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PART A

A1. Budget breakdown and project summary

A 1.1. Overall budget breakdown for the project

Participant number in this project *	Participant short name	Estimated eligible costs (whole duration of the project)				Total receipts	Requested EC contribution
		Coordination / Support (A)	Management (B)	Other (C)	Total A+B+C		
1	CUNI	0.00	44,560.00	47,330.00	91,890.00	0.00	83,505.00
2	APRE	26,040.00	10,113.00	44,266.00	80,419.00	0.00	60,048.00
3	CIT	1,956.00	4,096.00	14,412.00	20,464.00	0.00	18,594.00
4	CUT	0.00	6,573.00	34,964.00	41,537.00	0.00	37,845.00
5	GG	3,780.00	69,463.00	23,219.00	96,462.00	0.00	86,210.00
6	TETALAP	6,400.00	10,750.00	30,506.00	47,656.00	0.00	41,312.00
7	IJTSU	1,956.00	4,089.00	14,413.00	20,458.00	0.00	18,589.00
8	InExCB-Kz	1,956.00	4,089.00	14,413.00	20,458.00	0.00	18,589.00
9	IUCPSTC	1,440.00	3,960.00	12,090.00	17,490.00	0.00	15,943.00
10	IBCE	1,800.00	4,050.00	13,711.00	19,561.00	0.00	17,789.00
11	NENCKI	4,800.00	7,980.00	19,620.00	32,400.00	0.00	28,889.00
12	ONU	480.00	3,720.00	7,770.00	11,970.00	0.00	11,021.00
13	SMPHU	500.00	3,875.00	7,960.00	12,335.00	0.00	11,021.00
14	TCASCR	0.00	7,800.00	54,905.00	62,705.00	0.00	57,245.00
15	URTV	0.00	8,160.00	44,864.00	53,024.00	0.00	47,743.00
16	DE	0.00	6,660.00	24,765.00	31,425.00	0.00	28,483.00
17	FFM-MSU	1,680.00	4,020.00	13,171.00	18,871.00	0.00	17,174.00
TOTAL		52,788.00	203,958.00	422,379.00	679,125.00	0.00	600,000.00

A 1.2. Project summary

Project title:	Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation with Eastern European and Central Asian countries
Starting date:	01.06.2009
Duration in months:	30
Call (part) identifier:	FP7-HEALTH-2007-B
Activity code(s) most relevant to your topic:	HEALTH-2007-4.1-8: Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation in areas relevant to the objectives of this Theme
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Abstract:

The EECALink is a coordination action aimed at identification of joint research priorities of the EU and EECA countries and strengthening scientific collaboration among them. International Cooperation Partner Countries targeted by our proposal are: Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. EECALink represents (i) a measure of active encouragement of the international Health research related cooperation and allows (ii) strengthening of the existing bi-lateral scientific collaboration of all participating university/academia partners. Project consortium was balanced to be able to act as a pipeline for communication of the (iii) research priorities of EECA countries to relevant EU policy makers and vice versa, (iv) help to coordinate future joint calls relevant to the Health Theme. Last, but not least, (v) to build capacities for proposal submission in FP7. For the project communication and impact evaluation purposes, we have defined three major target stakeholder groups: 1. Policy makers – this target group is further divided into (i) European and (ii) national. The first stakeholder group represents a key element for creation of European added value through identification of joint research opportunities for future calls in the area of Health research 2. Universities and academia partners – the project is coordinated by the Charles University in Prague and represents a consortium of ten academic partners, who wish to both strengthen and extend their international collaboration in topics identified in FP7-TP Health programme 3. Wider RTD public – research and innovation managers and individual scientific group leaders from participating countries interested in submitting own FP7 proposals.

A 1.3. List of beneficiaries

Beneficiary No.	Beneficiary name	Beneficiary short name	Country	Date enter project	Date exit project
1	Charles University in Prague	CUNI	Czech Republic	1	30
2	Agency for the Promotion of European Research	APRE	Italy	1	30
3	Center of Ideas and Technologies	CIT	Armenia	1	30
4	Cracow University of Technology	CUT	Poland	1	30
5	GRANT Garant s.r.o.	GG	Czech Republic	1	30
6	Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation	TETALAP	Hungary	1	30
7	I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	IJTSU	Georgia	1	30
8	Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan	InExCB-Kz	Kazakhstan	1	30
9	Indo-Uzbek Centre for Promotion of Science and Technology Cooperation	IUCPSTC	Uzbekistan	1	30
10	Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus	IBCE	Belarus	1	30
11	Nencki Institute	NENCKI	Poland	1	30
12	Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov's University	ONU	Ukraine	1	30
13	State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu"	SMPPhU	Moldova	1	30
14	Technology Centre AS CR	TCASCR	Czech Republic	1	30
15	University of Rome Tor Vergata	URTV	Italy	1	30
16	University of Debrecen	DE	Hungary	1	30
17	Faculty of Fundamental Medicine of the Lomonosov Moscow State University	FFM-MSU	Russia	1	30

PART B

B1. Concept and objectives, contribution to the coordination of high quality research, quality and effectiveness of the coordination mechanism and associated work plan

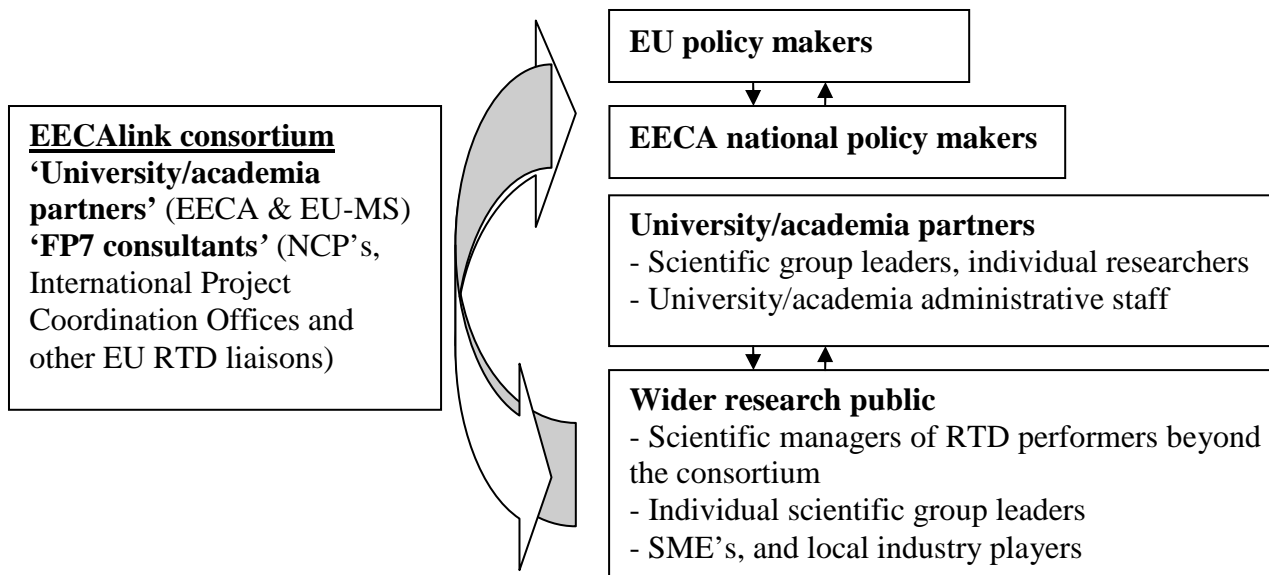
B 1.1. Concept and project objective(s)

According to the statistical data regarding participation of Eastern European and Central Asian (EECA) countries in the 6th Framework Programme, the total participation of these countries has not exceeded 1,0% of the FP6 budget. Participation of the largest Eastern European countries like Russian federation and Ukraine has reached only 0,4% and 0,1% (see FP6 midterm review: Implementation and Participation, published by the EC on July 13th, 2005). Partially given by the influence of communist regimes, the scientific excellence has been accumulated around universities and the ‘Academies of Sciences’ in these countries. With regard to this, we have defined the ‘centre of gravity’ for our project – to unlock the scientific potential in Health research of participating EECA countries to the EU and FP7 in particular.

The proposed coordination action is organized around three major stakeholder groups that need to be brought together in order to achieve the effective support to further extension of the European Research Area in academia-based research to participating Eastern European countries (EECACA countries as defined by Annex I to the Work programme). The stakeholders were divided for project coordination purposes into following categories:

1. **Policy makers**, at the EECA national as well as the EU level. An efficient communication channel has to be established between EU and target countries, in order to be able to coordinate future joint calls and research support programmes relevant to Health research
2. **University/academia partners**, whose interest is represented by the project coordinator, are those institutions who wish to strengthen their individual scientific networks and build up capacities of their administrative staff for FP7
3. **Wider research (RTD) public** – category is mostly represented by research administrators, innovation managers and individual scientists wishing to submit own FP7 proposal

EECALink uses different communication and support strategies, tailored to the profiles of individual stakeholder groups. Only well defined message and tailored communication measures are able to fulfil the project general objective – To promote and facilitate the cooperation among EU and selected EECA countries, with specific focus on topics related to those of FP7-TP Health. The individual stakeholder groups, as defined for the project purposes and their relation are described in the scheme below.



Participating university/academia partners were selected as the target group of our proposal on the basis of their scientific excellence and in reaction to the EC Green paper – The European Research Area: New Perspectives, published by the EC on April 4th, 2007 (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/com/2007/com2007_0161en01.pdf), where university/academia partners were explicitly invited by the EC to participate upon the consultation process. The consultation process has shown that many of the EU universities (particularly those from New Member States) lack the understanding of research policy development processes and opportunities for interacting with them. EECALink aims to tackle this issue and therefore we have invited a recognized Italian university (University of Rome Tor Vergata) to join the project and channel the transfer of good practice on this particular topic among EU-NMS and EECA university/academia partners. Partners from EECA countries were selected on basis of their scientific excellence and upon the fact that they play an important role in national Health research or represent and FP7 national coordinator. Furthermore, their legal status and scientific reputation at the national level guarantees their close collaboration with local ministries and other public bodies responsible for the administration of national research grants. This consortium composition allows us to directly access relevant EECA national policy makers. As we believe that the effective communication with EECA policy makers is crucial for the overall success of the project leading to the identification of joint research interests in the Health sector and formulation of future calls in this area.

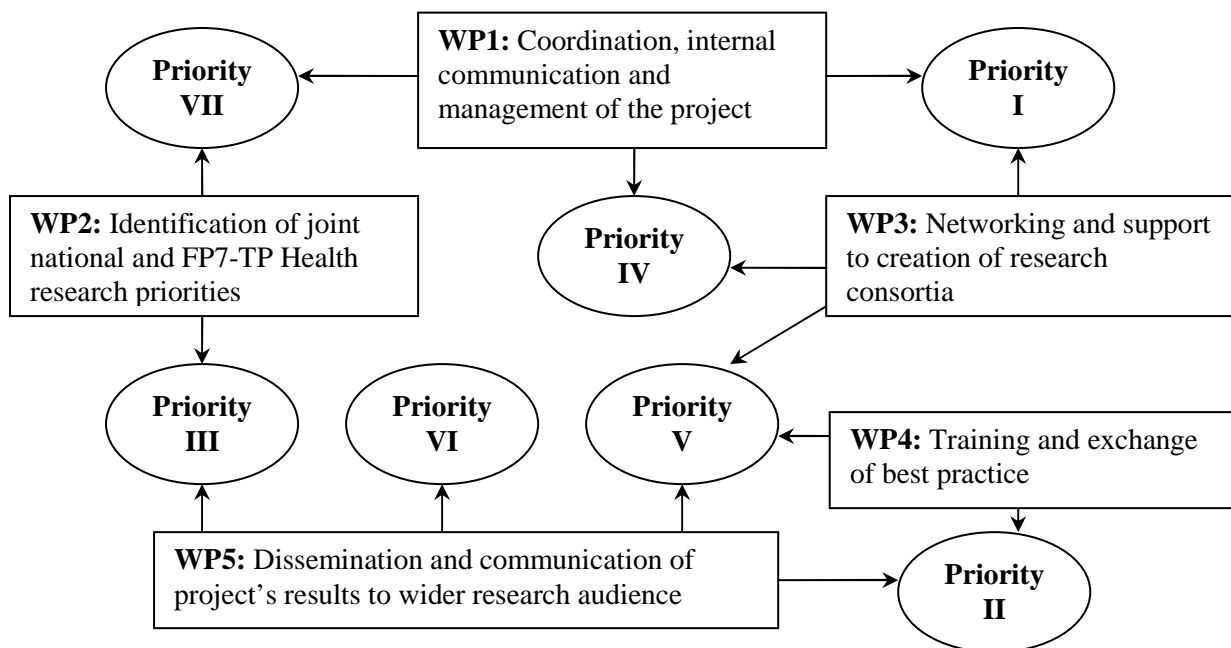
To assure the most effective use of the Community resources in satisfactory impact of the proposed coordination action, majority of the events organized by the project partners will be opened to parties beyond the project consortium. Opening the events to the wider research public, allows us to involve partners recruiting from local RTD performers, industry and SME’s in particular.

Project priorities

Our ultimate goal is to contribute to the implementation of the 7th Framework Programme and the preparation of future Community RTD funding policies, as demanded by the FP7-Cooperation Work Programme. To achieve our objectives, we have identified a set of *project-specific priorities* with pre-defined measures of their achievement (described later in this proposal section). Project priorities are the following (*Note: the interrelation of project priorities with individual Work Packages (WP), defined for the project management purposes, is shown in the scheme presented on the next page*):

- I. Encouragement and promotion of the international collaboration in Health sector through systematic support to the creation of new research consortia

- II. Stimulation of the further development of research consortia for FP7 calls and support these in preparation of their project proposals
- III. Identification of joint research interest of EECA and EU Member States and to assure their effective communication to the relevant policy makers
- IV. Strengthening and broadening of the existing research collaboration among participating university/academia partners
- V. Building up and strengthening the capacities of participating EECA countries for effective collaboration within the FP7 projects and in their administration
- VI. To promote FP7 among wider research audience targeted by the work programme – SME's, universities and other research institutes existing beyond the project consortium
- VII. To stimulate mutual exchange of experience and dissemination of good-practice among the project partners



The EECAlink consortium represents a logical consequence of existing bi- and multi-lateral scientific collaboration established among project partners in the past. Another added value, resulting from the EECAlink consortium, is the effective use of existing potential for EU wide collaboration that has been formed during similar political history that of the EECA and EU-NMS project partner countries went through. Our project aims to build up on the well-established bi-lateral collaboration with this region, as well as, the existing relationships with the EU-MS research partners and exploit these for FP7.

EECAlink is to run for 30 months. Suggested project duration allows us to organize more than 35 individual events in different countries, with policy coordination, networking or training purpose.

Priority I: Encouragement and promotion of the international collaboration

EECAlink's first aim is to encourage the international collaboration among participating university/academia partners and their scientific collaboration across the EU. These partners are involved within the project at several different levels, as this ensures their ability to interact with all project-target groups most efficiently. In order to achieve our 1st project priority, we have identified a set of individual, priority specific, goals:

1. Involve the university/academia partners into the active participation upon the EU RTD priority setting and involvement of EECA authorities in the formulation of the joint research interests: We have chosen two basic measures/tools to achieve this goal: (i) EU level communication and (ii) EECA national

level. The information targeted towards the policy makers will be disseminated through two major communication channels

– EECALink final conference: Moderated working seminar with EC policy-makers that is planned to be held in Brussels, will allow us to disseminate the project results to wider RTD policy public and conclude the project efforts by the publication of the conference working paper on joint Health research priorities of EECA and EU countries. The conference and the adjacent brokerage event will be organized, in collaboration with one of the project partners, which is a RTD liaison office, located in Brussels (a member of Informal Group of RTD Liaison Offices, IGLO) and who is capable of providing capacities for organization of the event.

- Secondly, the communication of the project outcomes to the relevant national authorities through policy sessions will be organized by individual EECA project partners in form of a working seminary, with the participation of EECA national and EU policy experts.

2. *Strengthen and enlarge existing collaboration among participating university/academia partners*: This will be achieved at three levels (i) at consortium level, where the cooperation among project partners will be established through joint project activities; (ii) at the level of individual research group leaders with particular interest in research topics of FP7-TP Health; (iii) at the level of RTD managers of the project partner organizations and participating at specific training measures ('capacity building meetings') dedicated to the exchange of knowledge and best practice in FP7 administration (e.g. contract negotiation, project reporting and management).

3. *Promote and facilitate international collaboration relevant to FP7-TP Health*: The project proposes to deliver enhanced participation of EECA countries at four, call specific, networking actions with EECA and EU participants identified on the basis of joint interest in the preliminary topics of work programmes in upcoming Health calls.

One of the project's aims is to renew and strengthen scientific collaboration established during the past decades among participating university/academia partners and unlock those to the European Research Area, therefore we will focus upon tracking of existing bi-lateral research collaboration existing among the participating countries. Based on this collaboration, we will create an opportunity for the development of FP7 consortia and support them in FP7-TP Health oriented proposal preparation.

The announcement of networking opportunities will be disseminated through the existing system of local Health NCP's as well as through the mailing lists of individual partners. Announcement of networking activities through the NCP network assures that the actions organized within the project will stay open to the local RTD performers beyond the consortium. Research profiles of individual researchers and institutions participating at any of the training or networking action will be further disseminated via the partner search tool on CORDIS and IGLO network.

4. *Encourage the creation of new research consortia for FP7 calls* - Consortia resulting from the proposed networking actions will be further monitored and directly supported by relevant project partners ('FP7 experts') during the proposal development stage. In order to achieve high probability of joint FP7 proposal submission, the 'matching partners' invited to the networking actions, will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: (i) track record of previous scientific collaboration, (ii) experience with administration of international projects, (iii) joint research topics relevant to those of FP7-TP Health and (iv) interest to submit a joint proposal to the FP7 call.

Individual goals set in order to fulfil the first *specific priority* are to be reached through individual tasks of WP3, 4 and 5. Operative tools and measures used to achieve our goals are: policy sessions, call specific networking actions, dissemination of electronic data and direct assistance to the research consortia in development of their proposals. Our success in achieving the first project priority can be measured through the following milestones and deliverables:

- Identification of the key EECA stakeholders and communication of the EECALink activities to them (D3.1, *for more information please see list of deliverables*)

- Number of internal FP7 training workshops (capacity building meetings) organized among the participating university/academia partners, but open to participation of the wider RTD public (D4.1, D4.2)
- FP7 proposals submitted with the support of EECALink consortium and their relative success rate (D4.4)

Priority II: Stimulation of research consortia and support to FP7 proposal preparation

Currently proposed action is based upon the experience of several project partners with FP6 funded specific support action aiming at the creation of ERA in Central Europe (CERA, INCO-CT-2004-510451; www.kpk.gov.pl/cera/index.php). The experience in CERA has shown, that joint project proposals submitted to FP6 calls have mostly resulted from already **existing scientific collaboration** and the personal discussion, carried out at the networking action, has significantly accelerated joint efforts of the research teams. Therefore our main aim is to track existing collaboration, relevant to Health research and, where applicable, to foster their transformation to FP7 project consortia. To fulfil the project's second *specific priority*, we have identified four major goals:

1. Identification of scientists with the potential to submit their own project proposal relevant to FP7-TP Health priorities: Set of specific selection criteria will be applied in order to select the most relevant project partners (the set of selection criteria will be developed by the project management body, agreed upon by the General Assembly and presented as deliverable to the EC before its further use within the project). The selection criteria will put a major weight on capacity for FP7 proposal submission and quality of the research partnership).

Collaboration with relevant local National Contact Points and national research grant agencies will be established, in order to open the project activities also to local RTD performers not directly participating in EECALink and to facilitate the identification of excellent scientists, relevant to the FP7-TP Health. Special attention will be paid to the invitation of local SME-RTD performers to the networking and capacity building actions.

2. Stimulation of research consortia building for FP7: The project uses a bottom up approach for stimulation of the international cooperation, as the university/academia project partners represent an existing pool of scientific excellence and knowledge of research in the field of FP7-TP Health and therefore they are our major target group for networking. At the beginning the research teams of university/academia partners with existing bi-lateral research contacts to EECA participating countries, will be approached through the internal communication channels of individual project partners. The research group leaders of university/academia partners will be offered the opportunity to strengthen their collaboration with relevant EECA countries. Once the two research teams have identified a joint research priority relevant to FP7-TP Health, the basic information about the planned project will be presented at CORDIS Partner Search, through the IGLO network and through the project website, where additional partners will have the chance to get in touch with the developing consortium and if deemed beneficial, also participate directly at the brokerage event.

3. Capacity building for FP7 proposal development: Integral part of each networking action will be the training of participating scientists in development of their proposals for FP7. Results of the training will always be two-fold: (i) participants will get acquainted with the FP7 structure, measures and priorities of the upcoming call and (ii) will develop skills for preparation of their joint proposals and efficient presentation of their scientific projects on EU level.

4. Direct support to the development of FP7 proposals resulting from the networking actions: similar projects (e.g. CERA, TrainNet, TrainNet Future, InJoy&Train, NICER, Food-N-Co and SMEs go Health, SM BioPower) implemented in FPs have shown that the major drawback for potential FP project proposers is the complexity and demand of work related to the proposal preparation. We have also observed that the availability of direct administrative and proposal development support significantly increases the interest of scientists in FP7 proposal submission. Therefore one of the important tasks of 'FP7 expert' partners will be to provide such support to the scientific consortia.

These goals are to be achieved through the specific objectives of WP3. The proposed brokerage events will be co-organized together with complementary FP7 funded projects and the EU-MS university partners (URTV, DE, CUT) and will also be held in close collaboration with relevant National Contact Points, the last brokerage event will be organized by TCASCR, as adjacent to the final conference. Actions organized under WP3 will be open to the participants beyond the EECAlink consortium. Particular attention will be paid to inviting SME's and research institutes performing high-quality research (e.g. National Academies of Sciences).

