OMC-NET as a tool for bottom-up policy coordination

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OMC versus OMC-NET

OMC

- supervised by CREST
- multi-lateral
- issues of common interest
- decision by CREST
- limited support

- only countries

- no third countries

OMC-NET

- call for proposals
- smaller groups
- issues of specific interest
- bottom-up
- additional resources for support
- possibility to include regional actors
- third country participation possible

OMC-NET and FP7

- FP7 Specific Programme 'Capacities'
- Activity : 'Support for the Coherent Development of Research Policies'
- Support for bottom-up policy coordination activities undertaken by several countries/regions on issues of their specific interest
- 3 calls planned under FP7

Pilot call

- launched in 2005 under FP6

- budget : 8.6 M€

- 10 projects selected

- projects started end 2006

- projects ongoing

- presentations later today

OMC-NET projects

- **BIS – RTD**   Building support for RTD policy and public spending
- **REACT**   Regional policy for technology transfer
- **COGNAC**   Coordination of regional RDI policies
- **ERID Watch**   Improving public investment efficiency for RIs
- **ForTransRis**   Transregional foresight methodology
- **OMC-PTP**   Public technology procurement

- **EUROPEER SME**   Support programmes for SMEs
- **CERT-TTT-M**   Training of technology transfer managers
- **R4R**   Regional policies for knowledge transfer
- **SupPolicy**   Innovative assessment tools for policy making

Objectives

Policy coordination

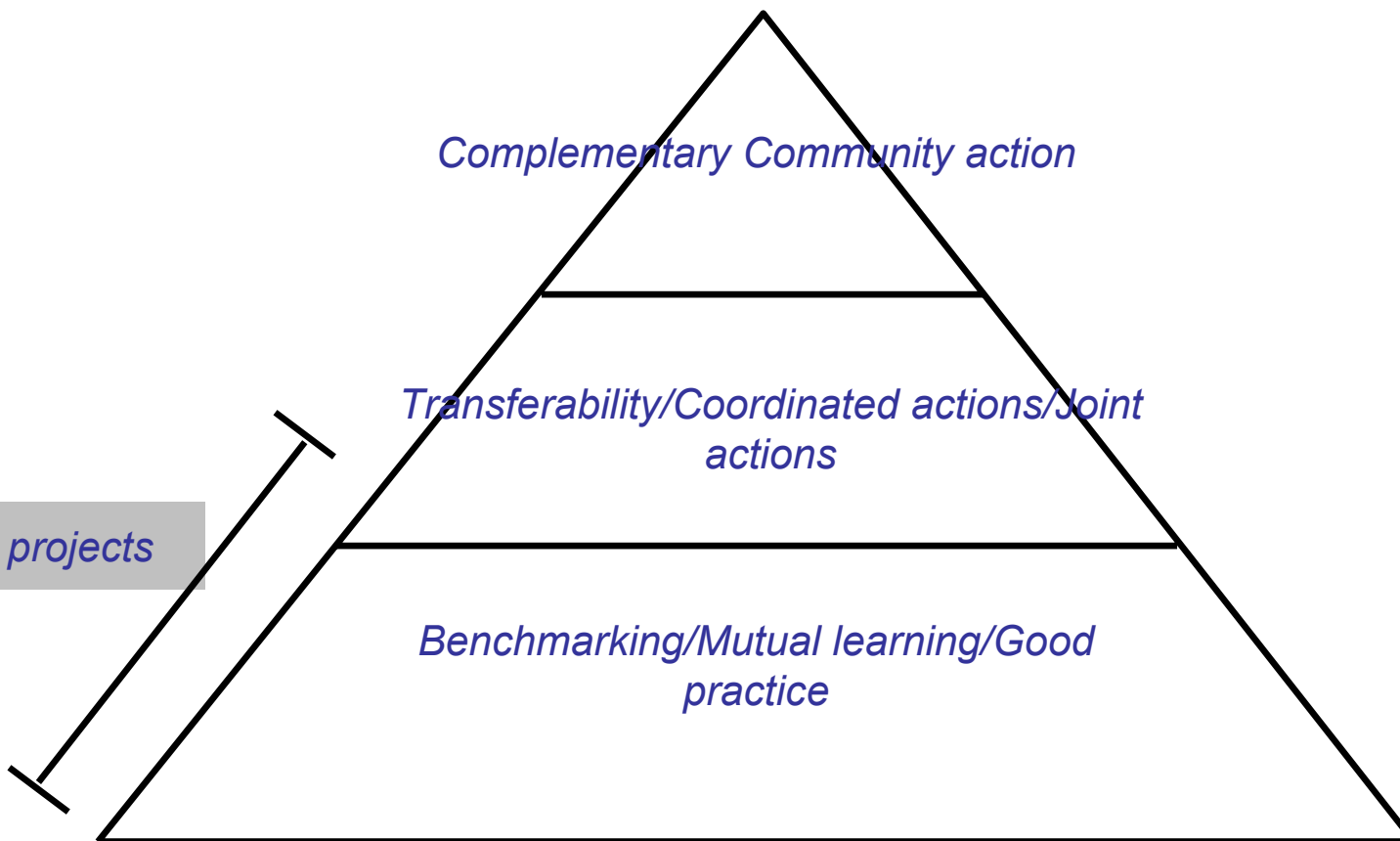# Lessons learned

- ## project topics
  - mix between generic and focussed topics
  - mix between R&D related and innovation related topics
  - extent of coverage requested not always clear

- ## policy impact
  - involvement of public authorities is crucial
  - sufficient level of ambition from the outset
  - active dissemination
  - linked clearly to topic selection

Lessons learned

- ## size and duration
  - no formal limits were set
  - typical values resulting from call and evaluation
  - 2 year duration
  - 800 000 – 1 000 000 M€ Community contribution

- ## project governance
  - project formally managed by consortium
  - extensive use is made of advisory groups, associated partners,…
  - alternative views, maximise policy impact

Lessons learned

- <u>activities</u>
  - information gathering inventory typical first step
  - prior existing information not always considered
  - need to build synergy with other fora

Conclusions

- OMC-NET complementary tool to CREST OMC

- 10 pilot call projects ongoing

- interesting experience to explore possibilities of new tool for policy coordination

- lessons to be learned : project topics, policy impact, ambition, links to other activities