the 7 Objectives	BK	
11:00	Discussion of the SNNP – Part 2: Objectives Tasks for the Groups: 1. Reflection on the objectives 2. Do we understand the objectives? 3. Are there any comments?	Fac.	4 Working Groups chaired by SNOWpersons
11:20	Prioritization of the objectives What are the most important Objectives within the next 12 months? Feedback of the guests: Do you find these objectives for the next 12 months attractive enough to join the network?	Fac.	3 Points p.SNP. Guests: Feedback

11:40	<p>The new SNOWMAN Agenda 2009:</p> <p>SNPersons in the middle ...</p> <p>In order to reach these main Objectives till End of 2009:</p> <p>What is the main process?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What decisions must be made? (15 Min) (e.g. membership, conditions of membership, management of the network, management of the call, quality ...) 2. What actions are to be taken? (15 Min) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I.) in order to continue – till June/July (first network meeting), II.) from June – what actions must be on the agenda of the SN Network 2009? ... in order to reach the objectives 3. Feedback of the guests (10 Min.) <p>Do you find this SN Agenda for 2009 attractive enough to join?</p> <p>Do you have anything to add?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. SN Persons discuss the amendments (10 Min.) 	Fac.	<p>Inner Circle</p> <p>Guests in outer circle</p> <p>Lists on FC</p> <p>Flip</p> <p>Flip</p>
12:30	Lunch break		
13:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Divide the list of actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I.) Actions, where the SN network already has the experience – and therefore the SN network knows how to do/to manage? II.) Actions, where we have to develop the action plans? 		
13:45	<p>Action list – prioritization</p> <p>Develop 4 action plans</p>		4 working groups
14:50	<p>presentations of action plans</p> <p>discussions</p> <p>quorum / responsibilities / coordination</p> <p>important steps for Wednesday meeting of SN</p>		
15:15	coffee break		
16:00	<p>Umbrella – A Virtual Funding Community</p> <p>What level and kind of cooperation is achievable? How to cooperate with each other?</p>	SV	FC
16:10	<p>Discussion of the Umbrella – Virtual Funding Community</p> <p>Questions for the Groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where do we see opportunities and new possibilities for the future? 2. What would be the most appropriate ways to make use of these chances? 		Plenum
	DIALOG		
16:20	Dialog and Feedback		