Monitoring of progress of work carried out for the achievement of the second project specific objective will be done through the following milestones and deliverables of WP3:

- Number of participants at networking events and their outcome – the complete research profiles of participating scientists published at CORDIS and project website (D3.3)
- Number of newly created research consortia and those who successfully submitted FP7 project proposals for evaluation (D3.4)

Priority III: Identification of opportunities for future joint calls in the field of Health

EECAlink aims to provide a direct feedback to the relevant EU policy makers concerning the joint research priorities for future calls relevant to the Health theme. The research opportunities will be identified at two levels: (i) EECA major national funding bodies and policy makers; (ii) EECA research performers. Furthermore, we believe that it is necessary to establish an effective communication channel from EECA countries (e.g. the governing boards of the local research funding agencies or national governments) to the EU policy makers and vice versa. In order to tackle the third project specific priority, we have identified the following goals:

1. Identification of relevant communication partners located at key policy positions in EECA countries – this goal is to be carried out by local EECA partners in close cooperation with relevant National Contact Points for FP7. Specific communication strategy will be developed for effective channelling of information among the EECA national and the EU policy makers. We expect that the EECA collaboration partners will recruit from ministries and national science-funding agencies responsible for setting of national research priorities in Health sector. Relevant officers representing the EU policy level will recruit from DG Research and DG SANCO.

2. Comparative analysis of existing national funding opportunities, identification of joint research interests (FP7-TP Health vs. priorities of relevant national funding schemes) – at first existing synergies between national EECA long-term and FP7-TP Health research priorities will be identified. In accordance with existing synergies, individual national experts and key scientists will be interviewed to define future key research areas. Active measures towards the formulation of content for future synergic calls will be undertaken (e.g. during the individual policy sessions held at national levels with the relevant EC officers).

3. Establishing the active dialog between EU and EECA countries aimed at the strengthening of personal networks and development of good working relations among relevant public officials – Eight of national policy-briefs will be organized during the project implementation phase. Each of the policy sessions will have a well defined agenda allowing the presentation of the project's interim results - the EECAlink national analysis of opportunities for future joint calls in Health research. Every such presentation will be followed by a critical discussion of the presented material at the working meeting with the DG Research officers, responsible for the particular field of TP Health and with the group of EECA national policy makers responsible for strategic definition and implementation of national research priorities in Health sector.

4. Listening to the voice of local RTD performers in research-priority setting – all RTD performers linked or invited to the project activities will be asked to express their expert opinion on the research priority setting relevant to their field of Health research. This priority-specific goal will be achieved through an

online questionnaire based survey, conducted among the participants on networking and training actions carried out under WP3 and WP4.

We also plan to involve the key local SME and industry players into the consultation process. This particular group of respondents will be reached through local SME associations and other interest groups.

The above mentioned goals will be accomplished through activities implemented in individual tasks of WP3 and 4. Subsequent achievement of the third project specific priority can be measured through the following set of criteria:

- Number of topics relevant to FP7-TP Health theme identified as areas of joint research opportunities for EECA countries and EU Member States (D2.1)
- Joint working papers on Health related research priorities resulting from the meetings (policy sessions) of the EC representatives and competent EECA public officers (D2.3)
- Analysis of the questionnaire based survey carried out among the EECA RTD performers participating at networking and training events organized by the project consortium (D2.2)

Priority IV: International networking and strengthening of the research collaboration among participating universities and academic research institutes

Experience of the project partners from previous networking oriented FP6 projects has shown, that the best results (number of established FP research consortia and number of project proposals submitted for FP, directly resulting from the networking events) are achieved through the close collaboration of individual RTD institutions driven by the same interest, rather than from general networking activities aimed at wider research public.

Therefore we have invited ten universities and academic institutions from different countries, which carry out a high-quality research in the field of health and have a joint interest in effective participation in FP7 projects. Priority specific goals were set as follows:

1. Increased number of FP7 proposals with participation of researchers working at the project-partner universities and academic institutions – this goal will be reached through subsequent implementation of training and networking measures. We believe that it is essential not only to stimulate the creation of project consortia, but also to build up the institutional administrative capacities for effective support to the development and submission of FP7 proposals.

2. Strengthening of the research management and scientific links existing among participating university/academia partners and transfer of best practice in FP project administration among them: As noted above, our aim is to strengthen the existing collaborations and accelerate their further development through the preparation of common FP7 project proposals. The institutional links will be further strengthened by the exchange of knowledge and best-practice related to the administration of FP projects carried out by the EU-MS university partners. Such measure is standard in the HR development of administrative staff at larger European RTD organizations (e.g. Max-Planck Association or National Centre for Scientific Research) and is recognized as one of the most efficient means for capacity building of the administrative staff.

3. Participating EU-NMS and EECA university partners share a very similar legal environment and organizational structure due to the joint political history. Our aim is to build up on this fact and use this as a common online platform for sharing good practice in FP7 project administration. This is to be done through guided FP7 capacity building events, organized once by each of the national partners to various topics related to the FP7 administration and management. Transfer of good administrative practice in direction EU-MS => EU-NMS => EECA universities will be supported through the selection of meeting topics and training. The training will host a limited number of participants, to assure the effective interaction among attendants.

4. *Direct support to scientists participating at the networking actions and wishing to submit own FP7 proposals:* the ‘FP7 experts’ consortium partners will provide direct support to researchers during the proposal preparation and writing phase. Such research support infrastructure has just started to develop in EECA countries and is not available yet either on government-supported, or commercial basis. Offering the direct support in proposal development to the most promising research consortia resulting from the networking actions, will foster the scientific collaboration among participating partners and will thus help to unlock the scientific potential of EECA countries for FP7.

Specific training measures will be tailored to the individual needs of presented target groups. The audience will vary from scientific group leaders to university administrative staff. Individual training measures are implemented through activities of WP4; direct support to developing FP7 consortia is of the major tasks of WP3. EECAlink effectiveness in fulfilling its fourth priority will be measured through following achievements:

- Number of proposals submitted with direct support of the consortium partners (D3.3)
- Number of training workshop and training measures carried out at individual levels of university/academia partners (D4.2)
- Individual capacity building meetings brought together on basis of specific topic, organized once per project by each of the university partner (D4.1)

Priority V: Capacity building for FP7

One of the major added values of our coordination action is it’s the training focused upon the university/academia stakeholders and wider RTD public in participating Eastern European and Central Asian countries. EECAlink consortium has defined three groups of training recipients and has prepared a set of training measures tailored to specific needs of particular group and also a direct benefit to the university/academia partners is considered. EECAlink trainings were divided according to their target university level audience as following:

1. *FP7 project administration and management:* training measures will be targeted towards the administrative, legal and other project management related tasks. These will be the focal topics of the ‘capacity building meetings’, oriented towards sharing of the good project administration practices. The meetings will be organized for in each participating country as a two day working session. The first day will focus on sharing best practices in FP7 project administration among project partners. On contrary, the second day of the capacity building meeting will be opened to local RTD performers, in the form of a specific training session. Individual training sessions will be organized as case-study presentations directly relevant to the topic of the capacity building meeting. Audience targeted by this training measure is the local RTD managers and administrators, who wish to improve their skills in FP7 project-related issues. Each training session will be concluded by a short group exercise aimed at (i) assessment of the training effectiveness, (ii) stimulation of future collaboration and (iii) exchange of good practices among the participants.

2. *FP7 proposal writing and project preparation:* Training sessions will be directly adjacent to the brokerage events co-organized by the EU university partners, or carried out by TCASCR in case of the last brokerage event. Proximity of the two events is expected to have leverage effect on existing research collaboration and thus foster the development of joint FP7 proposals. Furthermore, the matching activities preceding the event guarantee, that training sessions, dedicated to practical skills for FP7 proposal development, will reach the proper target audience (researchers wishing to submit joint proposal). Each training session will offer possibility for individual consultations on the project structure and activities. Development of proposals will be further monitored, analyzed and supported by relevant members of the project consortium.

3. *FP7 for general RTD public - individual actions carried out jointly by FP7 experts and EECA project partners:* Sessions will aim at the introduction of FP7 structures, general principles of FP7 project

participatory and legal framework. Each training session will have a well defined agenda divided into two blocks: (i) morning block will be dedicated to FP7 and (ii) afternoon will contain an audience-specific block and FP7-related topic (e.g. complementarity of national research funding and other Community funding programmes with FP7, provisions related to the participation of SME partner in FP7 and mobility of researchers across the European Union). These workshops will be open to parties existing outside of the project consortium; therefore a close collaboration with relevant National Contact Points is established.

4. *Development of an FP7 internal electronic administrative ‘check-list’ for individual university/academia partners:* One of the major structural/organizational features that universities in post-communistic countries have is the high level of bureaucracy and administrative autonomy exercised by individual faculties. Although this autonomy represents a major advantage for administration of research projects carried out for national grant agencies, it represents an obstacle for effective participation in FP7 and other Community programmes. Universities are most often single legal entities, registered for FP7 and other EU programmes and thus development of a ‘methodology guide’ implemented at the legal entity level and oriented towards the unified handling of participation in EC funded projects is essential (i.e. average person-month costs, unified registration data and effective working hours per month). This action will provide a methodology guide for development of similar ‘check-lists’ to the interested parties existing beyond the project consortium.

The capacity building is oriented towards short-term as well as long-term needs of the university/academia partners. (i) The short term needs are represented by training actions carried out for wider Health research oriented public and during the networking actions. Expected outcome of these actions is the increased participation of EECALink researchers in FP7. (ii) Long-term needs of the participating universities are covered by training measures oriented towards development of HR capacities and good-practice models of administration. Progress of work in the fifth priority can be measured against the following criteria:

- Number of training workshops aiming at development of university HR capacity for FP7, number and structure of individual participants (D4.1, D4.2)
- FP7 internal guides for participation in FP7, adapted to the needs of individual university partners (D4.3)

Priority VI: Promotion of FP7 and other Community research funding

EECALink project targets several different groups of stakeholders relevant to FP7 and thus offers an ideal opportunity for promotion of international research-scientific, as well as research-policy collaboration. Moreover, each of the networking as well as training actions carried out within the project represents unique opportunity for promotion of funding schemes supporting scientific collaboration across the different Community programmes (FP7, International Development funds, Public Health programme, etc.)

The local organizer of any networking, training and policy or promotion action will be responsible for presentation of FP7 analysis tailored to the specific needs of participants of a particular EECALink action. In practical terms, we were able to identify the following major audience groups and their potential interests in FP7 or other community programmes:

1. *Research group leaders vs. priorities of upcoming FP7-TP Health calls:* Each of the networking actions offers a unique opportunity for presentation of up to date, call specific information, related to the upcoming call in FP7-TP-Health. Specific interest will be dedicated to topics directly relevant to participating scientists (the participants are invited on the basis of common research interest relevant to calls open for TP Health and preferably those registrations for the networking event will be accepted by the organizers where joint FP7 topic related to upcoming call in TP Health is specified).

2. *Policy processes related to FP7 preparation and consultation procedures:* some of the EECALink project partners including the project coordinator (CUNI) have identified a growing need of universities and public research organizations to understand the EU level policy making processes related to Community

programmes and especially to FP7. To develop such knowledge is essential for the university/academia partners in order to be able to participate in EU research funding programmes effectively. Dissemination of FP7 policy related issues (i.e. processes related to the preparation of FP7 work programmes) will also be carried out during the national policy sessions focused on identification of joint research priorities of EU and participating EECA countries.

3. Wider local RTD public vs. FP7 opportunities and their synergies with national research and development funds, as well as other EC programmes - Presentations of EC programmes relevant for local participants, will be carried out either directly by local the NCP acting as a project partner, or by the EECA university/academia partner in collaboration with local NCP, SME association, or relevant interest group. The local EECA project partner will be responsible for preparing of a tailored horizontal analysis of existing opportunities for the identified audience and for the organization of the action. The training will be mainly carried out by the 'FP7 experts' or invited external experts. Three major dissemination channels will be used to spread the training materials developed for these actions: (i) personal presentations at relevant meeting, (ii) website of the particular partner and (iii) the project public-access website.

4. RTD managers and administrators vs. legal issues and rules of participation in EC research funding programmes: Operative level of FP7 and Public Health programmes and project administration will be discussed during the meetings of individual capacity building events organized by the national partners. Each capacity building meeting will be dedicated to a well defined topic related to administration and management of Community research funding programmes. Transfer of best-practice related to the administrative aspects of international research projects is believed to be an important tool for creation of 'proposal-submission/FP7 participation friendly' environment and thus is expected to have a leverage effect towards the participation of EECA scientists in FP7.

Training goals of the sixth project priority are to be reached through the implementation of tasks carried out under WP2-5, effectiveness and progress of their implementation can be verified through following quantifiers:

- Number of networking actions and national policy-briefs (D3.1, D3.2)
- Individual promotion actions of project partners related to FP7-TP Health or the EECAlink outcomes (D5.3)
- Meetings of capacity buildings organized among the consortium partners (D3.2)

Priority VII: Mutual exchange of experience and dissemination of best practice among EECAlink partners and beyond them

One of the added values of networking and training actions carried out within our project is the opportunity for sharing best-practice internally among the project participants and externally among parties beyond the project consortium in participating EECA countries. The exchange of experience and dissemination of best practice will be supported at different levels and will focus on one of the following topics: FP7 proposal development, administration of FP7 grants and management of research and innovation projects.

1. Online platform to exchange best-practices among the project partners concerning proposal development: One of the project priorities is to support the development of consortia with EECA participation in FP7-TP Health calls, resulting from the networking actions organized within EECAlink. Relevant project partners ('FP7 experts') will be responsible for development of an on-line platform for exchange of experiences and opinions about proposals developed with the project support. The document management-editing system will become an integral part of project's intranet and will represent not only the most important tool of direct support to the FP7 proposal development, but also as a tool for sharing experience among relevant project partners.

2. *Sharing of good practice in project administration from EU-MS to EECA participants*, with special focus on administration of FP7 projects within the university/academia legal and organizational environment. The EECAlink project aims to support the transfer of good administration practices from EU-MS towards the EECA countries. The direct transfer of knowledge will be controlled through careful selection of topics for capacity building meetings and their moderation. The capacity building meetings organized by the EU-MS partners will concentrate on advanced topics related to FP7 (e.g. Legal and IPR issues related to FP7, full cost methodology), while the capacity building meetings organized by EECA university partners will rather focus on practical aspects of FP7 participation.

3. *(Best-practice) guidelines on networking activities*. - One of the project's interim deliverables is the development of internal guidelines for identification, assessment and evaluation of potential participants of the networking activities carried out within the project. This will be achieved through sub-sequent development of common approaches to the identification of interested parties, assessment of their quality and scientific potential for the networking actions. The guidelines will be introduced together with other EECAlink results to wider research public and European policy makers at the project's final dissemination conference held in Brussels.

4. *Case studies as a major training tool*: consortium partners are experienced trainers or represent an institute of higher education and thus recognize the added value of good-practice examples. Therefore we have chosen the case studies as a major training tool for innovation managers and research administrators (relevant administrative staff of the participating university/academia partners), attending the second day training, performed within the 'capacity building' meetings. Case studies relevant to the topic of individual meetings of thematic oriented capacity buildings will be presented by one of the partners representing the FP7 expert.

This priority will be achieved through the implementation of particular tasks of WP1 and WP5. The project structure strictly distinguishes between internal dissemination and sharing good practices (WP1) and external dissemination and communication activities (WP5). Achievement of the goals set within the 7th project priority can be monitored through the set of following criteria:

- Operational online platform (existing as an integral part of project's intranet) for monitoring and support the development of FP7 proposals, resulting from brokerage actions co-organized within the project (D4.4)
- Agendas and presentations of individual 'capacity building' meetings organized by the individual university/academia partners (D3.2)
- Preparation of internal guide for assessment of FP7 potential of the researchers interested in participation at the networking actions organized within the consortium (D3.1)

B 1.2. Contribution to the coordination of high quality research

EECALink proposes the establishment of an efficient communication channel between the key national university/academia stakeholders operating in the field of Health and EU and EECA policy stakeholders (also see scheme on page 4), responsible for definition of priorities in funding of the national research. In order to establish this communication channel, we have brought together partners from different levels of research policy and research management levels. Individual partners represent a broad spectrum of stakeholders, spanning from research institutions, over RTD multipliers, to the liaison office operating at EU level in Brussels. This composition allows us to establish an efficient communication pipe-line towards the wider research public and policy-makers at both, the EU and EECA national levels.

Our aim is to combine two basic approaches towards identification of joint research priorities in the field of Health. (i) The top-down approach is represented by the engagement of key policy stakeholders operating at EECA national and EU level. (ii) The bottom-up approach towards the identification of priorities for future joint calls is then represented by the questionnaire-based interviews conducted with the research group leaders of participating EECA countries. Topics identified as priorities by the both approaches will be further processed as follows:

- At first the Health related research priorities identified by EECA national governments and implemented through the national grant agencies will be analyzed, ‘bottom-up driven’ opportunities for research collaborations will be identified through this process
- Secondly, a comparison will be confronted with EU priority setting in Health sector, with particular focus towards priorities of FP7-TP Health. This step includes identification of significant priority overlaps and communication of these to the officers responsible for RTD priority setting at individual (EECA national) level. These ‘top-down’ identified opportunities will be compared to those gained through the ‘bottom-up’ approach
- Thirdly, the consultation process will result into the project internal discussion document that will be further used for efficient stream lining of policy level consultation processes (e.g. policy sessions organized by individual EECA project partners or the project’s final dissemination conference held in Brussels).

Dissemination of EECALink results among wider research public in Brussels will be assured through a policy-level conference, with an adjacent brokerage event. We see the conference not only as a dissemination tool, but also as an important opportunity for establishment of effective communication platform, allowing the EECA and EU policy makers to widen personal working networks and as an opportunity to promote scientific potential of participating EECA countries among wider research and policy public.

Target audience of the dissemination conference in Brussels is composed of following stakeholders: invited officers of EC (including those who were directly, involved in the consultation processes), members of RTD liaison offices, participants representing relevant Technology platforms and wider lobby public following the development of research policies and opportunities for the international collaboration at the strategic level.

A set of specific evaluation criteria will be applied towards the research collaboration supported by EECALink activities, in order to select research partners with high probability of submission of quality proposals for FP7. So far, we have identified the following preliminary requirements, additional will be specified for Annex I:

- Existing previous scientific collaboration between the partners
- Experience with participation in the international research projects
- Scientific capacity and excellence (citation index, training a opportunities Ph.D. students)
- Joint research interest relevant to the upcoming call of FP7-TP Health

The EECALink university/academia project partners were selected on basis of their scientific excellence and international research collaboration established among the project participating institutions in the past. Moreover a special attention has been paid to the invitation of EECA partners with the direct connection to the national policy makers (typically the local National Contact Points responsible for TP Health). Some of the EECA consortium partners represent an ideal combination of both, these are cases where the local NCP operates in the framework of well recognized institutions oriented towards the Health research.

Four EECA project partners represent the National Coordinators for FP7-TP Health and NCP's of remaining target countries will be invited to participate at the project activities. This model of partnership has been established in order to avoid double financing of project activities. Therefore the project may also contribute to the further unlocking of the EECA research potential, through continuous building of capacity of the local system of FP7 National Contact Points for TP Health.

Partners participating in our project have particular scientific excellence or related experience in following fields, relevant to the FP7 work programme, or to the area of international collaboration:

EECALink partner	Research topic or relevance to FP7-TP Health	Relevant expertise
01 (CUNI)	Innovative therapeutic approaches and interventions; Research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing; Translational research in cancer, cardiovascular diseases & diabetes	FP6 participation: PREDICTIONS, NABINMS, EUROCARECF, NANO4DRUGS, HEPADIP, MYOCARDIAL REPAIR, VIZIER, MOLPAGE, EUROAGENTEST, EPG, DIMI, ENRAH-SME, POPULATION BIOBANKS, EUROCOPPER, E-MEP, SHIVA, ENACT and EUROBLOODSUBSTITUTES
02 (APRE)	Support to the international collaboration and NCP for TP Health	Italian National Contact Point for FP7
03 (CIT)	Support to the international collaboration within FP7	Armenian National Coordinator for FP7
04 (CUT)	Detection, diagnosis and monitoring technologies for human health Innovative therapeutic approaches and interventions for health	FP6 participation: CERA, IRC, LINK, WOODISME, ECONETUS, REGINET eTEN programme: ORTOSIM
05 (GG)	Support to the Charles University in Prague to the participation in FP7	FP6 administrative and management support to CERA, ReMat, ERA WestBalkan Plus
06 (TETALAP)	Participation in the EU R&D programmes in the field of project management, awareness/training activities and proposal advisory services	FP6 participation: TRAINNET FUTURE, HUNGARY FOR FP6, WS DEBATE, UNICAFE, CEC-WYS, ERAMORE.HU, SMEs for FOOD, SMEs Go LifeSciences, FET-EECAU, CERA, EU Agri Mapping, SME-to-LEAD, SPAS, InJoy&Train and THINK&ACT
07 (IJTSU)	Translational research in cancer, diabetes & obesity and HIV/AIDS Human development & ageing	Bilateral research projects and scientific agreements with USA, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Italy and more than 20 other EU and non-EU countries

EECALink partner	Research topic or relevance to FP7-TP Health	Relevant expertise
08 (InExCB-Kz)	Support to the international collaboration within FP7	Kazakh National Coordinator for FP7. InExCB-Kz is participant of ERA-CENTRAASIA-FP6-501064, FP6-INTAS-ININ-NIP-Kz, INJOY&TRAIN-FP6-023157, SCOPE-2015, EUROTRUST, INTERLINK-FP6-037116, INCONET-EECA-FP7-212226, BIO-CIRCLE-FP7-227204 projects funded by the EU. Director of InExCB-Kz is INCO contact in Kazakhstan since 1996.
09 (IUCPSTC)	Support to the international collaboration within FP7	Uzbek National Coordinator for FP7
10 (IBCE)	Support to the international collaboration within FP7 Biotechnology, generic tools and medical technologies for health	Belorussian National Coordinator for FP7; Belorussian Satellite Center of Trace Element Institute for UNESCO
11 (NENCKI)	Biotechnology, generic tools and medical research on the brain and related diseases, human development and ageing, Translational research in cancer and cardiovascular disease	FP6 participation: NODPERCEPTION, GEHA, ENINET, GRIPANNT, SENECA, NOVELTUNE, HIPPOGENEREGUL The project office of NENCKI institute also participated in networking actions of FP6 and FP5: CERA, BRAINS and AP-PS
12 (ONU)	Biotechnology, generic tools and medical technologies for human health	Participation in the EC funded projects: INTERVARSITY (Public Health programme) and NEXUS (FP6)
13 (SMPPhU)	Translational research diabetes & obesity, Anti-microbial drug resistance including fungal pathogens, Translational research in major infectious diseases: malaria and tuberculosis	FP6 project participation (subcontractor): CHIANTI, COPHIT, PARAPET, KNAPPE, GENBENEFIT, EURODIABETA, ANTIMAL and BIO-DNP
14 (TCASCR)	Support to the international collaboration and NCP for TP Health	Czech National Contact Point for FP7, Czech liaison office for FP7 in Brussels
15 (URTV)	Biotechnology, generic tools and medical technologies for human health, Translational research in cancer, HIV/AIDS, Human development & ageing	FP6 participation: EPISTEM, EURO-LAMINOPATHIES, TRANSDEATH, SYNSCAFF, ENFIN, IMMIDIAB, INTERACTION PROTEOME, EUROPEAN LEUKEMIANET
16 (DE)	Predicting suitability, safety and efficacy of therapies, Innovative therapeutic approaches and interventions, Anti-microbial drug resistance	FP6 participation: ATTACK, AMIS, HUMGERI, PRO-KINASERESESRCH, EMIL
17 (FFM - MSU)	Support to the international collaboration and NCP for TP Health	Russian National Coordinator for FP7

