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# ESF mission

A common platform for Member Organisations (MOs) to:

- **Advance European research**
- **Explore new directions for research at the European level**

Serving the needs of the European research community in a global context.

# ESF Member Organisations



- 77 Member Organisations in 30 countries
- Research funding and research performing organisations
- Academies
- Partnerships with agencies outside Europe

# Three decades of science

- Established 1974
- Independent, non-governmental
- Offices in Strasbourg and Brussels
- Budget: 50M€
- Networking Budget: 3B€

# Scientific Domains

- Humanities
- Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Marine Science
- Medical Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Space Sciences
- Physical and Engineering Sciences
- Polar Science

# New Strategic Plan

## Our pillars



- Science Strategy

- Forward Looks
- Member Organisation Fora
- Exploratory Workshops
- Policy Briefings

- Science Synergy

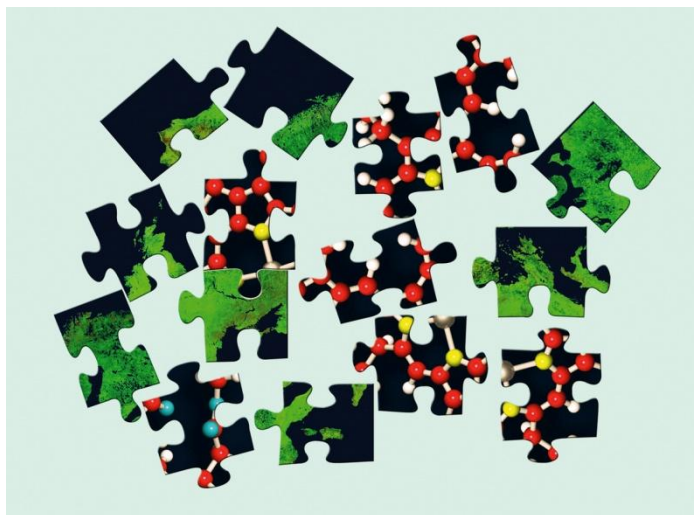
- ESF Research Networking Programmes
- ESF Research Conferences
- **EUROCORES – European Collaborative Research**

- Science Management

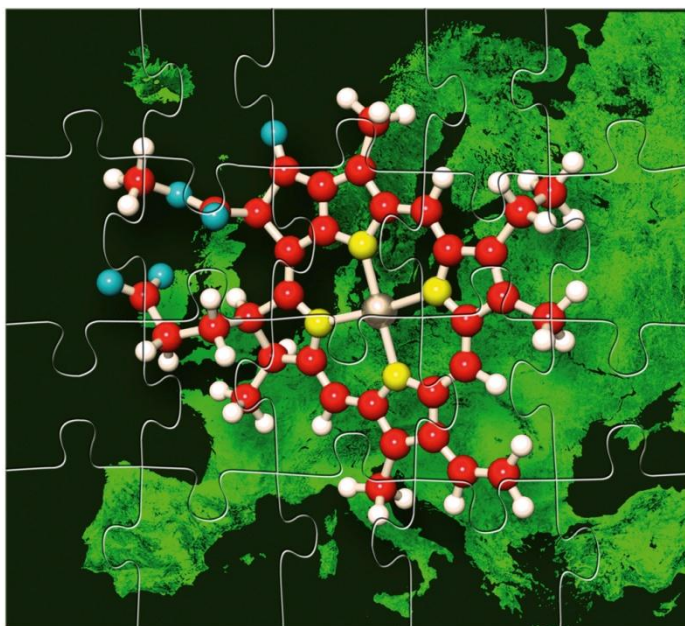
- EURYI - European Young Investigator Awards
- European CO-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST)
- EuroBioFund

# EUROCORES concept

Fragmented  
research  
landscape



New, integrated  
knowledge



Funding agencies join forces to support cutting edge research on complex, large-scale, trans-disciplinary issues

Creating European critical mass in scale & scope and in a global context

Bottom-up and researcher-led, in consultation with MOs, to create new approaches, knowledge and synergy

Complements EC FP and national programmes

Strives for highest scientific quality and optimal European value



# EUROCORES programmes coordinated by Social Sciences

- Higher Education and Social Change (EuroHESC, 2008, project selection phase)
- Cross-national and Multi-level Analysis of Human Values, Institutions and Behaviour (HumVIB, 2007)

