'BOTTOM UP POLICY COORDINATION AND ITS ROLE IN BUILDING THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA'

INFORMATION DAY ORGANISED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIRST FP7 OMC-NET CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Brussels, Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB – 3A, Rue Froissart 36)

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Agenda

10:00 Arrival and administrative procedures

10:30 Welcome and purpose of the information day
Isi Saragossi
European Commission
DG RTD

10:45 Next steps for the European Research Area and the role of policy coordination
Cyril Robin-Champigneul
European Commission
DG RTD

Constructing the European Research Area will require decisive action at the Community, national and regional policy levels. These actions will need to be well coordinated to have a maximum effect. An overview will be given of the outcome of the debate on future perspectives for the European Research Area, its follow-up and the role for policy coordination activities with that.

11:15 The Open Method of Coordination in the field of research policy
Peder Christensen
European Commission
DG RTD

The Open Method of Coordination was introduced at the Lisbon European Council in 2000 as a tool to make the EU progress in areas where competence was mainly in the hands of the Member States. An overview will be given of how the method was applied in the field of research policy, how it has evolved and whether there are indications that its application has had an impact.

11:45 OMC-NET as a tool for bottom up policy coordination
Marnix Surgeon
European Commission
DG RTD

CREST has been overseeing the implementation of the Open Method of Coordination in the field of research policy since 2003. OMC-NET was designed to complement the work of CREST. The specifities of the OMC-NET instrument and lessons learned from the pilot call organised under FP6 will be presented.

12:15 Lunch

13:45 First FP7 call for proposals for OMC-NET projects : presentation
Desislava Kolarova
European Commission
DG RTD

The first FP7 call for proposals for OMC-NET projects was launched on 19 October 2007. The modalities of the call will be presented, together with some points to keep in mind when drafting a proposal.

14:15 Experiences from running OMC-NET projects

Coordinators from 3 running OMC-NET projects will present their experiences with running an OMC-NET project, including results achieved so far, but also obstacles encountered.

15:00 Ideas for proposals for OMC-NET projects

Participants will be given a chance to present their ideas for proposals to be submitted under the OMC-NET call for proposals, with a view to obtaining feedback and possibly inviting other interested parties to join their consortia.

16:00 End