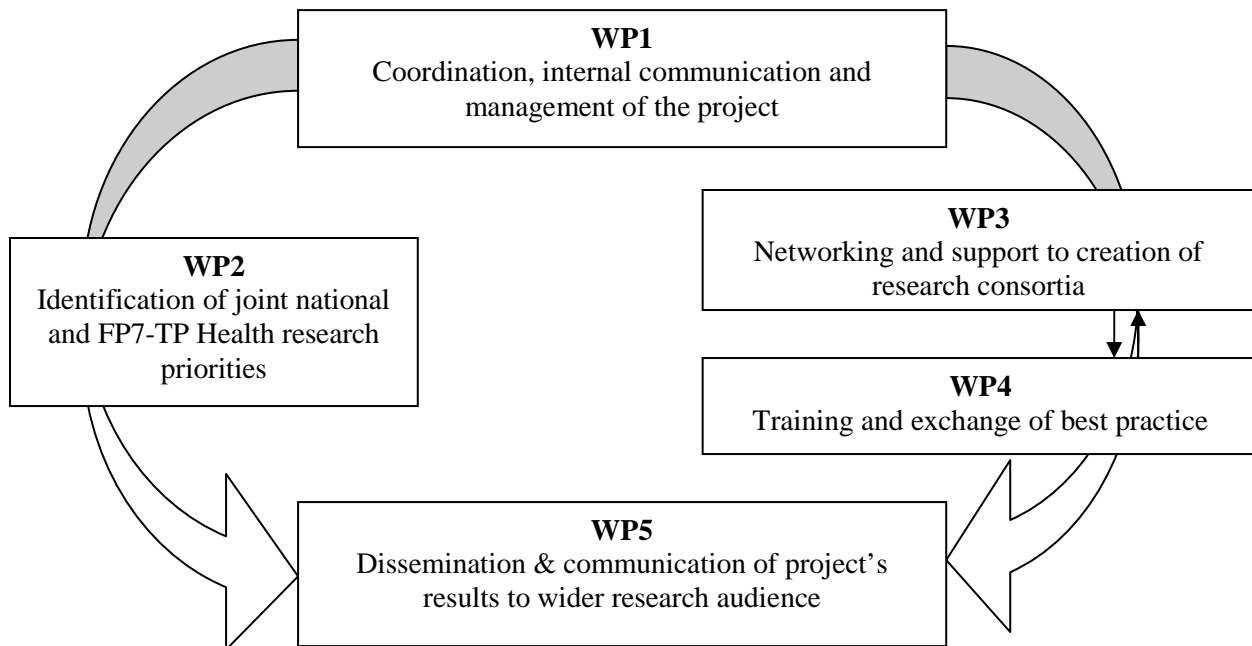
B 1.3. Quality and effectiveness of the coordination mechanisms and associated work plan

B 1.3.1. Overall strategy and general description

The proposed coordination action is planned for 30 months and is organized around three major stakeholder groups, defined in section 1.1 of the proposal. The activities that are to be carried out were divided into five distinct work packages, allowing the project consortium to work with individual stakeholder groups, as well as to assess the efficiency and impact of activities carried out within the project.

In order to monitor the progress of the work and initiate corrective actions if deemed necessary for successful completion of the project, we have divided the EECALink project into five individual work packages: (i) *coordination, internal communication and management of the project*; (ii) *identification of joint national and FP7-TP Health research priorities*; (iii) *networking and support to creation of research consortia*; (iv) *training and exchange of best practice* and (v) *dissemination and communication of EECALink's results to a wider research audience*.

Individual work packages were defined in accordance with the logical phases of project implementation and their interdependencies are shown below (detailed description of each WP is included in the relevant 1.3c section of the proposal):



WP1 represents a communication platform for project partners participating at different levels of EECALink. Its major objective is to assure efficient communication within the project consortium (including the EC services) and timely implementation of individual project activities. One of the important deliverables of WP1 is the creation of an online platform to exchange best practices among the consortium partners, concerning the FP7 project administration, direct support of consortia in developing their FP7 proposal and efficient preparation of project networking actions.

WP2 – major task of this WP is to carry out the comparative analyses of EECA national research funding environment. Partners responsible for this WP will concentrate upon three major sources of information: (i) EECA policy makers and local research funding bodies, (ii) EECA scientific community and finally (iii) international experts, representing the voice of European Commission. Individual stakeholders representing each group will be brought together during the EECA national policy sessions organized within the project. Major objective of WP2 is to achieve the effective communication of

opportunities for future joint calls in Health sector. The major objective of this WP is to assure that this communication is efficiently directed at both policy-levels (EU and EECA national).

WP3 represents a set of tools (tasks) aimed at direct support to creation of FP7 research consortia with participation of EECA scientists. We propose to co-organize a set of networking measures that will contain a significant training component (FP7 proposal development modules, consortia building modules and funding opportunities across the EC programmes for health research). Based on previous experience with implementation of networking events, we have decided to expand bi-lateral scientific collaboration among participating university/academia partners and exploit these for FP7. Therefore a set of specific assessment criteria towards selection of scientists invited to the networking actions will be developed and applied. Furthermore, the consortium aims to offer a direct support to the development of FP7 proposals resulting from these networking actions.

WP4 comprises of a series of training and capacity building activities aimed at practical readiness of participating university/academia partners and local wider research public for administration of FP7 projects. The specific training activities will be (i) adjacent to networking actions (carried out under WP3), (ii) an integral part of ‘capacity building meetings’ (organized within the WP4 and the trainings will be carried out in a form of topic specific case study). Finally a (iii) subject specific training workshops open to the wider research public in project partner countries. Training workshops will be organized in order to support transfer of best practice in research management related issues and to deepen the advanced knowledge of FP7 issues in countries, implementing the project (trainings will be carried out by the FP7 experts and if necessary, subject relevant, external experts will be invited to those seminars). Training activities carried out under WP4 will be open to wider research public of particular country organizing the workshop.

WP5 represents a set of promotion and dissemination activities/events carried out in participating countries and in Brussels (project final conference). The major objective of all communication actions carried out under WP5 is ensuring the proper use of results generated within the project. The current WP contains specific dissemination activities with individual communication strategies targeted towards policy makers at national and EU levels and promotion of the EECA scientific potential to the wider research public (project final conference and web based tools/ partner search databases).

Six major project measures were identified as necessary for achievement of necessary policy impact and fulfilment of individual project goals. Concepts of the individual measures are described below and further specified under relevant work package descriptions (tables 1.3c).

Final dissemination conference held in Brussels

A conference will be used as a major dissemination tool for the wider policy public in Brussels. The aim of the conference is three-fold: (i) produce the conference paper ‘EU joint research priorities for FP7-TP Health with the EECA region’; (ii) disseminate the national working papers resulting from the policy events/briefs and (iii) promote scientific potential of EECA researchers during the adjacent brokerage event. The conference will start with an opening speech and continue as a moderated roundtable with representatives of EECA and EU policy makers and will offer an excellent opportunity for presentation of EECALink outcomes to the wider research and lobby public in Brussels.

EECA national policy sessions

We propose to organize eight working sessions, bringing together both the EU and EECA national policy-makers. Agenda of these events will be developed on the basis of research-funding analysis carried out by the EECALink consortium during the first year of project implementation. Relevant EECA national analysis will be used as a background material for opening the working discussion among policy makers at both levels. Each EECA national policy brief will produce an EC working paper on joint research priorities with

particular EECA country. The EECA national working papers will then be used to define the agenda of the final dissemination conference.

Networking actions

Two kinds of networking activities are proposed: (i) networking aimed at creation of FP7 research consortia and (ii) networking to strengthen the FP7 transfer of knowledge among participating university/academia partners and beyond them.

The EECALink proposes to organize and co-organize two major types of actions: (i) brokerage actions (co-organized by EU-MS university partners together with complementary FP7 projects and aiming at stimulation of creation of FP7 consortia, these actions will be opened to parties beyond the project consortium) and (ii) capacity building meetings (organized by each national partner once per duration of EECALink and aiming at sharing good practices beyond project participants).

Analysis of local Health research funding environment

Individual EECA partners will prepare a comparative analysis of national research priorities relevant to the field of health. Major sources of information for carrying out the comparative analysis will be the local grant agencies/funding bodies and relevant EECA national ministries. Analysis of research priorities implemented through the national stakeholders will be then compared to the FP7-TP Health work programme. Expected outcome of the analysis are:

(i) Overlaps – these are to be communicated to the EECA national policy makers with the aim of better coordination of funding sources on national levels and

(ii) Gaps – these are to be discussed during individual policy sessions, where also relevant EC officer will attend the working discussion. The aim of the individual policy sessions will be the identification of opportunities for future joint calls in health sector.

Proposal follow-up and support

A document management tool (online platform), allowing effective support to the developing consortia, will become an integral part of the EECALink's intranet. The online platform will allow (i) following the development of individual proposals, (ii) exchange of information and opinion on proposal development among partners and (iii) provide a direct advisory support to the research consortia developing FP7 proposals. The document management tool will be further used by individual project partners for future support of their research teams in development of international (FP7) projects. Our aim is to give a direct support only to the most promising consortia and therefore the direct proposal support will be given maximum to 12 most promising FP7 proposals (evaluated on basis of pre-defined set of criteria: e.g. scientific excellence of the research consortium, relevance to the call topics and motivation of the research consortium to submit the joint FP7 proposal).

FP7 promotion actions targeted towards wider RTD public

These actions will be hosted by national EECALink partners and have one major purpose – promotion of FP7 participation among various local RTD performers and SME's in particular. The promotion activities will be organized by relevant partner once during the project in a form of an information event dedicated to specific, FP7 related topic. Each information event will comprise of four presentation sessions. Agenda of these sessions will be defined as the following:

1. Introduction to FP7 structures and rules of participation
2. FP7-TP Health specific topic (e.g. analysis of upcoming call or TP Health relevant ethical issues, funding opportunities across EC research funding schemes)
3. FP7 related target group specific topic (e.g. FP7 and innovation management, FP7 and local development/investment support funds, participation of SME in FP7 projects)
4. Target group specific topic, allowing to adopt the training to the specific needs of the individual audiences (e.g. national legislation related to research projects, innovation management and its

project cycle, national regulations of IPR issues and patenting law, financial issues and fellowship opportunities for young researchers)

Potential risks and contingency plans

1. Low number of participants for the networking actions

The networking actions are to be organized on basis of previously existing research collaboration and thus the probability of such risk is relatively low. However, in order to make sure of the most effective spending of EC resources, we will keep the actions open to parties existing beyond the project consortium (e.g. through advertisement of consortia via CORDIS, through the project and project partner websites and through the existing system of local NCP's of participating countries). As the number of participants is restricted to maximum 30, we do not expect the problem with filling up the capacity of individual networking events.

2. Low interest of participants for the training activities

In order to avoid this risk, we have invited EECA partners acting as local National Contact Points, responsible for the TP Health. The direct collaboration with national NCP's will allow us to have an outreach of project activities to wider research public. The NCP contact database will be used for promotion of the training activities beyond the project consortium, thus the maximum number of stakeholders will be addressed. Moreover, some of the project partners are experienced trainers offering their skills on commercial basis, it is expected that a high quality of training will become one of the major attractive issues for potential participation of project's target groups.

3. Low interest of research consortia in FP7 proposal submission

Within our project we plan to co-organize in three + one own, networking actions with a maximum of 30 participants. This represents meeting of minimum 120 research teams, having the capacity for successful submission of FP7 proposals. Our previous experience shows that the relative success rate (outcome measured in proposals) of such networking actions varies between 10 and 20%. With regards to the success rate of previously funded FP6 projects (mentioned previously in chapter 1.1, page 8), we expect to directly support at least 12 consortia in their FP7 proposal development. The consortium will implement a set of assessment criteria for evaluation of individual scientists (and their research teams) and their capacity for successful proposal submission.

4. Insufficient dissemination of activities carried out within the project





Dissemination activities carried out under WP5 are crucial for the overall success of the project and further exploitation of its results. Therefore a set internal assessment criteria and achievement goals for this work package will be set, allowing the WP leader to follow the WP performance and if necessary also initiate corrective actions. Moreover, the WP leader is well experienced with dissemination activities as well as with the organization of high-level policy events and thus the quality control and proper dissemination is assured.

5. Rapid changes of political environment in participating EECA countries

Avoiding the risk of rapid political changes in participating countries is an issue beyond the influence of the EECAlink partners. However, we have carefully selected well recognized academia/university partners from target countries, whose existence and operation will not be influenced through such a rapid political change. However, the local 'discussion partners' (e.g. ministries or national grant agencies) may change during the implementation of the project. The partners will then actively support relevant EECA colleague with the identification of key policy stakeholders and he/she will receive support from other partners as to overcome the delay in project implementation in shortest possible time.

Work packages and individual task	01 (CUNI)	02 (APRE)	03 (CIT)	04 (CUT)	05 (GG)	06 (TETALAP)	07 (IJTSU)	08 (InExCB)	09 (IUCPSTC)	10 (IBCE)	11 (NENCKI)	12 (ONU)	13 (SMPPhU)	14 (TCASCR)	15 (URTV)	16 (DE)	17 (FFM-MSU)
WP1 - Coordination, internal communication and management of the project	■				■												
Task 1.1: Transparent and efficient project administration					■												
Task 1.2: Communication and dissemination of project results (internal)	■				■												
Task 1.3: Administrative and management support to the project (project's secretariat)					■												
Task 1.4: Coordination and assessment/evaluation the project activities					■												
Task 1.5: Support to transfer of best practice among project partners and beyond them					■												
WP2 - Identification of joint EECA national and EU (FP7-TP Health) priorities		■															
Task 2.1: Analysis of EECA national grant schemes with relevance to FP7 TP Health			■		■												
Task 2.2: Analysis of questionnaire survey carried out in WP3 and WP4		■			■						■						
Task 2.3: Identification of joint research priorities						■											
Task 2.4: Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP2		■			■												
WP3 - Networking and direct support to creation of research consortia				■													
Task 3.1: Identification of relevant EECA and EU-MS scientists																■	
Task 3.2: Efficient matching																■	
Task 3.3: Networking actions							■										
Task 3.4: Consortia follow up and further support					■												
Task 3.5: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP3				■													
WP4 – Training and exchange of best practice						■											
Task 4.1: Training of the wider RTD public in project administration and the CB meetings								■									
Task 4.2: Training of the research group leaders																	■
Task 4.3: Transfer of best-practice concerning the proposal development									■								
Task 4.4: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP4						■											
WP5 - Dissemination and communication of EECAlink's results to wider RTD audience															■		
Task 5.1: Final dissemination conference oriented towards the EU policy makers					■										■		
Task 5.2: EECA national policy sessions	■																
Task 5.3: Promotion of EECA research potential across the EU										■							
Task 5.4: Other project promotion activities												■					
Task 5.5: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP5														■			
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B 1.3.2. Timing of work packages and their components:

Work packages and individual tasks	Month 1-3	Month 4-6	Month 7-9	Month 10-12	Month 13-15	Month 16-18	Month 19-21	Month 22-24	Month 25-27	Month 28-30	
WP1 - Coordination, internal communication and management of the project 											
Task 1.1: Transparent and efficient project administration	D1.2				D1.1					D1.1	
Task 1.2: Communication and dissemination of project results (internal)											
Task 1.3: Administrative and management support to the project (project's secretariat)	D1.4										
Task 1.4: Coordination and assessment/evaluation the project activities											
Task 1.5: Support to transfer of best practice among project partners and beyond them										D1.3	
WP2 - Identification of joint EECA national and EU (FP7-TP Health) priorities 											
Task 2.1: Analysis of EECA national grant schemes with relevance to FP7 TP Health				D2.1							
Task 2.2: Analysis of questionnaire survey carried out in WP3 and WP4									D2.2		
Task 2.3: Identification of research priorities that may be carried out in joint calls								D2.3			
Task 2.4: Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP2										D2.4	
WP3 - Networking and direct support to creation of research consortia 											
Task 3.1: Identification of relevant EECA and EU-MS scientists			D3.1								
Task 3.2: Efficient matching											
Task 3.3: Networking actions										D3.2	
Task 3.4: Consortia follow up and further support										D3.3	
Task 3.5: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP3					D3.4					D3.4	

Work packages and individual tasks	Month 1-3	Month 4-6	Month 7-9	Month 10-12	Month 13-15	Month 16-18	Month 19-21	Month 22-24	Month 25-27	Month 28-30
WP4 – Training and exchange of best practice		★								
Task 4.1: Training of the wider RTD public in project administration and the capacity building meetings									D4.1	
Task 4.2: Training of the research group leaders									D4.2	
Task 4.4: Transfer of best-practice concerning the proposal development									D4.4	
Task 4.5: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP4						D4.5				D4.5
WP5 - Dissemination and communication of EECALink's results to wider RTD audience				★						★
Task 5.1: Final dissemination conference oriented towards the EU policy makers										D5.1
Task 5.2: EECA national policy sessions										D5.2
Task 5.3: Promotion of EECA research potential across the EU										D5.3
Task 5.4: Other project promotion activities										D5.4
Task 5.5: Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP5						D5.5				D5.5

Gantt chart proposed for time management of EECA activities. Individual milestones ★ and deliverables (DX.Y) are shown in the chart (joint milestones of two or more work packages are indicated in both/all WP's concerned). The EECALink is proposed to run for 30 months.

B 1.3.3. Work package list / overview:

Work package No	Work package title	Type of activity ¹	Lead beneficiary	Person-months	Start month	End month
01	Coordination, internal communication and management of the project	MGT	CUNI	32,00	01	30
02	Identification of joint national and FP7-TP Health research priorities	COORD	APRE	25,00	01	24
03	Networking and support to creation of research consortia	OTH	CUT	52,50	01	30
04	Training and exchange of best practice	OTH	TETALAP	50,70	04	30
05	Dissemination and communication of EECALink's results to wider research audience	OTH	TCASCR	42,10	10	30
	TOTAL			202,30		

¹ Activity per work package: **COORD** = Coordination activities (including any activities to prepare for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results, and coordination activities); **OTHER** = Other supporting activities; **MGT** = Management of the consortium.

B 1.3.4. Deliverables list

Del. no.	Deliverable name	WP no.	Lead beneficiary	Estimated indicative person-months	Nature ²	Dissemination level ³	Delivery date
1.1	Periodic report and final report on the project activities	1	GG	8,00	R	CO	18, 30
1.2	Project logo, brochure, set of PR materials and public-accessible website	1	CUNI	3,20	O	PU	03
1.3	Report on project internal actions aimed at sharing best-practice among the consortium	1	GG	9,60	R	CO	30
1.4	Set of project reporting templates and project handbook	1	GG	3,20	O	RE	01
1.5	Discussion online platform dedicated to effective support of FP7 projects resulting from networking actions	1	GG	8,00	O	PP	12
2.1	Summary analysis of EECA national grant schemes	2	CIT	7,50	O	PP	12
2.2	Template of questionnaire for survey carried out in WP3 and WP4	2	NENCKI	5,00	R	RE	06
2.3	List of joint research priorities EECA/EU relevant for FP7 TP Health	2	TETALAP	7,50	O	PP	24
2.4	Interim and final activity reports for WP2	2	APRE	5,00	R	CO	18, 24
3.1	List of potential EECA and EU-MS participants to the networking actions	3	URTV	10,50	O	RE	06
3.2	Final report on networking actions	3	DE	13,13	R	RE	27

² Nature of the deliverable: **R** = Report, **O** = Other

³ Dissemination level: **PU** = Public; **PP** = Restricted to other programme participants (including the Commission Services); **RE** = Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services); **CO** = Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services).

Del. no.	Deliverable name	WP no.	Lead beneficiary	Estimated indicative person-months	Nature ⁴	Dissemination level ⁵	Delivery date
3.3	List of supported proposals and their coordinators	3	GG	18,38	O	PP	30
3.4	Interim and final activity report for WP3	3	CUT	10,50	R	CO	18, 30
4.1	Report on training activities carried out under tasks 4.1 a 4.4	4	InExCB-Kz	12,68	R	CO	27
4.2	Report on training activities carried out under task 4.2	4	FFM-MSU	12,68	R	CO	27
4.3	Training related modules for the online platform	4	IUCPSTC	15,21	O	PU	27
4.4	Interim and final activity report for WP4	4	TETALAP	10,14	R	CO	18, 30
5.1	Report on the working seminary with EC (project final dissemination conference)	5	TCASCR	6,32	R	PU	30
5.2	Summary report on EECA national policy sessions	5	CUNI	10,53	R	RE	29
5.3	Summary report on promotion actions carried out under task 5.3	5	IBCE	10,53	R	CO	30
5.4	Interim and final report on project promotion activities	5	ONU	6,32	R	RE	30
5.5	Interim and final activity report for WP5	5	TCASCR	8,42	R	CO	18, 30
	TOTAL			202,30			

⁴ Nature of the deliverable: **R** = Report, **O** = Other

⁵ Dissemination level: **PU** = Public; **PP** = Restricted to other programme participants (including the Commission Services); **RE** = Restricted to a group specified by the consortium (including the Commission Services); **CO** = Confidential, only for members of the consortium (including the Commission Services).