# EUROCORES programmes coordinated by Social Sciences (2)

- European Collaborative Research Projects (ECRP I–IV)
  - The Politics of Attention: West European Politics in Times of Change (2007, ECRP III)
  - Citizenship after the Nation-State (2007, ECRP III)
  - Citizens of the future: the concerns and actions of young people around current European and global issues (2006, ECRP II)
  - Political Communication Cultures in Western Europe – A Comparative Study (2006, ECRP II)

# POLITICAL COMMUNICATION CULTURES

*in Western Europe*

[www.communication-cultures.eu](http://www.communication-cultures.eu)

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## At a Glance

**Political Communication Cultures in Western Europe** is a comparative study which aims at analysing the relationship between political elites and the media in seven Western European countries.

The objective is to investigate the attitudes, norms and values that drive the relationship between political actors and journalists and thereby detect the underlying patterns of political communication behaviors in Western democracies. Taken together, these orientations can be summarised as **Political Communication Culture** of a country.



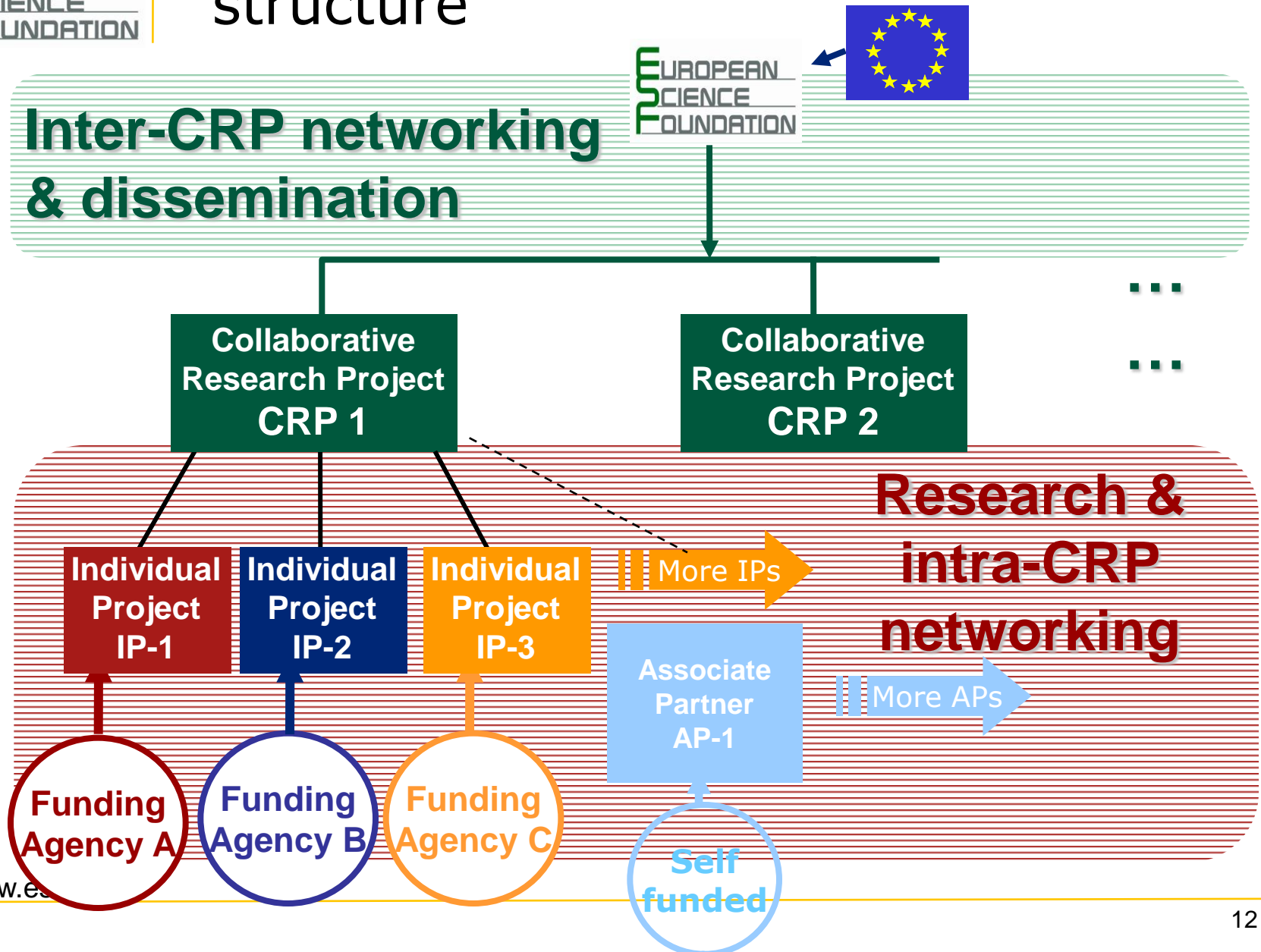
In the first phase of the project, surveys will be carried out in seven Western European countries: Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. In a second phase, surveys are planned in France, Italy, and the United Kingdom.

