

Platform of dialog - platform for success!

WBC-INCO.NET project proved that regional approach means more synergy and added value for knowledge creation and dissemination

Firstly I took note of WBC-INCO.NET project webpage back in 2007-2008 and from that time it became one of my favorite sources of information and inspiration also. The Newsletter disseminated within the project is an obligatory reading for me and members of my team.

The idea of having a regional policy platform for fostering the S&T partnership with EU is from the beginning a successful one, even not easy at all as you should agree first on a common regional vision. But I think that the good practice of WBC-INCO.NET project lies in something different as in a shared ownership, networking, wide representation and participation of stakeholders and of course, important achievements.

Activities developed within the project for identifying RTD priorities of joint EU-WBC interest and to enhance the participation of WBC researchers in FP 7 projects were very effective and result-oriented. With a great interest we attended some regional WBC-INCO.NET meetings on topics like foresight or innovation related issues, which offered us opportunities for setting partnerships and identify relevant national practices.

Following the association of the WBC to FP7, process to which I think that the project contributed in a valuable manner, the outcomes and the evolutions undertaken within WBC-INCO.NET project were very useful for finding our way to the European Research Area. When finally I meet Mrs Elke Dall, I found out once again that it's not enough to have a good idea; you should have a right person that should bring this idea through a complex field of diverse opinions and interest, to a shared and assumed vision at the end.

Starting from January 1st, 2012, Republic of Moldova became an associated country to 7th Framework Program, widening the opportunities for our researchers and bringing us closer to ERA. Successful association of WBC was one of the factors that support us in this important process. I would like to use this opportunity for expressing our gratitude to many experts from WBC, majority of them being contacted us as a result of their visibility within WBC-INCO.NET project, for their expertise, advice and openness.

I will end my short notice by mentioning the fact that WBC-INCO.NET project created in the region very strong prerequisites for further development: a viable platform, a visible dissemination tool, strong human capacities for networking, sustainable partnerships and personal connections.

As the principles of a knowledge society are vital for all of us, let's join the forces and promote science & innovation as investments for a Smart and Safe future!

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