B 1.3.5. Work package descriptions

Work package number	01		Start date or starting event					01		
Work package title	Coordination, internal communication and management of the project									
Activity type	MGT									
Participant number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Person-months per participant	9,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	15,0	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
Participant number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
Person-months per participant	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50			

Objectives

The overall objective of WP1 is ensuring the effective project implementation and achievement of goals that were set within the proposed project. The *task specific objectives*, used for the monitoring of the work carried out under WP1 are the following:

1. To ensure transparent and efficient project administration and financial management in accordance with contract and financial rules applicable
2. To facilitate proper communication and dissemination of project results (internal)
3. To act as an effective administrative and management support to the project
4. To assure effective coordination and assessment of the project and WP1 activities
5. To facilitate the transfer of best practice among the project partners and, where possible, also beyond the project consortium

Description of work and role of participants

The work carried out within the WP1 spans from the beginning to the very end of the project implementation. Although this WP does not contain any coordination activities, it is crucial for the overall execution of the proposed action (in respect of time, transparency and effectiveness of implementation). According to the set of outlined task specific objectives, we have divided the efforts of WP1 into the following tasks:

Task 1.1 Transparent and efficient project administration (month 1-30, task leader: GG)

- Helpdesk on financial issues concerning the project to the project partners, budget planning and financial management (budget allocation, prepayments, eligible costs etc.)
- Drafting and maintenance of the Consortium and Grant agreements as well as the complete project legal documentation (eg. signed GA and CA, as well as signed forms A)
- Implementation of standards for the internal project management and reporting procedures and their timing (the reporting templates will be delivered by GG)
- Helpdesk for EECALink project partners on legal and administrative issues related to the proposed action (all 'FP7 experts' will be involved, to enhance mutual exchange of good practice)
- All legal and administrative documents such as the Grant Agreement and its amendments, EECALink's implementation plan and other project tracking documentation will be made available on the intranet and regularly updated by the WP leader

Task 1.2 Communication and dissemination of project results (internal) (month 7-30, task leader: GG)

- Public relations, communication and further promotion of project activities (e.g. logo, webpage, project brochure and set of communication materials). Listed promotion materials will be proposed and prepared by the WP leader, who will distribute them to individual project partners.
- Maintenance of the project's intranet, regular updates to the project website and maintenance of on-line advertisements of the networking opportunities (CUNI, with contribution of all partners).
- Maintenance of web-based, online platform facilitating the direct support of project partners to the FP7 proposals resulting from the networking actions (CUNI, with contribution of all 'FP7 experts')

Task 1.3 Administrative and management support to the project (project's secretariat) (month 1-30, task leader: GG)

- Operating as an administrative liaison of the EECALink project partners to the European Commission (CUNI)
- Timing and management of project activities, proposition of necessary corrective actions to the project management board (project manager (PM) appointed by CUNI)
- Drafting the first version of management report and collating its final version for the Project Coordination Committee meetings (PM appointed by CUNI)
- Acting as a project administrative office for direct support of the project partners and the project coordinator (PM appointed by CUNI)
- Updates of the project's internet, related to the upcoming project management activities and on-line planning of agenda for future PCC meetings (PM appointed by CUNI)

Task 1.4 Coordination and assessment/evaluation the project activities (month 7-30, task leader: CUNI)

- General administration activities (e.g. preparation of agendas, minutes from project management and scientific management meetings), (PM appointed by CUNI)
- Organization of kick-off meeting and preparation of all necessary documents to start the project and present it in detail to all participants (PM appointed by CUNI)
- General management activities (organization of project coordination committee meetings and related agenda, support to the implementation of corrective actions introduced by the decision of PCC) (PM appointed by CUNI)
- Internal assessment of the project results and its communication within the project consortium, maintenance of the project's intranet (including virtual archive with training materials, platform for proposal support, database of research profiles and regular update of the project partners about newly published information) (CUNI)
- Preparation of project's handbook, in order to facilitate the implementation of the project as well as the assessment of project activities (PM appointed by CUNI)
- Internal assessment of activities to be carried out under WP1 for project reporting and management purposes (CUNI)

Task 1.5 Support to transfer of best practice among project partners and beyond them (month 7-30, task leader: GG)

- Support to the organization of joint networking workshops and training activities carried out by individual project partners. The particular attention will be paid to the unified corporate identity of the training materials and communication of EC as the financial donor (GG + all partners)
- Establishment and maintenance of an on-line platform for follow up and support to the FP7 proposals resulting from networking actions. The online platform is to be maintained within the project's intranet and will become an effective tool for facilitation of the dynamic development and support of the newly created consortia (CUNI)

Note: The majority of tasks in WPI will be carried out by Partner No. 05 the coordinating university consultant. However, each of the project partners will need to allocate at least 0,5 person-months to the project management, coordination and dissemination tasks.

Task No.	Task name	Participating partners
1.1	Transparent and efficient project administration	All partners
1.2	Communication and dissemination of project results	All partners
1.3	Administrative and management support to the project	All partners
1.4	Coordination and assessment/evaluation the project activities	All partners
1.5	Transfer of best practice among project partners and beyond them	All partners

Deliverables

Delivery No.	Name and short description	Delivery month
1.1	Periodic report and final report on the project activities	18, 30
1.2	Project logo, brochure, set of PR materials and public-accessible website	03
1.3	Report on project internal actions aimed at sharing best-practice among the consortium	30
1.4	Set of project reporting templates and project handbook	01
1.5	Discussion online platform dedicated to effective support of FP7 projects resulting from networking actions	12

Work package number	02		Start date or starting event					01		
Work package title	Identification of joint EECA national and EU (FP7-TP Health) priorities									
Activity type	COORD									
Participant number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Person-months per participant	0,00	4,80	2,00	0,00	1,00	1,60	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00
Participant number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
Person-months per participant	1,60	2,00	2,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	2,00			

Objectives

The general objective of WP2 is to identify overlaps, as well as gaps between the EECA national and EU research funding and develop recommendations that are to be discussed during individual national policy sessions. Proposed recommendations will be based on three different primary resources of information: EECA national grant and policy experts, scientists participating at training and networking actions carried out within the project and opinion of the EC staff responsible for the formulation of future FP7-TP Health calls. The goal is to identify areas with existing joint interest that have not been covered by current or previous work programmes. The *task specific objectives* of the WP2 are the following:

1. To analyze national EECA grant schemes supporting research in the field of Health
2. To compare the questionnaire based feedback from various stakeholders (local researchers, or through structured discussion with representatives of funding bodies and relevant ministries)
3. To identify and communicate joint priorities for future calls in the field of FP7 TP Health research, targeted towards the Eastern European countries
4. To assess the WP2 activities for internal analysis and external dissemination

Description of work and role of participants

The work carried out within the WP2 is focused on identification of joint EECA national and EU Health research priorities and their proper communication to relevant stakeholder groups. The analysis will be based on the feedback from project major target groups (researchers invited to some of the project action, EECA national and EU policy makers). Purpose of the WP is to prepare working documents, which will be further used and disseminated under the activities of WP5. According to the expected complexity of work, we have divided the efforts of WP2 into the following tasks:

Task 2.1 Analysis of EECA national grant schemes/financial sources with relevance to FP7 TP Health (month 1-12, task leader: CIT)

- Preparation of EECA overviews of financial resources available for the health research at the level of individual EECA countries. To this goal, the WP leader will be responsible of definition of minimum requirements for the national funding schemes to be included into the survey and development of unified methodology for conducting it at the individual EECA levels. Delivery of the methodology for data collection is due in month 3.
- Individual comparisons of the EECA national funding priorities overview with the work programme of FP7 TP Health and Public Health work programme. Identification of significant gaps and overlaps. Overlaps will be further disseminated at EECA national level (policy makers and officials responsible for identification of the national health research priorities) via

electronic means (comparison and dissemination is under the sole responsibility of individual EECA project partners, who will report to APRE)

- Specification of gaps in Health research funding for further analysis (comparison to results of tasks 2.2) and preparation of the discussion paper for individual EECA policy sessions

Task 2.2 Summary of questionnaire survey carried out within WP3 and WP4 (month 7-24, task leader: NENCKI)

- Collaboration with WP3 on development of the questionnaire for identification of research priorities that represent either opportunity for joint research, or overlap of research funding and thus should be minimized (joint coordination between APRE and CUT, cross-fertilization from other partners is also expected)
- The questionnaire based feedback from local researchers participating at the training and networking events will be used for identification of priorities for future joint (EU and EECA) calls. The questionnaire will be developed by the project consortium and will contain two major parts: part A (unified) - FP7 TP Health related questions and part B (variable, modified according to particular EECA national needs) - allowing identification of national differences in funding schemes as well as research priorities (joint coordination between APRE and TETALAP, cross-fertilization from other partners is also expected).
- The analysis of feedback from the wider RTD public will be compared to the outcomes of task 2.1 and to the actual work programmes of relevant Community funding schemes (carried out by APRE, delivery month 24)

Task 2.3 Identification of joint research priorities (month 13-24, task leader: TETALAP)

- Research priorities for future implementation of joint calls will be identified on the basis of results gained through the previous WP2 tasks (APRE/ GG/ EECA partners)
- Joint research priorities will be evaluated against a set of the following criteria: common interest (EECA and EU), availability of tools for implementation, whether they represent direct benefit to the society and emergence of the research topic (APRE and GG)
- Proposed research topics will be presented to the EC officials responsible for preparation of actual work programme of FP7 TP Health at a dissemination conference carried out in Brussels and managed under WP5 (APRE in coordination with CUNI and TETALAP)
- Joint organization of EECA national policy sessions related to identification of common priorities for future joint calls (EECA national policy sessions) is foreseen and the 'list of identified opportunities' will be used as the background working document (APRE/ EECA partners), policy sessions will be organized during the second year of project implementation
- Support effective communication of project results to the European Commission and to other interested stakeholders operating at the EU level (task leader is responsible for preparation of discussion materials for the project final dissemination conference) (APRE)

Task 2.4 Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP2 (month 1-24, task leader: APRE)

- Preparation of a set of analyses of local funding bodies, overviews will be carried out by individual EECA project partners (APRE/ EECA partners)
- Carry out national analyses of questionnaires obtained within WP3 and 4 (APRE, TETALAP)
- Assessment of a list of priority topics for future joint calls, individual for each EECA country (APRE/ EECA partners)
- Assessment of activities carried out under the task 2.4, reporting on activities carried out under

WP2 (interim and final management and activity reports) (APRE)

Task No.	Task name	Participating partners
2.1	Analysis of EECA national grant schemes	EECA partners, FP7 experts
2.2	Analysis of questionnaire survey carried in WP3 and WP4	EECA partners, FP7 experts
2.3	Identification of joint research priorities	EECA partners, FP7 experts
2.4	Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP2	WP leader (APRE) and task leaders

Deliverables		
Delivery No.	Name and short description	Delivery month
2.1	Summary analysis of EECA national grant schemes	12
2.2	Template of questionnaire for survey carried out in WP3 and WP4	6
2.3	List of joint EECA/EU research priorities relevant for FP7 TP Health	24
2.4	Interim and final activity reports for WP2	18, 24

Work package number	03		Start date or starting event					01		
Work package title	Networking and direct support to creation of research consortia									
Activity type	OTH									
Participant number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Person-months per participant	4,20	2,80	3,65	5,70	2,50	2,00	3,65	3,65	3,65	3,65
Participant number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
Person-months per participant	1,70	3,65	3,65	0,30	1,70	1,70	3,65			

Objectives

The general objective of WP3 is to ensure effective networking among EU-MS and EECA scientists and further support the consortia resulting from the networking actions, in development of their FP7 proposals relevant to TP Health objectives. The *task specific objectives* of the WP3 are the following:

1. Identification of potential EECA participants (TP Health relevant, required level of experience with grant administration, level of citation index, etc.)
2. Match partners from EECA with those from EU-MS effectively (criteria of selection: based on existing research cooperation's, relevant to TP Health, matching open to local SME partners)
3. Bring relevant scientists from both the EU and the EECA countries together on the basis of FP7 call specific project topic and train the scientists in proposal preparation. Common topics will be discussed during the brokerage events of the complementary FP7 projects (SME goes Health, SM BioPower, other), and through own organized brokerage event.
4. To monitor and further support research consortia, formed during the networking actions, in proposal development
5. To assess the WP2 activities for internal analysis and external dissemination

Description of work and role of participants

The work carried out within the WP3 is based on previous experience of the project consortium with networking actions as well as the experience with direct support to the research consortia with proposal development. Previous experience has shown us that successful research consortia are created on the basis of both, the personal relation of key-scientists and the common research interest relevant to the upcoming call. The activities carried out within WP3 have one overall aim – to stimulate the creation and further maintain the research consortia who wish to submit their proposals to FP7 relevant to TP Health. According to the set of outlined task specific objectives, we have divided the efforts of WP3 into the following steps:

Task 3.1 Identification of relevant EECA and EU-MS scientists (month 1-6, task leader: URTV)

- Use of the data obtained in task 2.1 (Identification of national EECA research priorities relevant to FP7-TP Health and national funding schemes providing support to this particular field of research) for contacting the potential EECA participants (CUT will be responsible for the methodology outline (eg. defining the minimum registration conditions) and the EECA partners will be responsible for the direct invitation of the local scientists)
- Identification of EU-MS scientists with the collaboration links to EECA partner countries and assessment of their interest in FP7 proposal submission (CUT will be responsible for the methodology outline (eg. defining the minimum registration conditions) and the EU MS university partners will be responsible for the direct invitation)
- Support of EECA scientists in search of the relevant partner in EU-MS partner countries and vice versa. Although our main aim is to build consortia on existing research partnership, we

deem necessary to provide such support to excellent EECA partners just entering their research career (e.g. young research group leaders) (EECA partners)

- Collection of data (research profile) necessary for registration of the EECA research groups, interested in participation at the networking events, within the Community information service CORDIS (EECA partners, supervised by CUT)

Task 3.2 Efficient matching (month 4-21, task leader: DE)

- Development of internal guidelines for identification, assessment and evaluation of potential participants of the networking activities (CUT/GG, delivery is planned in month 6)
- Promotion of the cooperation vice versa (invitation of EU-MS scientists who were able to identify a potential partner in relevant EECA countries), with the aim to support personal collaboration established at EECA and EU-MS universities through previous fellowships and exchange of research personnel among the project partner institutions (EU-MS university partners under supervision of CUT)
- Bringing together scientific consortia in the view of preparation of project proposals for FP7 Health call. Only partners fulfilling the set assessment criteria defined in the internal guidelines (see above) will be invited to the brokerage events (travel subsidy of 200 EUR will be offered to the EECA scientists, and later the proposal follow up)
- Once the matching researchers are invited to the networking action, their research profiles together with the FP7-TP Health relevant topic and a short abstract of the proposed research project will be published at CORDIS, in order to allow the wider research public to join the developing consortium (and possibly participate at the networking events as additional partners) (CUT/ CUNI)
- Special attention will be paid to invitation of local SME partners to the brokerage events (promotion of project activities through local SME associations, promotion of the project at local fairs, direct promotion of project and its activities via e-mail) (EU-MS university partners and FP7 experts)

Task 3.3 Networking actions (month 4-27, task leader: IJTSU)

- It is assumed to support participation of 60 EECA researchers, participating at the brokerage events relevant to the TP Health (3 brokerages of complementary projects and 1 brokerage event adjacent to the final conference)
- Each brokerage event is expected to host approx. 30 participants mediated through the project (EECA/EU-MS participation ratio will be held 15/15) (EECA and EU-MS university partners)
- Responsibility over monitoring of individual actions (including organization of the training session, adjacent to the brokerage) will rest under the responsibility of EU-MS university partners and announced by all partners to wider RTD public at the national level (EECA and EU-MS university partners)
- Each networking action is expected to last for one or two days (agenda starts at noon of the first day, followed by socializing event and full second day dedicated to the workshop activities) (EECA and EU-MS university partners)
- One of the important outcomes of this task will be the feedback obtained directly from participating scientists (EECA participants will be requested to fill in an online survey, in order to apply for the travel grant); on possible research topics which have not been funded yet and are of common interest for EECA countries and EU (CUT will be responsible for its timely collation and assessment into the project report).

Task 3.4 Follow up and further support (month 13-30, task leader: GG)

- Each national project partner will be responsible for further follow up of the consortia formed at the workshop (skills will be complemented by the support of the FP7 experts)
- Consortia seriously developing their proposals will receive a further direct support during the

proposal preparation phase by the consortium through the online platform established for this purpose under WP1 (GG has been allocated sufficient personnel resources to be able to carry out the direct online support of the developing consortia)

- Research profiles of the participating scientists and their FP7 proposal abstracts will be registered at CORDIS, posted at the web page dedicated to the project and circulated among departments of relevant project partners and also Health NCP's of other EU-MS will be used as an efficient channel for the dissemination (FP7 experts will be responsible for fulfilling of this task, for their national research teams, the project coordinator will contact the NCPs of countries, not directly participating in the project)

Task 3.5 Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP3 (month 1-30, task leader: CUT)

- Preparation of invitation lists of EECA scientists, sorted by individual country (EECA partners in month 6)
- Collecting a list of EU-MS scientists invited to local linking workshops (FP7 experts with support of local NCP network)
- Collation of report on further support to the developed research consortia under FP7 expert's supervision and supported by the national university/academia partner administration
- Assessment of activities carried out under the task 3.5, reporting on activities carried out under WP3 (interim and final activity and management reports)

Task No.	Task name	Participating partners
3.1	Identification of relevant EECA and EU-MS scientists	EECA and EU-MS university/academia partners
3.2	Efficient matching	EECA and EU-MS university/academia partners, FP7 experts
3.3	Networking actions	EU-MS universities, FP7 experts
3.4	Follow up and further support	FP7 experts
3.5	Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP3	WP leader (CUT) and task leaders

Deliverables

Delivery No.	Name and short description	Delivery month
3.1	List of potential EECA and EU-MS participants to the networking actions	06
3.2	Final report on networking actions	27
3.3	List of supported proposals and their coordinators	30
3.4	Interim and final activity report for WP3	18, 30

Work package number	04		Start date or starting event				04			
Work package title	Training and exchange of best practice									
Activity type	OTH									
Participant number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Person-months per participant	3,20	2,70	3,20	4,30	1,70	2,40	3,20	3,20	3,20	3,20
Participant number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17			
Person-months per participant	1,70	3,20	3,20	2,50	3,30	3,30	3,20			

Objectives

The general objective of WP4 is to prepare the scientists from EECA countries as well as those from EU-MS to participate in the FP7 competition successfully. Moreover, our aim is also to prepare the supporting staff for efficient administration of FP7 grants. Therefore the training needs to cover various levels of FP7 dissemination from simple FP7 promotion to the training of efficient coordination of a FP7 research consortium. Individual tasks of this work package were identified according to the training target audience. The *objectives* of the WP4 are the following:

1. To train the administrative staff of local university/academia actors in administration of FP7 grants and related agenda
2. To train research group leaders interested to participate in an FP7 project, or wishing to submit an own proposal
3. To promote FP7 and participation in TP Health programme at national levels and through the organization of ‘administrative topic oriented’ information events, opened to the wider research public, also promote FP7 and other EC programmes among other local RTD performers (including SME’s).
4. To assess the WP4 activities for internal analysis and external dissemination

Description of work and role of participants

The work carried out within the WP4 is focused on training of human capacities for FP7 project administration and management. Our major target audiences are the potential future administrators of FP7 projects, scientific group leaders and wider RTD public. The FP7 experts and external experts will be invited to train national administrative staff during various types of training opportunities, organized within the project. The actions organized within the framework of our project, will be organized in three-step training event: (i) training for FP7, (ii) administrative capacity building and (iii) target group specific topic. With respect to the identified target audience, we defined the following tasks:

Task 4.1 Training of the wider RTD public in project administration and the capacity building meetings (month 7-27, task leader: InExCB-Kz)

- This task is primarily focused upon the development of capacities of participating university/academia partners. Secondly, it offers an ideal opportunity for dissemination of research collaboration opportunities within FP7 and finally offers the development of the EECA capacities for participation in FP7 projects (FP7 experts will be responsible for the definition of training priorities and programme content)
- Trainings will be directly adjacent to the individual meetings of ‘capacity buildings’ organized by the university/academia partners. The training workshop will be dedicated to the topic specific for particular capacity building meeting and its leading presentation will be prepared in a form of case study (each capacity building meeting will be moderated by the local FP7 expert, who will present also the case study analysis, costs related to the capacity building meetings)

have been dedicated to budgets of the relevant project partners)

- In total 12 EECA and EU-MS trainings for administrative staff (i.e. grant administrators and research managers) will be carried out by the FP7 experts and invited experts in collaboration with local university/academia partners and will be opened to the local RTD performers, who might be interested in presented subject. The training topics will be finalized after the kick off meeting in Prague and submitted to the EC in month 3.
- The capacity building meeting itself will be held in a form of moderated discussion (chaired by the relevant national FP7 expert), in order to support the best-practice transfer among its participants (expected number of attendants will be limited to 20)
- Preliminary target group specific topics are: FP7 project administration, legal and management related issues, innovation management and IPR issues related to FP7

Task 4.2 Training of the research group leaders (month 7-27, task leader: FFM-MSU)

- In total four EECA and EU-MS trainings for research group leaders wishing to participate in FP7 projects will be co-organized by the individual EU university partners. The trainings will be offered as adjacent events to the 3+1 brokerage events and topic-relevant FP7 expert or external expert (TETALAP will be responsible for the overall orchestration of the actions, to whom organizers will report) will be invited to give a lecture.
- The training sessions will be organized as a part of the national networking action, and will also be opened to local RTD performers; whereas the networking part of the event will be accessible only to the invited participants. The training session will be designed for 40 participants in total.
- Target group specific topics for the training are the following: Partner search, Proposal preparation, consortium coordination and FP7 project management, examples of projects.

