

NETWATCH

The European information platform on transnational R&D programme collaboration

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Objectives of the NETWATCH Platform

1. **Information:** to create a system for the collection of accurate and validated information on national R&D programmes and their transnational collaboration
2. **Analysis:** to build an intelligence service on the impact of ERA-NETs that is able to provide timely and relevant analysis to policy stakeholders
3. **Mutual Learning:** to foster mutual learning through good practice examples and the use of web based collaboration tools
4. **Presentation of results:** to make examples of information, analysis and best practice available to programme and policy stakeholders

1. Information (August 2010)

- Information on **ERA-NETs** (42 in FP7)
- Information on **countries** (currently 58 countries involved)
- Information on affiliated national **R&D programmes** (~ 500)
- Information on affiliated **organisations** (~ 830)
- Information on **Joint Calls** (~ 80, partially in the Call Calendar)

2. Analysis

- **Types of analysis:**
 - Mapping: descriptive analysis based on factual information
 - Monitoring: systematic analysis of the development of ERA-NETs
 - Assessment: evaluation of the effects and benefits of R&D collaboration
- **Dimensions of analysis:**
 - Thematic dimension: areas covered by the ERA-NETs
 - Geographic dimension: number and frequency of ERA-NETs by Member States and regions
 - Participant dimension: different actors participating in ERA-NETs
- **Assessment:**
 - Impacts on joint coordination, mutual learning & opening-up of programmes

3. Mutual Learning: The NETWATCH Community

- Toolbox: Wealth of information by ERA-LEARN
 - Call implementation
 - Internal review of ERA-NET participation
- People (upcoming)
 - Enabling contact and further cooperation
 - Users will be able to define 'who can see what' - Public or peers only information
- Forum (upcoming)
 - Discussion platform for themes and technical questions
 - It will be possible to restrict access depending on themes
 - Public discussion forum
 - ERA-NETs can have their own 'private' workspace
 - Exchange of documents

4. Presentation of results

- NETWATCH information
 - ERA-NETs, countries, programmes, institutions
- NETWATCH analysis and mapping
- NETWATCH: front end for ERA LEARN
 - guidelines
 - good practice examples
 - timely information (e.g. Joint Call calendar)

Cooperation with individual networks

- What NETWATCH offers:
 - collaboration tools (e.g. discussion forum, inventory of contacts) (upcoming)
 - up-to-date information and specific analysis
 - joint call calendar
 - web space (to present the network, provide information, etc.)
 - database space (forthcoming)

- What we expect:
 - provision, validation and regular update of basic information (written agreement)

Learning experiences

- Supportive feedback of ERA-NET stakeholders during web development and information collection

- Sustainability of collection and updating of information on ERA-NETs and national R&D programmes
 - spirit of stewardship and partnership
 - in-house information collection strategy of IPTS
 - interactive and iterative development of NETWATCH website by IPTS – to take into account the feedback of stakeholders
 - web tools must serve the needs of the users

Future Developments

- Stakeholder feedback to further improve the functionality and features of the website
- Further functional features planned, and taking into account user input and reactions (e.g. permissions, who's who, mailing features, forum)
- Agreement with all ERA-NETs to ensure regular updates of their information on NETWATCH
- Validation and quality assurance of NETWATCH information (ERA-NETs and national R&D programmes) envisaged in 2010