



Grant Agreement, pre-financing and Consortium Agreement

The Grant Agreement has been signed by the Commission and the pre-financing received by MRC. Beneficiaries are in the process of signing the Accession to the Contract forms (Form As) and Consortium Agreement. After which, pre-financing allocations will be transferred to all beneficiaries' bank accounts

Kick-off meeting, London, 12 January 2011

The EuroCoord Council of Partners (CoP), Executive Board (EB), External Advisory Board (EAB), WP3 leadership group, and Secretariat attended the Kick-Off meeting in London (see "EuroCoord Governance Overview" document for the members of each group). Our Project Officer, Alessandra Martini was also in attendance.

Kholoud Porter, the Chair of the EB until March 2012, welcomed Frank De Wolf as the elected Chair of the CoP for 2011. The process for election of the CoP Chair for 2012 was initiated. The election process for next EB Chair is now underway within PENTA in accordance with the decision to rotate among the founding networks.

Scientific Retreat, London, 12 January 2011

After the Kick-Off meeting, the EB, EAB, WP leads and Secretariat met as part of the EuroCoord Scientific Retreat. Caroline Sabin (Scientific Coordinator and leader of Scientific Oversight WP3) summarised the milestones and deliverables due in the coming year. Communication across the NoE was discussed, and frequency of meetings was agreed.

A Scientific Retreat will be held on an annual basis to review past activities, plan future work and identify opportunities for cross-network collaboration. The EB, EAB, and WP leads will attend the Scientific Retreats.

Acknowledging EuroCoord

As outlined in the Grant Agreement, all EuroCoord-related publications must contain the statement:

The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Union Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under EuroCoord grant agreement n° 260694.

EuroCoord will also be listed prominently in study publications and the Networks have been asked to propose appropriate wording.

The EuroCoord and European Commission logos should be included on the acknowledgment slide of presentations.

EuroCoord overview

- FP7 Network of Excellence
- 23 beneficiaries in 16 European countries
- Funded up to €12 Million for 5 years
- 15 work packages
- Start date: 1 January 2011

Abbreviations

- CoP: Council of Partners
- EB: Executive Board
- EAB: External Advisory Board
- NoE: Network of Excellence
- WP: Work package

Third parties

As well as the 23 beneficiaries, EuroCoord includes more than 100 collaborating centres as third parties.

These centres are major stakeholders for the development and implementation of the project by making their resources available to EuroCoord while not carrying out any part of the work independently.

Third Party Agreements are in place between each of the beneficiaries and their allied third parties

A full list of EuroCoord third parties can be found on pages 138-148 of the Description of Work (DoW) document.

Important dates

- CROI, Boston, 28 Feb–3 March
- Next EB teleconference – 8 March
- IWHOD, Prague – 24–26 March