Task 4.3 Transfer of best-practice concerning the proposal development (month 4-27, task leader: IUCPSTC)

- We propose the establishment of an on-line platform for the direct support of research consortia developing their proposals for FP7. This platform will serve as a document management tool allowing relevant partners (FP7 experts) to exchange their opinion on proposals as whole, distribution of resources and definition of their tasks.
- Moreover, the platform will support mutual exchange of information and sharing good practices among the project consortium as it will allow all partners to follow the life-cycle of proposal development and thus will help to build up their capacities for FP7 proposal submission

Task 4.4 Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP4 (month 4-30, task leader: TETALAP)

- Assessment of report on tasks 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3 (number of training events and their participants, summary of the training efficiency and information uptake) (TETALAP in coordination with the local event organizer)
- Assessment of activities carried out under the task 4.4 (number of participants at the capacity building meetings and durability of collaboration contacts established at these meetings) (TETALAP in coordination with the local capacity building organizer)
- Reports on activities carried out under WP4 (interim and final activity and management reports) (TETALAP)

Task No.	Task name	Participating partners
4.1	Training of the administrative staff and the capacity building meetings	All partners
4.2	Training of the research group leaders	EU-MS universities, FP7 experts
4.3	Transfer of best-practice concerning the proposal development within the project consortium	FP7 experts
4.4	Internal assessment of activities carried out within WP4	WP leader (TETALAP) and task leaders

Deliverables		
Delivery No.	Name and short description	Delivery month
4.1	Report on training activities carried out under task 4.1 a 4.4	27
4.2	Report on training activities carried out under task 4.2	27
4.3	Training related materials available on online platform	27
4.4	Interim and final activity report for WP4	18, 30

Work package number	05	Start date or starting event							01		
Work package title	Dissemination and communication of EECALink's results to wider research audience										
Activity type	OTH										
Participant number	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Person-months per participant	7,10	1,70	2,15	2,50	0,80	1,70	2,15	2,15	2,15	2,15	
Participant number	11	12	13	14	15	16	17				
Person-months per participant	1,70	2,15	2,15	6,00	1,70	1,70	2,15				

Objectives

The general objective of WP5 is the assurance of effective communication and best possible use of results generated by the proposed coordination action. We will use different communication strategies in order to be able to reach the specific target audience. Within our project, we propose communication of relevant analysis to the following target audiences: (i) national policy makers, (ii) EU policy makers and (iii) EU research managers interested in scientific potential of participating EECA countries. The *task specific objectives* of the WP5 are following:

1. To ensure communication of project results towards the EU policy makers
2. To ensure communication of project results towards EECA national policy makers
3. To promote and unlock the EECA research potential for the EU
4. To assess the impact of promotion activities carried out within the project as whole
5. To assess the WP5 activities for internal analysis and external dissemination

Description of work and role of participants

The work carried out within the WP5 focuses exclusively on external dissemination and further use of the results obtained during the implementation of proposed coordination action. With respect to the identified target audience, we have defined the following tasks:

Task 5.1 Final dissemination conference oriented towards the EU policy makers (month 27-30, task leader: TCASCR)

- Identification of relevant EU policy makers and inviting them to join the final activity carried out within the proposed project. The conference will be organized as chaired panel discussion among relevant policy makers and followed by the presentation of EECA potential in Health sector (mapping of the potential participants will be task of all partners, contact data will be collected by the WP leader, who will also be responsible for their invitation). Adjacent to the conference, an own project brokerage event will be organized, in order to allow efficient use of the EC resources. Call specific brokerage will be opened to the parties beyond the project consortium.
- Specification of discussion topics for the final round table discussion among key EU and EECA policy makers, invitation of the key speakers (EU and EECA level), preparing agenda and other organizational tasks related to the conference (eg. secretariat, event management and follow up on the conference) (activities will be carried out by TCASCR, who will deliver them for consultation to WP leaders by month 27 the latest)
- Conference venue, development and final publication of the joint working paper on Health research priorities for both, the EECA and EU countries (TCASSCR/ FP7 experts, delivery in

month 30)

- Dissemination of the event proceedings through EurActiv, Europa, CORDIS Rapidus subscriptions, IGLO network, NCP network and mailing lists of individual EECALink project partners (WP leader will be responsible for using these dissemination channels for the circulation of the conference outcomes)

Task 5.2 EECA national policy sessions (month 13-30, task leader: CUNI)

- At first, the national partners will identify the EECA national policy makers and officials responsible for formulation of future research priorities and their implementation in Health sector. This will be done through the existing collaboration networks established among the EECA partners and key national funding and policy stakeholders (EECA partners will provide their contact lists with maximum 40 national officials by the month 15)
- Secondly, we will introduce the EECALink project and its activities to this target group and present the comparative analysis on national research funding environment and its relation to the EU priorities. Mostly significant overlaps will be highlighted, in order to support the coordination of funding policies (EECA partners)
- The same EECA national policy makers will be invited to the planned policy session. Each policy session is to be organized as a working meeting of relevant EECA and EU policy makers (approx. 5 participants). Its major purpose is to produce the EECA/EU individual national lists of research priorities (EECA national working papers), which will be further used as background documents for the round table discussion held within the framework of the Brussels conference (CUNI will be responsible for issuing the official invitation).
- Promotion of project activities/policy briefings in local media

Task 5.3 Promotion of EECA research potential across the EU (month 10-30, task leader: IBCE)

- The task leader will be responsible for the registration of the research profiles resulting from different activities carried out during the EECALink implementation at CORDIS. The profiles will also be disseminated through the IGLO membership of one of the partners and through thematic priority specific partner search tools relevant to health research (all partners)
- Using database of TP Health oriented EU research institutes, will allow direct dissemination of EECA research profiles among the relevant EU RTD managers (all partners)
- Specific attention will be paid to the promotion of EECA research potential within the final dissemination conference held in Brussels

Task 5.4 Other project promotion activities (month 10-30, task leader: ONU)

- Promotion of project activities carried out by individual partners (i.e. invitations to the EECALink actions will contain information about the project, representatives of individual project partners will add an advertisement of the project into their e-mail signatures)
- Joint project promotion actions carried out jointly with other FP6/FP7 funded projects that have similar networking objectives like EECALink (i.e. ERA West Balkan Plus, SME BioPower, or SME's go Health). The joint activities will have the form of mutual promotion at the websites of relevant projects and the partners will search for opportunities, where organization of joint networking events may have leverage effect on EU funding and thus create the added value of cooperation (WP leader will be responsible for their identification and establishment of contact to them, on behalf of the project).
- Participation at national and international scientific fairs relevant to the field of Health or FP7

in general and aiming at dissemination of scientific excellence within and beyond the EU.

- Mutual promotion of research and other activities performed by individual project partner institutions

Task 5.5 Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP5 (month 10-30, task leader: TCASCR)

- Assessment report on the final conference in Brussels (evaluation of participation, policy impact; and the impact to the creation of new partnerships) (EECA partners will report to TCASCR)
- Assessment of reports on EECA national policy sessions (in respect to the number of identified priorities for future joint calls in FP7 and establishment of personal working relation among EU and EECA national policy makers) (TCASCR, EECA partners and other WP leaders)
- Assessment of report concerning the promotion activities carried out under tasks 5.3 and 5.4 (number of promotion events organized and attended, cross-promotion collaboration with other EU funded coordination actions targeting similar stakeholder groups) (APRE)
- Reporting on activities carried out under WP3 (interim and final activity and management reports) (TCASCR reporting to CUNI)

Task No.	Task name	Participating partners
5.1	Working seminary with EU policy makers	TCASCR, CUNI
5.2	EECA national policy sessions	EECA project partners
5.3	Promotion of EECA research potential across the EU	APRE, EECA project partners
5.4	Other project promotion activities	All partners
5.5	Internal assessment of activities carried out in WP5	WP leader (TCASCR) and task leaders

Deliverables

Delivery No.	Name and short description	Delivery month
5.1	Report on the working seminary with EC (project final dissemination conference)	30
5.2	Summary report on EECA national policy sessions	29
5.3	Summary report on promotion actions carried out under task 5.3	30
5.4	Interim and final report on project promotion activities	30
5.5	Interim and final activity report for WP5	18, 30

B 1.3.6 Efforts for the full duration of the project

Participant No./ Short name	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	WP5	Total person months
01 (CUNI)	9,50	0,00	4,20	3,20	7,10	24,00
02 (APRE)	0,50	4,80	2,80	2,70	1,70	12,50
03 (CIT)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
04 (CUT)	0,50	0,00	5,70	4,30	2,50	13,00
05 (GG)	15,00	1,00	2,50	1,70	0,80	21,00
06 (TETALAP)	0,50	1,60	2,00	2,40	1,70	8,20
07 (IJTSU)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
08 (InExCB-Kz)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
09 (IUCPSTC)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
10 (IBCE)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
11 (NENCKI)	0,50	1,60	1,70	1,70	1,70	7,20
12 (ONU)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
13 (SMPHU)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
14 (TCASCR)	0,50	0,00	1,00	2,50	6,00	10,00
15 (URTV)	0,50	0,00	1,70	3,30	1,70	7,20
16 (DE)	0,50	0,00	1,70	3,30	1,70	7,20
17 (FFM-MSU)	0,50	2,00	3,65	3,20	2,15	11,50
Total	32,00	25,00	52,50	50,70	42,10	202,30

B 1.1.7. Project Effort Form II

Activity type/ Partner No. (Acronym)	01 (CUND)	02 (APRE)	03 (CIT)	04 (CUT)	05 (GG)	06 (TETALAP)	07 (IJTSU)	08 (InExCB)	09 (IUCPSTC)	10 (IBCE)	11 (NENCKD)	12 (ONU)	13 (SMPPhU)	14 (TCASCR)	15 (URTV)	16 (DE)	17 (FFM-MSU)
Consortium management activities																	
WP1 - Coordination, internal communication and management of the project	9,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	15,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
Total PM 'consortium management'	9,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	15,00	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50	0,50
Coordination activities																	
WP2 - Identification of joint EECA national and EU (FP7-TP Health) priorities	0,00	4,80	2,00	0,00	1,00	1,60	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00	1,60	2,00	2,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	2,00
Total PM 'coordination activities'	0,00	4,80	2,00	0,00	1,00	1,60	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00	1,60	2,00	2,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	2,00
Other activities																	
WP3 - Networking and direct support to creation of research consortia	4,20	2,80	3,65	5,70	2,50	2,00	3,65	3,65	3,65	3,65	1,70	3,65	3,65	1,00	1,70	1,70	3,65
WP4 - Training and exchange of best practice	3,20	2,70	3,20	4,30	1,70	2,40	3,20	3,20	3,20	3,20	1,70	3,20	3,20	2,50	3,30	3,30	3,20
WP5 - Dissemination and communication of EECAlink's results to wider RTD audience	7,10	1,70	2,15	2,50	0,80	1,70	2,15	2,15	2,15	2,15	1,70	2,15	2,15	6,00	1,70	1,70	2,15
Total PM 'other activities'	14,50	7,20	9,00	12,50	5,00	6,10	9,00	9,00	9,00	9,00	5,10	9,00	9,00	9,50	6,70	6,70	9,00
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES	24,00	12,50	11,50	13,00	21,00	8,20	11,50	11,50	11,50	11,50	7,20	11,50	11,50	10,00	7,20	7,20	11,50

B 1.1.8. List of milestones and planning of reviews

Milestone number	Milestone name	Work package(s) involved	Lead beneficiary	Expected date	Means of verification
01	Kick off and final project meetings	WP1-5	CUNI, APRE, CUT, TETALAP, TCASCR	1 and 30	Minutes from the meeting
02	Identified EECA national research priorities relevant for FP7 TP Health	WP2, 5	APRE, TCASCR	12	EECA national lists of research priorities
03	List of scientists to be invited to the networking actions	WP3	CUT	6	List of potential participants from each country
04	Identified topics for the capacity building meetings	WP4	TETALAP	6	Project working document – Topics of capacity building meetings
05	Project's final conference	WP5	TCASCR	29	Conference related documentation

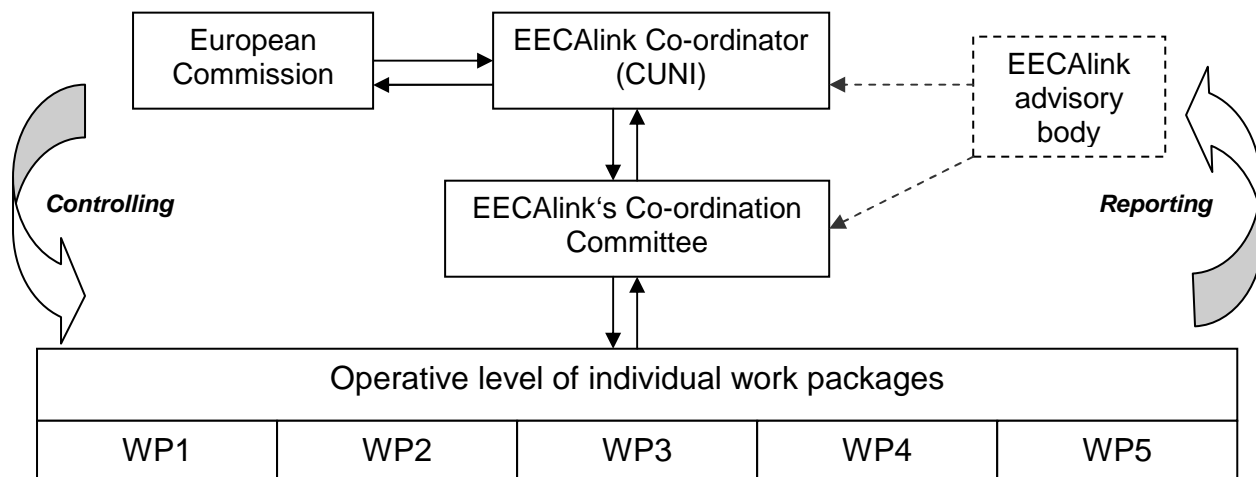
Tentative schedule of project reviews

Review no.	Tentative timing	Planned venue of review	Comments , if any
1	At project month: 01	Prague, CZ	Kick off meeting – opening meeting
2	After project month: 06	Rome, IT	2 nd PCC meeting
3	After project month: 12	Budapest, HU	3 rd PCC meeting
4	After project month: 18	Krakow, PL	4 th PCC meeting
5	After project month: 24	Brussels, BE	5 th PCC meeting
6	After project month: 30	Prague, CZ	Final PCC meeting

B2. Implementation

B 2.1. Management structure and procedures

Our project involves 17 organizations from twelve different countries and thus it requires a close collaboration among the partners. Therefore a simple management and reporting structure based on the Project Co-ordination Committee, Project Manager, Work Packages and a common management structure is proposed.



I. Project Co-ordination Committee

At the beginning of the project, the project participants will form a Project Coordination Committee. The coordination committee will be convened at project meetings as described below. The Project Coordination Committee will decide on project implementation and will evaluate progress on the basis of milestones achieved and deliverables obtained. In each project meeting, the Project Coordination Committee will have as a standard topic to oversee the project workshop-plan and achievements.

The Project Co-ordination Committee consists of representatives of the project partners, and it will meet regularly every six months. Members of the Project Coordination Committee include authorized representatives of each of the project partners acting as the WP leader as well as the Project Manager, who is appointed by the coordinating partner (CUNI) and the representative chair of the General Assembly. Each partner can, if necessary, replace its Board Member, but is obliged to inform the other partners by written notice and also to justify his/her reasons.

The Project Co-ordination Committee is the supervisory body for the project execution and takes decisions on all relevant project tasks.

All the decisions of the Project Co-ordination Committee must be accepted by a majority of votes. All partners acting as WP leaders have one vote.

The Project Co-ordination Committee's responsibilities are:

- Support the Co-ordinator by fulfilling the obligations towards the EC
- To ensure that all work within the project meets functional requirements
- To agree on press releases and eventual publications arising from the project
- To check the progress of the work and eventually initiate the corrective actions

In particular the Project Co-ordination Committee decides about:

- Co-ordination, preparation and final approval of reports prior to submission to the EC
- Subcontracting within the project (not covered in Annex I of the Grant agreement) will be decided upon in co-operation with the European Commission
- Any necessary changes as regards to the budget re-allocations
- Any necessary changes of the project activities content or work load, based on the reports from the responsible local work package leaders and from the quality assurance task
- The schedule of EECALink actions with respect to the local needs

II. Project Co-ordinator

The coordination of the project will be carried out by the Project Coordinator (PC) – Prof. MUDr. Stanislav Stipek, DrSc. The coordination of the project will be carried out at the First Faculty of Medicine of the Charles University in Prague. The GRANT Garant is a subsidiary company of the Charles University in Prague, who supports the university in administration and coordination activities. Administration will be located in the finance department of the First Medical faculty of the university. A requirement will be placed on the WP leaders to report directly to the board on financial management and progress to the project implementation plan.

III. EECALink's General Assembly

General Assembly acts as the supervisory body for the execution of the project which shall approve the decisions and actions of the Project Co-ordination Committee. The General Assembly will be composed of representatives of each partner. The General Assembly will be responsible for quality control of the major elements of work to be done and will have an advisory function towards the Coordination Committee and to the Project Coordinator.

The General Assembly will meet three times during the project implementation (once at the kick off meeting and once, at month 15 of the project implementation nad once at the final conference). Minutes in writing will be submitted for approval by all project partners in a similar procedure such as the minutes of the PCC meeting. The Project General Assembly decides by a simple majority of the votes and is operational since at least 2/3 (two-thirds) of the representatives are present at the discussion.

The chair of the committee will become elected among its members and will be responsible for continuity between this group and the management group.

IV. Project management

The Project Manager will be appointed by the co-ordinating contractor (Charles University in Prague) and will act as the support to the project coordinator; who will keep the responsibilities assigned to him within the Annex II of the Grant Agreement. The Project Manager is responsible for:

- Organizing & calling Project Co-ordination Committee meetings and preparation of their agendas
- Proposing and preparing the project & tracking documentation
- Communicating with the European Commission on behalf of the project coordinator
- Ensuring an effective information flow
- Organizing & control planning, and reporting.
- Co-ordination in the project between the various work packages
- Reporting to the Project Co-ordinator or to the European Commission on the Co-ordinator's behalf

V. Reporting & Controlling

Partners responsible for each work package will be in charge of the communication between the groups within the work packages and will report on progress of the work in the standard WP report. The milestones and deliverables will form the main basis for assessment of progress in project activities. Their achievement will be critically reviewed at project coordination meetings. Depending on the outcome of the review, the PCC will take decisions for future planning and possible adaptation of the work programme. At the mid-term review and final review of the project, the main review criteria (milestones and deliverables) will be evaluated by the PCC together with a representative from the EC. The work package leaders and all participants in the project will sign the coordination agreement that they guarantee on-time delivery of all necessary input into the working process of the project to assure that targets are met.

In addition to the progress and financial reports required by the Grant Agreement and the deliverables identified in the work package description, each partner will submit an internal report to the Project Manager every 6 months. Templates for such reports will be provided, so that reporting does not become a burden, but will support the efficient project implementation. This report will be an overview of the work package operational performance and will contain the following:

- The number of people invited to attend the EECALink dissemination activities
- The number people attending the training activities
- The number of proposal reviews requested & performed
- The statement of project resources used (measured in person hours & expenses for each work package)

The Project Manager will collate all the reports and send them to members of the Project Coordination Committee in advance. These reports will be compared with the expected impact results and if necessary the Project Coordination Committee will initiate corrective actions.

The project manager, upon the agreement with Project Co-ordination Committee and after the official decision of the project coordinator, has the right to deny the payment to any of the project partners who do not fulfill their project task. The payment of the community contribution will be made in three installments.

VI. Work package Structure & Tasks

The project consists of five work packages. Each work package will have a *Work Package Leader* whose task is to ensure that all activities within the sphere of the work package are carried out in a timely manner, and especially to coordinate and ensure prompt delivery of all deliverables. The project Co-ordinator will supervise progress towards the overall completion of the deliverables. The work package managers are assigned as shown below:

WP No.	WP name	WP leader
WP1	Coordination, internal communication and management of the project	CUNI
WP2	Identification of joint national and FP7-TP Health research priorities	APRE
WP3	Networking and support to creation of research consortia	CUT
WP4	Training and exchange of best practice	TETALAP
WP5	Dissemination and communication of EECALink results to wider audience	TCASCR

VII. Communication within the project

The project coordinator's responsibility will be the distribution of information the other partners on the project's status, on achievement of milestones and deliverables and on overall administration and planning. The coordinator will be assisted by the WP leaders managing specific aspects of the work. These will monitor the progress of their work package on regular basis, in form of internal reports, submitted to the project manager. After each PCC meeting and after the attainment of essential work steps that are necessary to accomplish the milestones, a report will be written by the relevant partner and circulated among project partners via intranet. The purpose of the internal report is to inform project partners on all developments within the project and to strengthen the interactions between the partners.

VIII. Project coordination meetings – Schedule of Project Reviews

In total 6 PCC meetings will be held in respect to the major core work tasks across the work packages. These are necessary to coordinate activities carried out under individual work packages, however, bi-lateral meetings can be held if necessary between individual project partners collaborating on specific work package tasks. These meetings will be held together within some of the project training, networking or dissemination actions, in order to economize travel costs incurred within the project.

Telephone conferences will be held at relevant points during the project. The meetings will serve as the main forum for interactions between all partners. The partners of the project will take turns in hosting project meetings to further increase interactions between the participating organizations.

IX. Project Beneficiaries

The first group of the direct beneficiaries of the EECALink project will be the participating university/academia partners. These wish to deepen their FP7 administration and project management capacities and will also broaden their scientific collaboration relevant to health research.

The second groups of direct beneficiaries are the researchers who wish to participate in FP7 projects, are writing proposals or are considering participation in FP7 at the position of project partner or coordinator.

The networking activities aim to introduce and further promote the specific and immediate consulting activity, which is available in the EECA countries and very often is not properly used.

The project involves a considerable number of different regional organizations with different skills and thus the international environment provided through project activities is expected to encourage mutual exchange of good practices among project participants, as well as beyond the project consortium.

X. Project duration and Milestones

The project is to run for 30 months. The project milestones to be used for progress monitoring are:

1. Kick off and final project meetings (month 1 and 30)
2. Identified EECA national research priorities relevant for FP7 TP Health (month 12)
3. List of scientists to be invited to the networking actions (month 6)
4. Identified topics for the capacity building meetings (month 6)
5. Project's final conference (month 29)

Each work package has an internal set of expected results, according to which the project manager will assess the internal implementation of project activities as well as effectiveness of operations performed within the individual work packages.

B 2.2. Beneficiaries

Participant No. 01 **Participant's acronym: CUNI** Participant's role: Coordinator

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Description of the organization: Charles University in Prague was founded in 1348 is one of the oldest universities in the world and belongs to the most eminent educational and scientific establishments in the Czech Republic which are recognized in both the European and global context. It is an outstanding cultural institution due to its scientific and pedagogical results and its unique historical tradition. CUNI now contains 17 faculties, 3 collegiate institutes, 6 additional establishments for educational, scientific, research and developmental activities and other creative activities and for information service.

The Faculty of Medicine has been a part of Charles University in Prague since 1348 and is the oldest faculty of Medicine in Central Europe. The Faculty educates future doctors of Medicine and Stomatology (Dentistry). Study is permitted only on a full-time basis. This Faculty provides also university-level training in Nursing (Bachelor level), Occupational Therapy, Health Care Technology and Health Care Education.

The research work at this Faculty and at the respective teaching hospitals is concentrated at institutes, clinical departments, laboratories and interdisciplinary centres, where postgraduate research-based education is in progress. Research covers a broad area of theoretical and pre-clinical biomedical disciplines as well as the problems of diagnosis, therapeutic and prophylactic methods and processes of clinical medicine and dentistry. This programme of study gives priority to the prenatal and postnatal evolution of individuals and their organic systems. Further very important areas of study are: Enzyme-Cytology, Preventive Genetic Methods, the Problems of Cardiovascular and Malignant Tumours, Metabolic and Endocrine Defects, Neuroscience and the impact of drugs and their toxic effects.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Staff of the First faculty of Medicine has participated in preparation of more than thirty projects for 1st and 2nd calls in the FP7, priorities Health and ICT.

