

EuroCoord Newsletter

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Application Status

The CORE group (representatives from CASCADE, COHERE, EuroSIDA and PENTA) met in London on the 1 October together with the Workpackage leads which had previously been nominated by each of the Networks. Jürgen Rockstroh was also in attendance as the Chair of all the institutional partners which will be listed on the Network of Excellence application (Application Steering Committee). As everyone remembers, the partners were selected by the networks as institutional representatives. It is important to underline that the institutions involved with EuroCoord could not all be partners (as we have over 300!). Those on the Application Steering Committee will act as consultants on the application in this extraordinarily difficult and complex undertaking and when the Network Representatives (or CORE) need guidance and respective expertise represented within that group. After submission, this group will continue to act as a council which is needed to reflect and comment on the respective advances of EuroCoord. As all members of the ASC are also affiliated with one of the founding networks, any influence on necessary decisions will always be possible via the respective network governing structure.

The meeting was intended to review the application text and to outline areas for harmonisation across the founding networks workpackages, the EuroCoord workpackages and the areas for new joint projects. The group additionally discussed budget aspects as well as the joint projects included in the application.

Preparing for the Deadline of 19 November

The process now is for the CORE group together with the workpackage leaders to have a draft application and budget distribution ready by mid-October. The founding networks and application partners will need to review and sign-off on the application before 23 October.

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New joint project areas

The deadline for the call for new joint projects within EuroCoord was the 15th of September. Four proposals were received and they were reviewed based on how they addressed the EU call text and why it was important that EuroCoord should address the scientific topic. Based on these criteria, a proposal on modelling the HIV infected population in Europe was selected and requested by the CORE to advance the proposal. The group is now working to develop this into a workpackage with the intention of it becoming the final workpackage. The other two selected in June (TB and Migrants) have also further advanced their proposals, management and budget.

Important Dates

TBD October 2009:

TC with all the partners on the application (Application Steering Committee).

23 October 2009:

All founding networks and partners on the application (Application Steering Committee) have reviewed and approved the application. Please work hard to respect and keep the deadlines so that we ensure a smooth submission.