The project is carried out under the auspices of the [EUROCORES ECRP 2006 Programme](#). Funding is provided by the respective national research councils of the participating countries.

[Further information about the research project...](#)



# EUROCORES programme structure



# EUROCORES networking and dissemination - why?

Networking activities allow CRPs to work together for synergy and added value

- Programme coherence
- Programme visibility

Long-term objectives:

- To strengthen the field (capacity building)
- To discover new science horizons (creating perspective)



# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – why? (2)

## Programme coherence

- Can promote synergies between funded CRPs
- Possible to explore aspects of the programme from the Call not covered by the main research foci of the selected CRPs (e.g. by forging links with investigators from recommended but not funded projects)

# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – why? (3)

## Programme visibility

- Raising awareness of and disseminating results
- Promoting the contribution of the field to wider areas of participating disciplines or other areas of knowledge
- Promoting interdisciplinary approaches
- Promoting the field in countries not participating in HumVIB
- Promoting the benefits of international research collaboration

# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – what?

## Networking activities

- Science meetings: working groups, seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences
- Summer Schools
- Training programmes/specialized courses
- HumVIB sessions at larger events
- Short-term research visits

**Can be stand-alone events or part of larger events when co-organising.**



# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – what?

## Dissemination activities

- Publications, working papers, brochures, posters, exhibition stands
- Invited sessions at larger events (when not co-organizing)
- Dissemination travel grants to promote EUROCORES and publicize HumVIB programme



# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – conditions?

- Supports **inter-CRP (or inter-EUROCORES)** networking only
- **Co-funding/co-sponsorship encouraged**
- Primarily for scientific meetings, not management
- Involvement of junior members encouraged
- Minimum 2 CRPs involved (€15-25K for workshop)
- Financial/logistical responsibility of local organizer
- Contributions to "PR" material required

# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – how?

- “Light-weight application” (draft verified with Coordinator, online application, 2/3 months in advance)
- Scientific Committee discusses merit, suggests changes
- Final decision with ESF
- Acceptance form
- Payments (80-20%)
- Acknowledgements
- Scientific & financial report

# EUROCORES programme structure and management

- Management Committee – overall governance
- Review Panel – scientific monitoring
- **Scientific Committee** – networking coordination

# Scientific Committee

## Composed of:

- Project Leaders of CRPs
- ESF representative (EUROCORES Programme Coordinator)
- A scientific member appointed by ESF (optional)

# Scientific Committee (2)

- Chair nominated by ESF from committee membership
- ESF provides secretariat to the Scientific Committee (through the EUROCORES Programme Coordinator)
- Relevant ESF Head of Unit and Management Committee may also attend Scientific Committee and other networking meetings

# Scientific Committee (3)

## Mandate

- Responsible for agreeing on the networking policy of the EUROCORES programme (evaluating proposals from Principal Investigators)
- Provides scientific guidance and coordination to the CRP
- Reports to the Management Committee (through the EUROCORES Programme Coordinator)

# Scientific Committee (4)

- Meets once per year (normally)
- Members represent the Principal Investigators, Associated Partners and Project Members of a CRP and are responsible for communication flow between Scientific Committee to Principal Investigators, Associated Partners and Project Members.



# EUROCORES reporting

## To ESF:

Light reporting burden (per CRP):

- Annual report
- Final report three months after conclusion of project

## To national funding organisations

- Varies according to EFO

# EUROCORES networking and dissemination – today

## During HumVIB Kick-off meeting:

- Presentation of Collaborative Research Projects (CRPs)
- Discussion of science perspectives
- Planning of networking and dissemination programme for 2009

# SCSS

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