The First faculty of Medicine together with the European Business Associates organized the EPIST seminar on e-Health and e-Inclusion and has co-organized more than thirty individual events dedicated to FP implementation and capacity building for FP participation.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Prof. MUDr. Stanislav Stipek, DrSc. is the head of the Institute of Medical Biochemistry and the member of the Dean Board at the First Faculty of Medicine. He was in position of the deputy of Dean and Vice-Dean for last nine years. As contact person between the Charles University in Prague and the Consortium of the 11 European universities he participated in two Erasmus European Projects (*BIOTECHUNTE – Biotechnology University Formation for Enterprises Development*, *EUROBIOTECH – EUROpean BIOTECHnology*),. He was one from participants of the *Project PETRA - PiezoElectric Transducers and Applications - the network of research training inside the ALFA Programme* financed by the European Commission. He is one of the founders of the international educational Medical Faculties Network MEFANET. Regard to research Prf. Stipek is interested in pathobiochemistry of reactive oxygen species, iron toxicity, human antioxidant defence system and cell molecular signalling (142 publications including of 67 research articles).

- 50 % of female staff will be involved in the project
- 75 % of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 02

Participant's acronym: APRE

Participant's role: WP leader

Name of the key person and the institute: Ms. Caterina Buonocore

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Description of the organisation: Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) is a non-profit organisation established in 1990 that provides information, assistance and training in order to promote and improve Italian participation in European research, development and technological innovation programmes (Framework Programmes). APRE's head office is situated in Rome and has branches all over Italy (regional helpdesks located in every Italian region). Our free of charge services include: a help line, organisation of info-days, partner search facilities, web-based information, publications/dossiers and training sessions on FP and other Community funding programmes.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The agency hosts all National Contact Points for the themes of Framework Programme 7 and has acquired over 17 years of experience in support activities of DG Research and DG Enterprise as partner or coordinator in around 56 European projects co-financed by the European Commission: 6 projects by the DG Enterprise (IRC, 3 INNOV 7 focused on transnational technology transfer, one call for tender Improve, 1 SSA "TechSme Partnering") and 50 projects by DG Research.

In particular, APRE has been and is involved in several SSA's dealing with the HEALTH sector and international cooperation with Third Countries. APRE has participated in the following projects: MEDtech (FP5), PartnersforLife (FP5), SMEsgoLifeSCIENCES (FP5), SMEsgoHealth (FP7), SPIDERAforLIFE (FP7); and in the following International Cooperation projects: EFBIC RED (Health cooperation between EC and China), Enjoy and Train (Food, EECA), FOOD-N-CO (Food, International cooperation- worldwide), MEDAGOEUROPE (Food, FP6 Mediterranean Countries), FABNET (Food, FP6, Balkan countries)

Several of these projects are dedicated to the identification of research needs in the specific geographical areas and organize training sessions for less experienced researchers in cooperation with ICP's (International Contact Points). Some examples are Trainet Future, SME's Go Life sciences, Injoy and Train, Food N'Co and Efbic red.

Since 2000, APRE has been a member of the Central Italy Innovation Relay Center IRC CIRCE where it has developed an excellent expertise in the exploitation of research results and transnational technology transfer activities. APRE has become an active member of 4 IRC Thematic Groups Agro-food, Medical technologies, ICT and Micro-Nanotechnologies.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Ms. Caterina Buonocore acts as an NCP for Health and has joined APRE in 2001. She graduated in Political Science and attended a Post graduate course in European policies. She is managing the Innovation Relay Centre project and activities since her start at APRE and has been officer for several ETI's during FP5 and FP 6 (she has been involved in ensuring correct execution of the project activities and preparing all necessary reports and support documents for the project coordinators). Within FP6 She was also responsible for the theme "Research and Innovation". Within FP7 she is coordinating in APRE the area related to Life Sciences and the projects dedicated to the Theme Health and international cooperation (with particular focus on China).

- 75% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 100% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 03 Participant's acronym: CIT Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organisation: Center of Ideas and Technologies (CIT) was founded in 2003 as a non-governmental not-profit organization to provide consultancy and independent expertise for the state and international organizations in various fields of science and technology, carry out policy studies and facilitate international scientific cooperation and participation of Armenian researchers and research teams in national and international projects with special focus on European Research Programmes.

CIT has 5 founding and 7 board members who are researchers and experts in various fields of S&T with adequate international cooperation experience. One of the advantages of the CIT is wide network and good knowledge of research community of the country, which enables to involve highly qualified specialists in different research fields to carry out specific multidisciplinary research and derive policy implications and recommendations for decision-making structures.

CIT objectives also include promotion of Technology Transfer brokerage services addressing the needs of Armenian companies, research institutions and organizations through providing information, creation of technology offer database, assistance in partner search, rendering other support and consultancy services and establishing cooperation with international Technology Transfer networks.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Since 2004 the CIT and its individual members have been involved in the following international projects: INTAS ININ Project on creation of FP6 National Information Points in the NIS; FP6 INCO/SSA RIPKA Project on "Researching Innovation Policy in Kazakhstan and Armenia"; INTAS SCRIPTS Project on Research and Development of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in South-Caucasian Republics; FP6 INCO/SSA BS-RESPOT Project on Study of research potential of Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) member-countries; FP7-INCO-2007-1 Project proposal on S&T International Cooperation Network for Eastern European and Central Asian Countries (currently under negotiation with the EC services).

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Mr. Tigran Arzumanyan is the Vice-President of the CIT and Head of International S&T Programmes Unit of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS RA).

He was Fellow of NATO Science Policy Fellowship Programme in 2001 and 2004, to carry out research and comparative studies on S&T and Innovation policy at the Science Department of Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon, Portugal, and Innovation Research Centre, IKU, Budapest Corvinus University, Hungary.

During the last years he has participated and contributed to several S&T and innovation policy related international gatherings organized in Romania, Bulgaria, Portugal, South Africa, Russia and USA.

Since 2003 he is the Co-ordinator of EU FP6/FP7 National Information Point established at the NAS RA to promote and facilitate participation of Armenian researchers in European research programmes.

- 50% of female staff will be involved in the project

- 100% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 04 Participant's acronym: CUT Participant's role: WP Leader

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Description of the organisation: Cracow University of Technology (CUT) is a medium sized technical university with the academic staff of 1050 employees and approx. 16.000 students. CUT's technical expertise includes: civil, mechanical, materials engineering (inc. Health sector applications), transport, chemical, biology, electrical, computer and environmental engineering.

Technology Transfer Centre (TTC) is a unit within the CUT's structure responsible for maintaining non-academic activities of the university such as technology transfer, facilitating contacts between academia, industry and regional stakeholders, creation of start-ups and promotion of entrepreneurship. TTC has established strong cooperation with regional research actors in Health sector and focuses upon the development of good contacts to the biotechnology oriented Small and Medium sized Enterprises in its region.

Since 1997 TTC works as information and advisory centre in the structure of CUT. Moreover TTC is the largest Regional Contact Point for the EU Framework Programmes accredited by the Polish Ministry of Scientific Research and Information Technology. The Centre is a member of the UE Framework Programme network of National Contact Point. The TTC has helped many regional institutions in developing Research and Technological Development partnership in Europe.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: CUT was the host institution for FEMIRC in 1997-2000, and in 2000 started the coordination of IRC South Poland and since then is still holding the position. CUT has also been a coordinator of the Regional Contact Point (RCP) for FP5/FP6 since 1999.

CUT has an extend experience in conducting European funded projects within the 5th and 6th Framework Programs, eTEN Programme such as: Orthosim (Market Validation of a simulation Service Provider for Orthopaedic Surgery) project focused on Health sector, Polfood Research and Innovation in Food, Link Leverage SME, Intermediary Network focused on electronics and plastics industries.

Participation in the projects allowed identifying research actors including Health sector. In total, since 1997 CUT has been conducting 25 international European funded projects supporting the international scientific cooperation and commercialization of research results. Additionally, eight nationally funded projects within the structural funds have been carried out successfully.

In 2004 CUT TTC implemented Quality Management System PN-EN ISO 9001:2001.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Jadwiga Widziszewska, M.Sc. in Chemistry, M. Sc. in Management and Master of Business Administration – Director of the Technology Transfer Centre Cracow University of Technology, has several of experience in management of projects financed within Framework Programs (coordination of the CRAFT project: DIEXFIL (2002-2004) and other projects funded by the European Union. She is also experienced in preparation of applications and business plans for projects founded within pre-accessions funds (PHARE 2002 and 2003) and structural funds.

- 66% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 100% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 05

Participant's acronym: GG

Participant's role: Partner

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Description of the organisation: GRANT Garant s.r.o. (GG) is a SME project partner offering a wide spectrum of complementary management skills to the project consortium. The company operates as an external project office to the Charles University in Prague, supporting its research teams in participation within the EU funded projects, mainly Framework programmes. For 2007 the company has won the CUNI tender for an exclusive in-house consultant supporting the research teams of the university in participation in FP7 projects.

GG provides the university research teams with several types of support; we help the scientists to find external financial sources for their research, help them to turn their research idea into an effective proposal and support them during the administrative part of proposal preparation.

The portfolio of counseling services covers the whole spectrum of support necessary for an effective participation of research subject in the European Research Area. It ranges from support of scientific teams searching financial sources for their research activities, over active involvement of the company managers in proposal preparation phase, to the administration and management support of projects retained for funding.

For projects that were retained for funding, we offer a wide spectrum of management, legal, IT (project web page and intranet), public relation and administrative support, in order to facilitate the role of the university project coordinator.

Our team consists of experienced project managers and external collaborators with the following specializations: financial, project management, proposal development, legal issues, ICT, communication and marketing.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The company was established in 2004 as a reaction to the need of Czech scientists for a dynamic structure, which would be able to support the university research teams in participation within the FP6 projects. During the three years of our operation, we were able to support more than 20 research teams from Czech Republic, who wished to participate in EU funded research.

Since our establishments, we have administered or were actively engaged in eight EU funded projects (FP6 + other EU funds; for more details please see: www.grant-garant.cz/reference). We also share our knowledge and experience with other research institutes in Czech Republic through a series of training workshops for research managers, this non-profit activity runs under the financial support of the European Parliament.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Ms. Jana Flaskova has been working on the EECALink project and its coordination all the way from the beginning. She has extensive experience in project management, office and administrative support as well as organization and management of national and international conferences.

- 100 % of female staff will be involved in the project
- 100 % of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 06 Participant's acronym: TETALAP Participant's role: WP leader

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Description of the organisation: Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation is a non-profit public body. It was established by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary in 1994. The Foundation's operations are governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees. The Board is composed of delegates from ministries, governmental and other national institutions responsible for Hungarian R&D policy.

The Foundation's aims and activity areas are to: support scientific and R&D activities by distributing funding to a variety of national and international cooperative research efforts; to maintain and develop the international relations of the Hungarian R&D community; increase international cooperation among scientific research institutions; participate in Hungary's EU integration efforts by promoting the field of science and technology; assist Hungarian institutes and their researchers participate in European Union S&T programs; disseminate information related to the scientific and technological programs of the EU.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The Foundation is a member of the Hungarian EU FP liaison office network supported by the National Office of Research and Technology. Its activity is covering the Budapest and Central Hungary region, with special attention to the areas of Quality of Life, Environment, Improvement of Human Potential and SME Actions. It offers advisory services to all of the potential Hungarian EU Framework proposers on a non-profit basis.

TETALAP was an active participant in EU 5th Framework Programme projects. It was the coordinator of the HEURORA project (2000-2001), and partner in six projects (Detectfraud, Fellows for Industry, Freetime, Partners for Life, Train-Net, Ethnic). In the 6th Framework Programme the Foundation has been coordinating 5 projects (Enwise Ethics Workshop, TrainNet Future, Hungary for FP6, WS DEBATE, UNICAFE) and participates in 18 further projects in the area of life sciences, SME actions and social sciences. It was also partner in 2 LEONARDO and 2 INTERREG projects.

TETALAP has been participating in a high number of FP5 and FP6 projects related to health, biotechnology and the environment (Partners for Life, TrainNet, SMEs Go Life Sciences, SMEs go HEALTH, TransSMEs, FET EECAU, CERA). In the last 3 years TETALAP has also worked as a national liaison office for FP6 Food thematic priority.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Dora Groo, MD, PhD, MBA, Director of TETALAP, medical doctor by profession. She worked for 10 years in pharmaceutical research and received her PhD in experimental medicine. After the establishment of TETALAP in 1994 she became the director of the foundation. In 2002 she was appointed by EC DG RTD to serve as a Project Technical Assistant for the FP5 QoL thematic programme. She has been working as project evaluator of proposals for FP6 and FP7. She represented Hungary in the Enwise (ENlarge Women and Science to East) STRATA ETAN expert group in the field of women and science. She is a member of the Horizontal Activity group of the Food for Life ETP.

Ms. Katalin Kalai, EU project manager of TETALAP. He has been working for TETALAP since October 2005, where he has been project manager of FP6 projects in the areas of Science and Society as well as Food Quality and Safety.

- 50 % of female staff will be involved in the project

- 100% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 07 Participant's acronym: IJTSU Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organisation: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University was founded in 1918 and thus is the oldest institution of higher education in South Caucasus. Today the number of professors involved in tuition and training amounts to 3275, including 55 academicians and corresponding member of the academy, 595 professors and doctors, 1246 assistant professors and candidates of sciences.

The faculty that is to be the major participant of this project is the Medical Faculty of IJTSU, which offers diverse programs and educational opportunities to upper-division undergraduate and graduate students in the fields of Medicine, Dentistry and Occupational medicine. The course structure and curriculums is regularly reviewed and were developed based on the ECTS system.

The primary mission of faculty of medicine of IJTSU is the preservation, development, improvement of educational curriculums, dissemination of knowledge, provide and integrate academic programs, services, facilities, technologies that support team-based learning and contribute to students' intellectual development and person growth.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Tbilisi University has close contacts with many foreign scientific and educational centres. These are: the University of Saarland and Jena (Germany), Emory University, Georgia State University, Bevard, Mount Holyoke and Williams College (USA), Saint Mary's University (Canada), Warsaw and Lodz Universities (Poland), Malaga and Salamanca Universities (Spain), Nantes, Paris 8, Paris 13, Grenoble and Toulon Universities (France), Bristol Polytechnical Institute, Brunel and London Universities (Great Britain), Budapest Eotvos Lorand University (Hungary), Bilkent, Trabzon Black Sea and Ankara Universities (Turkey), Palermo, Rome and Sapienza, Piza and Venice Universities (Italy), Athens, Pirueus, Ioanina and Saloniki Universities (Greece), International Centre of Nuclear Physics, Aarhus University (Denmark), Bucharest University (Romania), University of Vienna (Austria), Tehran and Gilan Universities (Iran), Cairo University (Egypt), Universities and scientific centers of the former Soviet Union, namely the Universities of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiev, Baku, etc., Association of European Universities, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and other international organizations; Various universities and scientific centers of former Soviet Union, namely, the universities of Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Kiev, Odessa, Yerevan and Baku.

The department of Foreign Relations has extensive experience with participation in EC funded projects as well as with the organization of international events. One of the principal duties of the department is to maintain the contacts towards the above mentioned international collaboration partners.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Ms. Tea Gergedava has been appointed as the Head of Department of Foreign Relations in 2003. Since then, she has been participating or supporting in more than twenty international projects (vast majority of them were FP funded) and has been involved in organizations of approximately 40 international scientific meetings that have been carried out under the patronage of the Ivane Javakshvili Tbilisi State University. Ms. Gergedava often gives lectures on EC programmes for RTD and opportunities for participation of the Georgian scientists.

- 100 % of female staff will be involved in the project

- 100 % of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 08 Participant's acronym: InExCB-Kz Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organisation: The Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan was founded in 2002 by key researchers of Kazakhstan in order to support involvement of Kazakh scientific community into the EU research programs, and as a result of the project No ICA2-CT-2000-50004 "Creation of networks in Kazakhstan with a view to future participation of Kazakh scientific community in the 5th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development".

InExCB-Kz staff consists of 27 employees and out of them seven are the InExCB-Kz founders and members of the decision making body. Other six colleagues are workers of the executive body; 14 persons are scientists and contact persons for different research fields.

The InExCB-Kz was hosting organization of Kazakhstan National Information Point of FP6 INTAS Information Network in New Independent States. Since December 2006 the InExCB-Kz is appointed as the EU FP7-NCP in Kazakhstan by special order of the Committee of Sciences of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: InExCB-Kz has large experience in support of the international scientific cooperation. It carried out number of international projects and events to distribute knowledge on the EU Framework programs since 1994. InExCB-Kz was coordinator of the FP6 SSA project 'Opening up the European Research Area to Central Asia', in which Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan key research institutions participated.

InExCB-Kz has an extensive database of local research institutions and all capacities to carry out analysis of science development in locale. Structure of the InExCB-Kz as the hosting organization for the EU FP7 NCP includes 7 different thematic networks composed in order to distribute knowledge about the EU Framework Programs and carry out specific training and workshops, such as: thematic networks for Social Sciences (including 9 institutions), Food and Agriculture, Biotechnology (including 19 institutions and enterprises), Information and Nanotechnologies (including 8 institutions), Life Sciences and Ecosystems (including 18 institutions and enterprises), Energy (including 7 institutions), and Health (including 23 institutions and enterprises).

InExCB-Kz was coordinator of the ERA-CentralAsia-FP6-501064, FP6-INTAS-ININ-NIP-Kz projects, and is participant of the InJoy&Train-FP6-023157, SCOPE-2015, EUROTRUST, INTERLINK-FP6-037116, INCONET-EECA-FP7-212226, BioCircle-FP7-227204 projects funded by the EU.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Dr. Kamila Magzieva, Ph.D., Director of the Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan: since 1995 she was advisor of INTAS, Contact Person for the EC INCO-Copernicus program in Kazakhstan, INTAS Information Desk, and Coordinator of the FP5.

Dr. Magzieva is one of leading experts of Kazakhstan in the field of creation international scientific cooperation. She was National Coordinator of the EU FP6 and now she is appointed as the National Coordinator of the EU FP7-NCP-Kz.

- 25% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 75% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 09 Participant's acronym: IUCPSTC Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organisation: Indo-Uzbek Centre for Promotion S&T Cooperation is a non-profit organization, which has been created under the law of Uzbekistan (Registration number 196 from July 27, 1995) by the State Committee on Science and Technology of the Republic of Uzbekistan in order to promote of R&D institutions and organizations of Uzbekistan in their efforts to develop S&T cooperation with foreign countries, including India. It actively participated in a number of key S&T programs and projects of international level. It disseminates information about forthcoming calls, conferences and meetings organizing by foreign and international scientific organizations and funds, analyze in detail results of participation of Uzbek scientists in international S&T programs.

IUCPSTC staff consists of 6 persons: 2 persons are the IUCPSTC founders – members of the decision making body; 4 persons are workers of the executive body. And 10 scientists are involved in implement of the local and international research projects. The IUCPSTC hosts Uzbekistan National Contact Point (UzNCP FP7) of EU 7th Framework Programme for S&T Development.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The staff of the IUCPSTC has significant experience in international scientific cooperation. They have carried out number of international projects and participated in events for distribution of knowledge on the EU Framework programmes since 1999. IUCPSTC (former APRIP) participated in the FP6 SSA project 'Opening up the European Research Area to Central Asia', in which Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan key research institutions participated.

IUCPSTC has an extensive database of local research institutions and all necessary capacities to carry out analysis of science development in the country as well as well established contacts to the local policy makers.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Prof. Erkin A. Zakhidov, Ph.D. acts as the coordinator of the Uz NCP FP7 and the Executive Director of the Committee for coordination of science and technology. Moreover, he is one of leading experts of Uzbekistan in the field of laser physics and its application. He personally acts as an advisor to the local government in matters related to the international scientific cooperation.

Dr. Rustam M. Saidov, Ph.D. is the director of the Indo-Uzbek Centre for Promotion S&T Cooperation, Head of International department of Committee for coordination of science and technology, leading expert of Uzbekistan in the field of mechanical sciences and international scientific cooperation. Since 1997 he was Official Contact Person of INTAS in Uzbekistan, INTAS Information Desk, and Uz NCP FP7 scientific secretary.

Ms. Dinara R. Tadjieva, MD acts as the Deputy Head of International department of Committee for coordination of science and technology, leading expert of Uzbekistan in an international scientific cooperation and Uz NCP FP7 regional director.

- 33% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 33% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 10 **Participant's acronym: IBCE** **Participant's role: Project partner**

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Description of the organisation: The Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus is a leading scientific centre on biophysical researches and system biology in Belarus. The main scientific direction of the Institute is the molecular and membrane biophysics, cell engineering, proteomics and genomics process as the basis for new technologies for agriculture and health, development of the express-methods of human disease diagnostics, development of biotechnological approaches to receive of medicines and means of agricultural plants protection.

The Institute staff consists of 93 workers (on January 1, 2007) including 66 researchers (6 Doctors of Sciences (D.Sc.), 34 Candidates of Sciences (Ph. D.) and 11 postgraduate students, 25 of administrative and technical staff.

The institute hosts the official National Contact point for FP7 and thus is able to provide a direct access to local scientists and other RTD performers. The NCP will benefit from previous FP funded projects, which were focused on mapping of the local research area. The outcomes (in particular the contact database) of the mapping projects will be used mostly for dissemination and promotion of the EECALink activities.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: During last decade this institute is a coordinator of several Belarus national and participated at the international research programmes i.e. "Life sciences for medicine and agriculture" (2001-2005 "Bioengineering and bio security of environment" (2006-2010) and the regional, government supported, programme "Biotechnology" (2007-2012).

A number of the scientists were involved in international projects in the frame of International Association for the promotion of co-operation with scientists from the New Independent States (INTAS), National British and German research grants and have experience with bi-lateral scientific cooperation with several of the EU-MS actors in funding management and project implementation.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Dr. I. D. Volotovski has been working in science for more than 40 years. He has medical background. In 1984 he was appointed director of Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering (IBCE) of National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (until 2004 Institute of Photobiology of this Academy). He has been a Doctor of Biological Sciences since 1980, a Professor since 1984 and an Academician since 1992.

In 1999 he was selected to the Council of Scientists of INTAS, and in years 2000-2003 was the deputy of chairmen of this council. He has an extensive experience in scientific project management, state programmes in biophysics and biotechnology in application to medicine. He has organized a number of all-union, national and local conferences and workshops.

This spring IBCE was nominated to be a NCP of FP7 TP Health and Dr. Volotovski took part in info-day "Health" in Brussels on 25.04.2007. Belarus NCP is actively seeking partnership for Health theme and information possibilities of other European NCP's.

- 70% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 42% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 11 **Participant's acronym: NENCKI** **Participant's role: Project partner**

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Description of the organisation: The Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology of the Polish Academy of Sciences is the first and one of the largest (330 staff including 120 researchers and 100 PhD students) non-university institutions in Poland in the field of biology. High quality of externally funded research (over 60 grants, of which 20 are international – 9 EU FP6 and FP7, 1 coordinated, Welcome Trust, NIH, NATO, Private Sector - biotechnology), and excellent publication record (over 360 peer-reviewed publications annually, 10 of 35 Polish most-cited biologists come from the Nencki Institute) place the institute among the leading biological institutions of Central and Eastern Europe.

The Nencki Institute is one of the leading institutions in this region of Europe in behavioural research using animal models and in neurophysiology. Additional advantage of the research environment and infrastructure is provided by the Institute's location on the Ochota Research Campus, where new investments into biomedical research infrastructure with a value in excess of 150 million Euros (financed from EU Structural Funds) are planned during the period of 2008 - 2013. The Nencki Institute, within the scope of this investment programme will construct a new neurobiology and brain imaging facility, with an investment budget of approximately 15 million Euros.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Nencki Institute is currently engaged in execution of four FP6 and six FP7 projects. Three FP5 and three FP6 projects have already been completed. In FP6, the Institute participates in an Integrated Project (GEHA), one STREP (NOVELTUNE), CA (ENINET) and a Marie Curie RTN NODPERCEPTION. The Institute has recently completed another STREP (GRIPANNT) and a Nencki-coordinated SSA (SENECA). Besides the FP projects the Institute is a partner in 3 COST projects and is executing more than 10 other international research projects, including a Nencki-coordinated Polish-Norwegian Research Fund grant. The Institute has also completed a EU Structural Funds investment project and is one of the leading partners in a large-scale infrastructure investment programme in the Ochota Research Centre. In addition new collaboration with three partners from the biotechnology industry (pharmaceuticals) have been initiated in recent years.

In the past few years the Nencki Institute has organized and co-organized several international conferences and workshops, including the Polish-German matching workshop in May 2004, the ESN Conference: Advances in Molecular mechanisms of Neurological Disorders, June 2003 (over 500 participants), International Congress of the Polish Neuroscience Society, July 2004 (over 300 participants), XXIX FEBS Congress, June 2004 (over 1500 participants), International conference Dyslexia – from Neuroscience to Practice, September 2004 (over 700 participants), International workshop on aggression and violence, June 2005 (over 70 participants), Science NextWave international workshop 'Get your Career on Target', June 2005 (over 100 early stage researchers), International Symposium "Successful Aging", October 2005 (over 140 participants), European Conference on Cancer and Ageing "SENECA", October 2007.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Marta Rucinska, MSc is the administrative assistant at the Office of International Collaboration and Project Management. She has had over 5 years of experience in Project Management, office and administrative support as well as organization and management of national and international conferences.

- 50% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 50% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

<p>Participant No. 12 Participant's acronym: ONU Participant's role: Project partner</p> <p>Name of the key person and the institute: Mr. Valentin Smyntyna</p> <p>Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov's University, Pastera 42, Odessa, 65026, Ukraine</p> <p>e-mail: smyntyntyna@mail.ru, Phone: +380-487-235-254, Fax: +380-487-233-515</p> <p>web: www.onu.edu.ua</p>
<p>Description of the organisation: Odessa National University is the leader of south region of Ukraine in research and education. It is a part of Ukrainian academy of Science In this project, two main scientific fields are presented – semiconductor physics department and department of microbiology. These departments are experienced in investigation of semiconductor metal oxides and semiconductor nanostructures to gas sensors and biosensors which can be suitable for health monitoring applications.</p> <p>The University consists of 10 Faculties, 4 Institutes, College, two Preparatory Departments for citizens of Ukraine and foreign countries, 15 scientific-research laboratories (SRL), five scientific institutes, administration departments, experimental training shops and nine dormitories for students, post-graduates and trainees. The University has a sports- and health-rehabilitation complex with its own stadium and rest-base for the students, personnel and university guests in a picturesque section of Odessa, the village of Chernomorka.</p>
<p>Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Department of International Academic Collaborations (IAC) organizes and realizes mutual international, scientific and educational programs for the Odessa National I. I. Mechnikov University in the field of education, science and humanitarian cooperation. Principal responsibilities of the department are: elaboration, supervision and implementation of the international inter-institutional agreements; it also ensures electronic communications facilities for ONU; ensures the updated information about the ONU activities; participates in the humanitarian activities e.g. with the World Christian Students Organization INTERVARSITY realized the joint leisure for the students of ONU and other higher education institutions of the South Ukraine aiming the moral and spiritual mutual enrichment; accumulates and spreads the information on the scientific potential of ONU for the aims of collaboration; directly participates in the European Union programmes in the field of higher education standards elaboration (I.e., The Diploma Supplement , Joint Degrees project and others); develops and implements different forms of information about ONU activity as a whole and about it's separate subdivisions (wireless, press, TV, printed materials); participates in the specialized scientific European Union projects in the field of science and technology of electronic transducers (NEXUS- project); organizes the scientific expertise of international projects; elaborates the normative documents in the field of international activity of Odessa National University; realizes interaction with the Foreign Diplomatic Representatives in Ukraine and with their departments in the field of culture, science and education.</p>
<p>A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: <u>Prof. Valentin Smyntyna</u> is the head of department of semiconductor physics at Odessa National University. He is also the leading professor in the field of semiconductor physics, surface science and sensor technologies. His main responsibilities are results analyses, work planning and experiments.</p> <p><u>Prof. Volodimir Ivanitsa</u> is the head of department of micro biology at ONU, the leading professor in the field of micro biology, virus science and applied micro biology. He is responsible for bio materials and their integration with sensitive layers.</p> <p>Both professors act as independent experts on the international collaboration and have been participating in several FP funded projects as external advisors for Ukraine.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% of female staff will be involved in the project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 13 **Participant's acronym: SMPPhU** **Participant's role: Project partner**

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Description of the organisation: The State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu" was founded in 1945 and specializes in General Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health and Pharmacy and 36 postgraduate specializations in residency. SMPPhU staffs 813 faculty members, 4250 students, 1546 residents, 3606 doctors and pharmacists at continuous training courses. Specialists are trained in accordance with the concept of continuous undergraduate and postgraduate education of doctors and pharmacists approved by the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Moldova.

SMPPhU is comprised of University Informational Center „Infomedica”, University Clinic of Primary Health Care, Training and Evaluation Center of practical skills, Stomatology university Clinic, Pharmaceutical university Center, Francophone department, 2 Centers and 24 research laboratories accredited by the Ministry of Education and Youth of the Republic of Moldova.

SMPPhU is a member of the Francophone University Agency (FUA), of the International Conference of Deans of Faculties of Medicine of French Expression (CIDMEF) and has internationally collaborated with 25 universities, including the EU, NIS countries and the USA.

Previous experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: Within the Tempus/Tacis program the SMPPhU „Nicolae Testemitanu” participated in 2 projects in domains of university management and developing the programs of education and 4 projects of individual mobility (IMG): JEP-25195-2004 „Problem based medical education for Moldova” with participation of SMPPhU „Nicolae Testemitanu”, Utrecht University (Netherlands) and Catholic Sacro Cuore University, Milan (Italy); 2006 – 2008. JEP-23029-2002 „Increasing the capacities of international relations offices”. The project was carried out in consortium with UTM, UASM, Utrecht (Netherlands), Darmstadt (Germany) and Thessaly (Greece) Universities; 2003-2005. Four individual mobility grants were retained (IMG) with participation of universities from Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Romania; 2003 – 2006.

In the period 2001-2006 the SMPPhU „Nicolae Testemitanu” received 5 grants financed by Soros-Moldova Foundation, CRDF USA, Moldovan Research and Development Association, etc.

The university has an extensive experience with organization of international workshops and conferences and has available a contact database that may be used for the project implementation purposes (the database contains more than 300 research contacts relevant to the TP Health).

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Prof. Valeriu Chicu is the vice-rector of SMPPhU and an associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology. He has more than 30 years of experience in the field of medicine at SMPPhU, where he also obtained his M.D. He has experience with technical assistance to various Health projects and has been a national coordinator of a few of them. Moreover, he has a research management experience in this field from the Ministry of Health and also his personal contacts to the ministry will be used within the proposed project.

- 50% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 50% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 14 Participant's acronym: TCASCR Participant's role: WP leader

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Description of the organization: The Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the CR has been established in 1993, promotes industrial utilization of research and development, provides complex technology transfer services and stimulates creation and growth of small innovative businesses. The Technology Centre is the focal point of national information infrastructure for EU Framework Programmes, and it co-ordinates strategic projects aimed at development of innovation policies and identification of national research priorities.

The Technology Centre is the host and coordinating organization of the Czech Innovation Relay Centre (CIRC) as well as the host of the Czech Liaison Office for R&D (TCASCR) which is based in Brussels where it represents Czech research community and provides the Czech research institutions with the targeted and updated information on the possibilities of being involved in international research consortia.

CZELO offers especially the following services: providing the Czech research institutions with the targeted and updated information on the possibilities of being involved in international research consortia; ensuring preliminary hearing of project proposals with relevant EC officers; arranging and facilitating meetings of Czech researchers with relevant EC officers in order to discuss the ongoing projects; ensuring basic support infrastructure and assistance for meetings of Czech researchers with potential project partners; organizing information days about Czech research and development for the European institutions representatives (European Parliament, European Commission, the Council of EU and others) and systematically promoting Czech research, its results and success stories, partner capacities and specific offers for collaboration

TC AS CR is also the National information centre (NICER) for EU FP's and provides targeted, programme-specific information, advice, assistance and training for Czech R&D community, and organizes awareness events.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The Technology Centre participated in many EU Framework Programme projects, such as NanoRoadMap, MINATECH, Partners for life, SeSME, BESTAS, SMEs for Food, EMTECH, ENVITEX and participates in further EU projects (AGRI Map, Food-N-Co, For Society, LocoMotive, FutureFood6 etc.). Specific Support Actions to encourage the participation of a specific target group in FP projects were the aim of several of them.

SME's for Food was funded by the European Commission in the FP6 (Food quality and safety theme). This three year project (2003 – 2006) encouraged the participation of SME's through a set of activities, including matching of partners, assisting the consortiums and organizing of workshops and trainings. It also secured further consultation service to SME's in the whole process of FP projects, but also other issues, such as Intellectual Property Rights.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Mrs. Anna Voseckova graduated at the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Charles University. She has worked in diplomacy and dealt with EU relations. In years 2000-2005 she worked for the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU in Brussels. Since March 2008 she works at the Czech Liaison Office for Research and Development in Brussels with competences for information and communication technologies, research infrastructures and nanotechnologies. She is a member of CREST (Committee for Scientific and Technological Research) and represents Czech Republic in the Expert group on internationalisation of research.

- 60% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 100% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 15 Participant's acronym: URTV Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organisation: The University of Rome Tor Vergata has six Faculties: Humanities, Economics, Law, Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, including the teaching Hospital (PTV). The university is located in Rome and was founded in 1982. It is the third-largest university of the capital city of Italy. It offers graduate courses to more than 40,000 students, 70 graduate and more than 200 post-graduate courses. It is one of the leading Universities in Italy in research with several co-financed participations at EU projects. 41 projects are financed through FP6, out of which 6 are in the Health and Medical sector.

The university has actively participated at the consultation process opened by the EC on the Green paper – The European Research Area: New Perspectives; published by the EC on April 4th, 2007 and is ready to share the experience related to the consultation process with other project partners. Due to its size and reputation it also plays an important role in the national research priority setting consultation processes and thus is able to provide a valuable insight into these processes as well.

Previous experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The Faculty of Medicine shows significant participation in the European Programmes concerning education and research and cooperation agreements with institutions in developed and developing countries. Research fields of relevance are: infectious diseases (HIV/AIDS [participation at the NEAT network], herpes virus infections in the immune-competent and immune-compromised patient, STI's, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis), genetics and pharmacogenetics, cardiovascular diseases, atherosclerosis, diabetes and obesity, neurosciences, gastroenterology and imaging.

The university has been participating in the following FP projects: EPISTEM, EURO-LAMINOPATHIES, TRANSDEATH, SYNSCAFF, ENFIN, IMMIDIAB, INTERACTION PROTEOME, EUROPEAN LEUKEMIANET

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Prof. Antonio Volpi is the Associate Professor of Infectious Diseases, Department of Public Health, University of Rome "Tor Vergata"; Head of Infectious Diseases Outpatient Clinic of polyclinic Tor Vergata; President, Laureate Degree Course in Professional Health Education; Member of the Senate of the University of Rome "Tor Vergata". He specializes mainly in research of herpes virus infections in humans. He has co-authored more than 100 original articles, more than 60 review articles, editorials and book chapters and 5 books. From 1987 to 1989 he has served as a Health Project Officer, UNICEF, Ethiopia Office; in 1992 he led scientific set up of cooperative project for research capacity building with the Medical Research Institute, Alexandria, Egypt. Since 1995 he has been a Board Member of the International Herpes Management Forum, and since 2000 Editor in Chief of Herpes Journal. In the years 1982-1983 he has served as a Fellow of the Department of Paediatrics, University of Alabama in Birmingham, USA.

Prof. Paola Sinibaldi Salimei is the Associate Professor of Clinical Pathology. She has conducted extensive research in several fields both in Italy and abroad. She has also run cooperative research and teaching projects with institutions in several European Countries and Brazil.

- 33% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 50% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 16 **Participant's acronym: DE** **Participant's role: Project partner**

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Description of the organisation: The University of Debrecen has a student body of 29,000, out of which 19,000 are full-time students. More than 1400 instructors teach at the University, making it one of the largest higher education institutions in Hungary. Its 11 university and 4 college faculties, and 21 doctoral schools undoubtedly offer the widest choice of majors and other forms of training.

The quality of teaching and especially research is indicated by the fact that more than half of the instructors have academic degrees, and 26 professors are members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. According to the yearly complex report of the Hungarian Ministry of Education, which serves as the base for the amount of research funding available to institutions of higher education; it is the best institution outside Budapest and is in the top three in the country, possessing 14-15% of the research volume carried out in Hungary.

The tasks of Center for External Relations include supervising our university-level bilateral agreements, which enable student and faculty mobility and research cooperation programs with 18 European and 11 overseas institutions. Especially successful examples are the agreements with the universities of Hirosaki and Chiba (Japan), Jyvaskyla (Finland), and Indiana University, Bloomington (USA). Each of these agreements provide for the exchange of 2-3 faculty members and students annually.

As a member of multilateral exchange programs, the University of Debrecen regularly sends faculty members and students to the Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies (Maastricht, the Netherlands) and to US universities participating in the ISEP scheme.

The university is the member of several international organizations: European Association for International Education (EAIE), International Association of University Presidents (IAUP), Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), European University Association (EUA). The tasks and responsibilities arising from the membership are coordinated and carried out by the Center.

The organizational structure of the Faculty of Medicine reflects the multi-faculty construction of the university and provides a colourful educational environment, in which co-operation is manifest between medical, dental, pharmaceutical education and health service/health science college faculties, postgraduate social health educational programs as well as molecular- and medical biologist education.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The University of Debrecen has been involved in 23 projects funded by the 6th Framework Programme. 12 of these projects are related to the Health theme (4 Integrated Projects, 2 Specific Support Actions, 1 Co-operative Research Project, 2 Specific Targeted Research Projects, and 3 host-type mobility projects. 2 SSA projects in which the university has been involved are targeted at the better inclusion of CEECA countries in European research (Hungary for FP6, REGinNET).

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Dr. Zoltan Szilvassy has contributed to 80 publications, 4 book chapters, 103 abstracts, and 3 patents. His impact factor is 18.031. He has been awarded several scientific awards including a Research Fellowship Award in Maastricht, 1996 by the European Society of Cardiology, and Szechenyi Professorship in 1999.

- 20% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 20% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

Participant No. 17 Participant's acronym: FFM-MSU Participant's role: Project partner

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Description of the organization: Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) is a centre of research science famous for its major scientific schools. There have been 11 Nobel Prize winners among its professors and alumni, out of 18 Russians who have received the prestigious prize so far. Many more MSU scientists have been awarded various Soviet and Russian prizes for their achievements, among them 60 Lenin Prizes and 120 State Prizes, over 40 MSU scientists having received the State Prizes over the last decade, 6 of them this year.

Moscow State University comprises 29 faculties and over 350 departments, 15 research institutes, 4 museums, the Science Park, the Botanical Gardens, The Library, the University Publishing House and printing shop, a recreational centre and a boarding school for talented children. 9 faculties have been recently established, along with 47 new departments and 22 research laboratories. Research has recently started in 30 new interdisciplinary areas. At the moment the University Computer Centre represents more computing power than any other educational institution in Russia. There have been major changes in the curricula, with over 200 new academic programmes added.

The first Russian Science Park appeared at MSU 10 years ago; now it unites about 2,000 scientists who work to make scientific achievements into technological innovations. From the engineering and operational point of view Moscow University campus, with its 1,000 buildings and structures, 8 dormitories and 300 km of utility lines, is an extremely complex system. Nevertheless, this system is being modernized and developed. According to the plan, approved by the government, a number of new buildings are to be erected in the area adjacent to the campus on Vorobievsky Gory. There will be new blocks for a few faculties and research laboratories, a library, a swimming pool, a stadium, a recreation centre, some services.

Experience of the participant, relevant to the project activities: The Faculty of Fundamental Medicine (FFM) is an educational and research organization and hosts the Contact point for FP7-TP Health. FFM was grant holder: INTAS Nr. 99-01190 in 2000-2003, INTAS Nr. 04-85-784 in 2005 and about 20 grants from different funds in Russia every year.

A short profile of the key staff involved within the project: Prof. Yuriy V. Arkhipenko is acting Head of department of adaptive medicine and deputy Dean of FFM. From the research point of view, he is the leading professor in the field of adaptation to hypoxia, oxygen, physical load, stress. His research management experience is closely related to administration of own research grants and it has been fostered through his nomination as a National Coordinator for FP7.

Prof. Vladimir B. Koshelev, head of department of pathophysiology and the leading professor in cardiology. Prof. Koshelev often acts as an independent advisor to the Russian government in Health research priority setting and his research management experience has been obtained mostly through the administration of own international grants.

- 75% of female staff will be involved in the project
- 25% of women involved in the project at management or senior scientific position

B 2.3. Consortium as a whole

EECALink consortium represents academia/university partnerships that have been formed upon the previous bi- and multi-lateral research collaboration, established during past decades. The consortium composition is balanced in order to achieve the critical mass of (i) scientific potential/excellence relevant to TP Health, (ii) training and opportunities for capacity building and (iii) dissemination capacity. The consortium is led by the Charles University in Prague.

01 - Charles University in Prague (CUNI) brings in the key motivation of EECALink, which is based on own experience with participation in FP5 and FP6 projects. Furthermore, the proposal is motivated by the recently identified need of the European universities to participate more directly on consultations of research-policy related agenda (e.g. in April 2007 published Green paper - The European Research Area: New Perspectives). The coordinating team represents a regional health research oriented contact point, operating within the university and is supported by the Ministry of, Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic.

02 - Agency for the Promotion of European Research (APRE) – has the key knowledge concerning the formulation of joint national and EU level research priorities and therefore the Italian National Contact Point has been appointed as a leader of WP2. Furthermore, APRE allows the transfer of FP7-NCP best practice further to national FP7 multipliers (partners like GG, NENCKI and TETALAP). Together with TCASCR (partner representing the NCP in Czech Republic) and NCP's from EECA countries, the partnership represents a critical mass able to achieve the exchange of best-practice within the FP7-NCP network and beyond it.

03 - Center of Ideas and Technologies Armenia (CIT) – is Armenian NGO providing consultancy services in various fields of science and technology and thus has a network of contacts in local research institutions. CIT has participated in several FP6 and FP7 increasing international cooperation of EECA countries with the EU. CIT wishes to further build onto its already existing contacts and enlarge its FP7 capacities and possibilities of international cooperation.

04 - Cracow University of Technology (CUT), or more precisely its Technology Transfer Centre represents a project partner with many years of experience in the international networking and best-practice exchange projects funded through various EC programmes (FP5, FP6, COST and EUREKA). The university itself represents a top level health research carried out in Poland and thorough its collaboration with local faculty hospitals represents and extensive pool of scientific capacity and institutional collaboration that will be further strengthened and extended through participation in EECALink.

05 - GRANT Garant (GG) – is the coordinating university (CUNI) consultant on FP7, with experience in FP6 project management and research management training. GG will provide the overall administrative and management framework for effective execution of the project. Therefore, one of the company project managers will act as a direct support to the project coordinator and also will support the project coordinator with continual search for financial sources, to sustain the project results and finally ensures proper communication of the project results to public.

06 - Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation (TETALAP) – acts as a successful FP consultant from Budapest; who has the experience with administration of more than 36 research, coordination or support projects and more than 650 projects under S&T bilateral intergovernmental agreements. Some of the projects were aimed at mapping of research potential in Health sector. Database resulting from this, EC previously funded project, will be available to the EECALink networking activities. TETALAP will also provide its training and FP7 expert capacity for 'capacity building meetings', networking actions and dissemination actions.

07 - I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (IJTSU) – university partner that represents the major scientific potential in Georgia relevant for the Health research. The medical and the faculty of science guarantee the direct contact, whereas the position of the institution as such assures the good communication channel to the national policy makers. The university has already identified several research partnerships with the EU project partners and participation upon this project offers a good opportunity for their exploitation for FP7.

08 - Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan (InExCB-Kz) – as the Kazakh NCP has extensive experience in medical and social research on both international and regional levels, as well as in development of policies and programmes for the Kazakh Ministry of health. InExCB-Kz has coordinated one FP6 project, was the national correspondent of the SCOPE 2015 EC project and is co-chairman of the Kazakh Ministry of Health helping increase scientific cooperation with the EU. InExCB-Kz hopes to establish new contacts in the EU and help local researchers participate in FP7.

09 - Indo-Uzbek Centre for Promotion of Science and Technology Cooperation (IUCPSTC) – is the health NCP of Uzbekistan with valuable contacts in local research institutions, such as National Academy of Sciences, higher education institutions and the Ministry of Health. IUCPSTC hopes for local researchers to create new consortia as a result of this project. The institution has experience in providing assistance to researchers in participation in FP5 and 6, organizing workshops, meetings and training courses in various regions of Uzbekistan.

10 - Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (IBCE) – represents state-of-the-art of current health research in Belarus. IBCE has coordinated various national scientific projects and has collaborated on German and English national grant projects and thus is experienced in grant management. IBCE wishes to build up contacts in European research and facilitate participation of local researchers in international scientific projects.

11 - Nencki Institute (NENCKI) - the institute itself represents a substantial amount of bio- and health-oriented research. Moreover its department for international collaboration and technology transfer represents a significant capacity in counselling on FP6 administration, FP7 consortia building and technology transfer issues. NENCKI project managers represent capacity in terms of networking actions, as well as dissemination and training activities. The department currently administers more than 30 participations of the institute in EU funded projects.

12 - Odessa National I.I. Mechnikov University (ONU) – hopes to build up its contacts in international research while improving cooperation within FP7. The university is the leader of research in its region and already cooperates with various universities from all over the world, on the scientific as well as academic level; and through this project wishes to expand its connections to EU institutions.

13 - State Medical and Pharmaceutical University “Nicolae Testemitanu” (SMPhU) – university partner who wishes to further develop its existing multilateral agreements with EU-MS. SMPhU has already cooperated with universities from EU and EECA countries in research, training and exchange of information and has well-established connections with the local NCP. Based on this project, SMPhU will modify its education curricula according to European standards.

14 - Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the CR – Czech Liaison Office for Research and Development (TCASCR) - is the key partner for dissemination of our results among the EU policy makers and wider lobby public. TCASCR will be responsible mainly for the organization of the project’s final conference, but will also provide its capacities for specific training. The consultation on Green paper has shown that there is a greater demand for participation of universities on EU consultations, however the university representatives very often lack the skill to understand the opportunities in consultations opened by the European Commission and CZLEO will deliver this specific training to them.

15 - University of Rome Tor Vergata (URTV) – major role of this project partner is to share the particular know-how on EU policy making processes and opportunities for participation upon them. URTV will also benefit from the project participation through organization of one networking event and participation on three others. The networking events will allow the university to develop the research collaborations with EECA countries.

16 - University of Debrecen (DE) – another university partner who wishes to build up its FP7 capacities in administrative as well as research terms. The university has existing bi-lateral scientific collaboration with several EECA project partners and wishes to build these up for participation in FP7. University scientists represent national top-level research in health sector, who have been participating in EU research since FP5.

17 - Faculty of Fundamental Medicine of the Lomonosov Moscow State University (FFM - MSU) – Russian National Coordinator for FP7 Health is located at the faculty and will participate directly in project activities. Participation of this project partner allows not only to develop the capacities of local NCP network, but also to assure that the scientific excellence present at the university will be invited to join the project activities. The university has a good working relation to national SME players and has agreed to use own dissemination channels to invite all important RTD performers.

B 2.3.1. Sub-contracting

Only minor financial resources are allocated to subcontracting of general services, such as renting the rooms, translation or subcontracting of external experts, invited to the training actions in EECA countries (total sum of subcontracts is 77 542 EUR).

Additional amount of 7 000 EUR has been assigned to the coordinator's budget for subcontracting, it will be used for payment of minor organizational and supporting tasks, directly related to project management and promotion of EECAlink activities (project brochure, logo, website design and administration etc.). Another 2 000 EUR has been allocated to relevant 'FP7 expert' partners for subcontracting of external experts.

B 2.4. Resources to be committed

All partners have existing infrastructure necessary to carry out the project and employ trained personnel able to complete successfully the project tasks set for individual partner. From previous participations in FP projects, the FP7 experts possess databases about health research at the national level (or are directly NCP's). Total budget of the project is calculated in amount of 600 000 Euro. Requested amount from the European Commission is 100% in accordance with the call's regulations. Further details on budget allocation are given in relevant tables and within the budgetary overview presented on the next page. For the financial management for the project, we have identified four major cost categories:

Personnel costs

Person-Months number for each partner was calculated on a basis of the complexity of the planned activities and is adequate to the rates applied in the relevant countries at the level of individual institutions (see table on the next page) and according to maximum reimbursement rates as defined in the Guide to Financial Issues relating to FP7 Indirect Actions for ICPC.

Travel costs

Travel costs include mainly the expenditures related to the travels organized within the framework of project management: kick off meeting in Czech Republic, six partner coordination meetings in Italy, Poland, Belgium and Hungary. The travel cost also cover the participation of the partners at project directly related actions (e.g. Networking, training and dissemination actions).

Costs of the event organization (subcontracting of minor services)

The costs involve the following: room renting, catering, seminar materials, expert payments and others. Indicative costs and number of actions are listed below and their assignment to the budgets of individual partners, responsible for their conduct.

Event	Partner involved	Avg. costs per subcontract	No.	Total subcontracting
Final dissemination conference	TCASCR	€ 10 000,00	1	€ 10 000,00
National policy session	EECA partners	€ 1 000,00	8	€ 8 000,00
Networking actions	EU-MS universities	€ 3 000,00	4	€ 12 000,00
Capacity building meetings	University partners EU/EECA	€ 2 000,00	12	€ 24 000,00
PMB meetings	2x CUNI, APRE, TETALAP, CUT, TCASCR	€ 1 500,00	6	€ 9 000,00
TOTAL				€ 63 000,00

Other subcontracting costs related to the project management

Other costs constitute mainly of translation and preparation of the project brochure into national languages and equipment directly connected with the project management (laptop, materials, etc.).

B 2.5. EECAlink's budget

Partner No.	Person months	Avg. person month costs	Personnel	Travel	Equipment and other	Total direct costs	Overhead 7%	Event organization	Other subcontracting	Requested EC funding
01 (CUNI)	24,00	€ 2 000	€ 48 000	€ 10 500	€ 6 000	€ 64 500	€ 4 515	€ 7 490	€ 7 000	€ 83 505
02 (APRE)	12,50	€ 3 500	€ 43 750	€ 9 000	€ 0	€ 52 750	€ 3 693	€ 1 605	€ 2 000	€ 60 048
03 (CIT)	11,50	€ 815	€ 9 378	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 14 378	€ 1 006	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 18 594
04 (CUT)	13,00	€ 1 800	€ 23 400	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 28 400	€ 1 988	€ 5 564	€ 1 893	€ 37 845
05 (GG)	21,00	€ 3 150	€ 66 150	€ 9 000	€ 3 700	€ 78 850	€ 5 520	€ 0	€ 1 840	€ 86 210
06 (TETALAP)	8,20	€ 3 200	€ 26 240	€ 9 000	€ 0	€ 35 240	€ 2 467	€ 1 605	€ 2 000	€ 41 312
07 (IJTSU)	11,50	€ 815	€ 9 373	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 14 373	€ 1 006	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 18 589
08 (InExCB-Kz)	11,50	€ 815	€ 9 373	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 14 373	€ 1 006	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 18 589
09 (IUCPSTC)	11,50	€ 600	€ 6 900	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 11 900	€ 833	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 15 943
10 (IBCE)	11,50	€ 750	€ 8 625	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 13 625	€ 954	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 17 789
11 (NENCKI)	7,20	€ 2 500	€ 18 000	€ 9 000	€ 0	€ 27 000	€ 1 890	€ 0	€ 0	€ 28 889
12 (ONU)	11,50	€ 200	€ 2 300	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 7 300	€ 511	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 11 021
13 (SMPPhU)	11,50	€ 200	€ 2 300	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 7 300	€ 511	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 11 021
14 (TCASCR)	10,00	€ 3 400	€ 34 000	€ 8 000	€ 0	€ 42 000	€ 2 940	€ 12 305	€ 0	€ 57 245
15 (URTV)	7,20	€ 4 600	€ 33 120	€ 7 500	€ 0	€ 40 620	€ 2 843	€ 4 280	€ 0	€ 47 743
16 (DE)	7,20	€ 2 100	€ 15 120	€ 7 500	€ 0	€ 22 620	€ 1 583	€ 4 280	€ 0	€ 28 483
17 (FFM-MSU)	11,50	€ 700	€ 8 050	€ 5 000	€ 0	€ 13 050	€ 914	€ 3 210	€ 0	€ 17 174
SUB-TOTAL	202,30		€ 364 078	€ 114 500	€ 9 700	€ 488 278	€ 34 179	€ 62 809	€ 14 733	€ 600 000

B3. Impact

B 3.1. Strategic impact

Following the primary objective of the call (*HEALTH-2007-4.1-8: Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation in areas relevant to the objectives of the Health theme,*) overall objective of the proposed action is to contribute to the implementation of the 7th Framework Programme and to the preparation of future Community research and technological development policy. The project directly targets eight International Cooperation Partner Countries (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan) and allows strengthening the developing network of contact points in countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia as defined by the Annex I to the Work Programme.

The **European Technology Platforms** (ETP) provide a framework for EU stakeholders, led by industry, to define research and development priorities, timeframes and action plans on a number of strategically important issues where achieving Europe's future growth, competitiveness and sustainability. In order to contribute to the implementation of their Strategic Research Agenda of relevant ETP's, the EECALink consortium will pool the human resources in Health research, existing in project participating countries, by introducing relevant research consortia to TP's formed in the Health sector (e.g. Food for Life, Global Animal Wealth, Innovative Medicines for Europe and Nanotechnologies for Medical Application).

The Cooperation Programme has been designed to be responsive to the changing research needs of European industry and policy makers and Work Programmes of individual Thematic Priorities represent tools to their implementation. The project consortium will use actual work programmes and their call topics as a basal platform for construction of the matching tool, allowing us to identify scientific group leaders with complementary research interests relevant to FP7-TP Health. The work programmes of FP7 and Public Health will be used as two the most important background documents for analysis of EU research priorities on the Health sector. Their comparison to the corresponding EECA national policy-implementation papers, will serve for getting a clear picture of funding overlaps and common research opportunities. Such working material will be further fine-grained through so called 'policy sessions'-common working sessions organized among the **EU and EECA national policy makers**. Outcomes of those events will be disseminated at individual national (working papers resulting from individual meetings) and at the European levels (the final conference held in Brussels).

With the aim of encouraging the development of ERA (European Research Area) beyond its actual political borders, account will be taken of the possible relevance of project results for the purposes of science management education. Where appropriate, communication and dissemination strategies will address the wider audience of policy-makers, various FP7 multipliers (i.e. NCP's, focal information points at the RTD institutions and other FP7 experts) and the general public (including young people), in order to promote the FP7 and increase understanding between the scientific world and society at large. In order to **strengthen the diffusion and use** of the output of the EECALink, the dissemination of knowledge and transfer of results, including to policy makers, is assured through the well developed communication strategies.

The participation of **Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises** is of particular importance in this project. A special emphasis will be placed on the participation of SME's; indeed the aim will be to enable at least 15% of the SME participation. Specific research topics of particular

interest for SME's, or specifically targeted to SME's will be highlighted at relevant training or networking events.

Our priority is on the inclusion of 'high-tech' SME's, however, enterprises providing a service, e.g. management or intellectual property expertise, will also be eligible to participate on the actions organized within the project.

The **coordination of non-Community research programmes** is an important and integral part of the development of the European Research Area and the project efforts contributes to the synergizing of relevant EECA national research funding in the Health sector and help to banish the overlaps of the funding priorities. Our project builds on the success of similar networking and training activities carried out under the Sixth Framework Programme (eg. CERA, TraiNet, SME goes Life Sciences", ERA West Balkan and many others). The proposed action also aims at enhancing of the synergies between FP7, other Community programmes and ongoing cooperation initiatives (e.g. COST and EUREKA), other activities of intergovernmental research organizations, and networks and associations active at EU level.

International cooperation represents an important dimension of all activities carried out within the framework of EECAlink Dimension of the international cooperation in is in our project implemented in the following two ways:

- Through the opening up of research activities to researchers and research organizations from International Cooperation Partner Countries and those of EECA region in particular
- The proposed budget also contains the specific provisions for the financing of the participation of research partners from the ICPC countries according to the financial rules of FP7.

In order to strengthen the diffusion and use of the output of the EECAlink project, the dissemination of knowledge and transfer of results, including to policy makers, will be implemented by means of CORDIS. All research profiles collected through the networking and training actions will be registered via its Partner Search tool, which will allow fostering the dissemination of knowledge and the exploitation of projects results.

Finally, the network of National Contact Points for FP7 Health Theme in Eastern Europe is considered as crucial to facilitate access of local scientists to FP7 calls, lowering barriers to entry for newcomers and raising the quality of submitted proposals. The proposed coordination action represents a support to the development of **NCP-Health network** in participating EECA countries and their trans-national cooperation.

The direct impact of EECAlink implementation can be summarized according to the project deliverables - number of planned actions and expected number of participants as presented in the table below:

Events and their numbers	Expected number of participants	Target audience	Expected outcome	Potential impact
Final dissemination conference	200	Policy makers and wider RTD	EC working paper on joint priorities	Formulation of future joint calls
8x EECA national policy sessions	8x 5	EU and EECA policy makers	EECA national WP's on joint research priorities	Coordination of non-Community research funding

Events and their numbers	Expected number of participants	Target audience	Expected outcome	Potential impact
12x capacity building meetings	12x 50	Administrative staff of participating partner countries	Summary training material related to particular topics of FP7 administration	National best-practice sharing among local FP7 participants
4x call specific networking actions	4x 30	Scientists	Consortia submitting FP7 proposals	Improved access of EECA scientists to FP7
6x project management meetings	6x20	Representatives of individual project partners	Successful implementation of the project	Support to the implementation of FP7

B 3.2. Plan for the use and dissemination of foreground

B 3.2.1. Unlocking the scientific excellence of EECA countries to the FP7

The EECA university/academia partners selected for collaboration within the project represent the top level research in Health sector carried out in relevant countries. Specific set of selection criteria (defined previously in the proposal) will help us to identify the excellent researchers in Health sector in EECA countries and bring these closer to the EU research. Moreover, the research profiles of individual scientific group leaders will be published at CORDIS, in order to advertise these capacities for FP7 and other relevant Community programmes.

The NCP network is diversely developed in EECA partner countries and the implementation of the project will contribute to its further development. This will happen mainly at two levels: (i) through strengthening of the personal networks of individual NCP's and though (ii) NCP capacity building and promotion (the training materials will stay available to the project partners and will be further used for training and promotion of FP7 in participating EECA countries.

Finally, the research consortia formed during the networking events; which will be working on research topic relevant to Strategic Research Agenda of one of the Technology Platforms (e.g. Food for Life, Global Animal Wealth, Innovative Medicines for Europe and Nanotechnologies for Medical Application) will be introduced to its secretariat in a structured electronic profile. We believe that the project can contribute to the implementation of their SRA through facilitation of their access to the pool of scientific capacities, existing in participating EECA countries.

The online platform developed for the project implementation will stay available at the coordinator's website for at least ten years after the end of the project and the document management toll for efficient support to the proposal development will be further used by interested project partners. The access to this tool will be granted to them on non-discriminatory conditions. The implementation of the proposed action will also allow strengthening the developing collaboration among participating multipliers and thus will

facilitate the implementation of FP7, through efficient support to the individual research group leaders.

The project final dissemination conference will assure the effective communication of the EECALink deliverables and will allow the engagement of stakeholders outside the project's outreach and will allow us to target wider RTD, policy and lobby public present in Brussels.

B 3.2.2. Management of intellectual property

There will be no intellectual property rights in EECALink (except for those on the online platform and these will stay with its developer), which could or should be patented. Any other intellectual property rights resulting from the proposed action (i.e. Database of research profiles or training materials) will be shared among the individual participants and the European Commission and wider research public through the project's website.

The development of training materials will ensure that those professionals will have the opportunity to use the results of this project in other contexts. Finally, although the project already has a predefined number of partners, it has been our experience with other EC projects that as other FP7 multipliers learn about the project, they become interested in participation. Any such additional members would only be added with the full agreement of all project partners, and where there was a judgment that participation would be of mutual benefit both to all of the existing partners and to the new proposed partners.

All EECA project partners will be strongly encouraged to work in partnership with local and national organizations that have the specific remit of funding policies in Health sector. This liaison will, for example, include the role of consultancy within the project for governmental bodies such as to introduce an important advisory role for similar relevant applications. These may be carried out in another Thematic Priority of research funding, which is supposed to bring additional benefit from the implementation of EECALink.

Besides the special provisions related to the development of the online platform, the **Consortium agreement** (CA) will contain standard IPR regulations applied in EU projects (due to the participation of academic institutions, we plan to use the DESCAs model, available at: www.desca-fp7.eu/):

1. The access rights to the knowledge of one project partner needed for use or development of another partner's own knowledge shall be granted free or on preferential conditions (to be specified in Consortium agreement).
2. Where several project partners will jointly carry out work generating the knowledge and where their respective share of the work cannot be ascertained, they shall have joint ownership of such knowledge and shall be entitled to use and license such knowledge.
3. The project partners shall agree in the Consortium Agreement the allocation and terms of exercising ownership of such knowledge. In cases not covered by CA each project partner shall be entitled to use the joint knowledge separately, subject to both prior notice and to fair and reasonable compensation to the other joint owner(s).

B 3.2.3. Plan for dissemination and exploitation of project results

It is the stated aim of EECALink as well as of the participating partner organizations that they wish to conduct networking and dissemination activities on a trans-national basis in order to contribute to the development of European Research Area beyond current borders of EU Member States. The pooling of their scientific expertise, track of management and training achievements and existing database resources will contribute to pooling of scientific capacities available to the EU research and the reach worldwide.

One international conference at the end of the project will ensure dissemination to policy makers, end-users and other important stakeholders. In addition, the implementation of project assessment methodologies, together with a public-access website will allow wider dissemination of the project deliverables.

Each of the project partners representing the 'FP7 experts will further diffuse the experience and knowledge gained through the implementation of project activities in its further operations and maintenance of the European Research Area.

B 3.2.4. Specific project dissemination provisions

The project will provide methodologies that enable the European Commission and other bodies and end-users to exploit their research bases. Results will be:

1. Documented in dissemination reports to spread know-how and achievements of the developed methodology on 'efficient matching' of the research interests of individual scientific group leaders
2. Published on-line to the wider RTD management audience and intellectual property rights (copyright) of contributing partners and experts will be assured,
3. Widely disseminated, regarding key aspects, by an electronic newsletter published among the group of experts in this domain, and finally published via CORDIS.

Ad 1: The work programme addresses at several points the need for dissemination of the achieved results among the participating experts and national and international groups. This demand will be faced by editing the project reports in a very open way - inviting participants to discuss the issues through the publication of report summaries on project website.

Ad 2: Especially the training materials and presentations developed for the networking, promotion and training activities will stay publicly accessible on the project website and will be further used by relevant project partners for training and FP7 consortia support purposes. All materials will contain the copyright of individual partners, together with the notification of EC funding.

Ad 3: Wider RTD management audience will be addressed through existing network of National Contact Points. It is also expected that the main partners and the consortium as a whole will be able to publish its results in widely respected online information feeds (EurActiv, CORDIS and Research.com). Although the majority of results are to be expected after the first two years, the publication and communication process will cover the whole project implementation period.

The proposed coordination activity aims to establish a networking and support platform with evidence, guidelines and methodologies at a European level by providing a comprehensive evaluation framework for efficiency of networking activities carried out within the project. Summarizing these efforts, EECALink will fully address the aims of the

specific activities in TP Health, which requires mobilisation of resources on national as well as European levels; as well as integrating the results on the European level as a whole. EECALink enables that future technological research, development and implementation will be strengthened through strengthening the research basis in Health sector.

B4. Ethical issues

Partners will respect the following international conventions and declarations:

- Helsinki Declaration in its latest version
- The project participants will take into account the opinions of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (as from 1998).
- The importance of gender dimension in technological research and development and innovation is important. In accordance with Articles 2 & 3 of the Treaty of Amsterdam (1997) and other EU policy directives (COM (96) 67 final) and reports (EUR 2002) the Programme
- Team is committed to incorporating the principles of gender mainstreaming throughout the various elements of the programme
- Effort will be made to ensure that the work programmes and 19 Communication from the Commission (1996) Incorporating equal opportunities for women and men into all community policies and activities
- Active measures will be undertaken to ensure that none of the activities within the programme contributes to gender inequality or aggravates existing gender inequality

The following objectives underpin the gender action plan implemented within EECALink:

- Ensuring that women and men have equal opportunities to participate in the various parts of the programme
- In addressing diversity, the work programmes will take account of the different situations needs and interests of women and men
- Active measures will be taken to ensure that women scientists are well represented in the partners' organisations and that women scientists are invited to the training and networking activities
- Opportunities for mobility within the programme will take account of the different needs of women and men in order to enhance participation by women scientists.

In developing the project, we have carried out exhaustive investigations into relevant policy and legislation and have identified a number of key directives and guidelines with which we have jointly agreed to comply: (i) The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, (ii) Decision No. 1982/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities and (iii) EU Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for Recruitment of Researchers.

EECALink will contribute to implementing EU policies by promoting Competitiveness, Industrial Quality, Standardisation, Regulation, Dissemination of Best Practices, Promotional Measures and Consumer Policy and Health Protection Policies.

In the implementation of the project activities, attention is also paid to the working conditions, transparency of recruitment processes, and career development as regards the researchers recruited on projects and programmes funded, for which the EC Recommendation of 11 March 2005 on the EU Charter for Researchers and on a Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers offers a reference framework, while respecting its voluntary nature.

Ethical Issues Table

	YES	PAGE
Informed Consent		
• Does the proposal involve children?		
• Does the proposal involve patients or persons not able to give consent?		
• Does the proposal involve adult healthy volunteers?		
• Does the proposal involve Human Genetic Material?		
• Does the proposal involve Human biological samples?		
• Does the proposal involve Human data collection?		
Research on Human embryo/foetus		
• Does the proposal involve Human Embryos?		
• Does the proposal involve Human Foetal Tissue / Cells?		
• Does the proposal involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells?		
Privacy		
• Does the proposal involve processing of genetic information or personal data (e.g. health, sexual lifestyle, ethnicity)		
• Does the proposal involve tracking the location or observation of people?		
Research on Animals		
• Does the proposal involve research on animals?		
• Are those animals transgenic small laboratory animals?		
• Are those animals transgenic farm animals?		
• Are those animals cloning farm animals?		
• Are those animals non-human primates?		
Research Involving Developing Countries		
• Use of local resources (genetic, animal, plant etc)		
• Benefit to local community (access to healthcare, or education)		
Dual Use		
• Research having potential military / terrorist application		
NONE OF THE ABOVE ISSUES APPLIES TO THE PROJECT	YES	