

INCO-Net Global Issues Workshop



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This workshop is an accompanying event to Bled Forum on Europe Conference
„Foresight and Knowledge Based Governance Responses to Climate Change“

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Venue:

Hotel Golf, Bled/Slovenia

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Organiser:

Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Vienna – Ljubljana
&
INCO net project partners

in cooperation with Slovenian Research Agency <http://www.arrs.gov.si/en/>

INCO-NET projects with ZSI involvement on Global Issues



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further existing INCO-NETs (also invited to cooperation)



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Draft Agenda (draft as of March 3rd 2008)

- 09.15h **Welcome**
- **Klaus Schuch**, Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna www.zsi.at
 - **Slavi Krušič**, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia
 - **Gesa Westermann** (German Aerospace Centre – International Office of German Ministry of Science and research) DLR
- 09.30h **Tour de table**
- 09.50h **Thematic Introduction – General Objectives, Miroslav Polzer** (Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna)
- 10.00h **Brain storming session: Part I - problem analysis/gap analysis/stakeholders/
Part II - the INCO-NET Global Issues Information system's Niche** (after the two presentations)
- 10.30h **Presentation of the ERA-Watch Information System <http://cordis.europa.eu/erawatch/> and its way of collecting, organising and structuring information on national and regional research programmes and policies; Totti Konnola** (IPTS, Knowledge for Growth Unit (KfG), Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), Joint Research Center, EC)
- 10.50h **Slovenian Current Research Information System SICRIS as an example of a project based research information system and Slovenian Research Agency as potential partner of INCO-NET Global Issues activities;** Tomaz Boh, Slovenian Research Agency (plus ev. N.N. IZUM Maribor)
- 11.15h Coffee break
- 11.30h **Discussion of Communication Issues**
- within the INCO-NET Global Issues Task Partners (who is doing what?)
 - within the INCO-NETs (how can "Global Issues" Infos be fed into the work of Research priorities setting WPs etc.); **Djuro Kutlaca** (Science and Technology Policy Research Centre of the "Mihajlo Pupin" Institute, Belgrade
 - inter-INCO-NET communication addressing the whole consortia
 - broader public (Global Issues EECA-INCO-net conference in Moldova, **Elena SEVERIN** Academy. of Science of the Republic of Moldova)
 - communication of results with researchers (IPCC networks: **Lucka Kajfez-Bogataj** (University of Ljubljana, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) & EU FP7 ICT Research infrastructure development project GLOBAL - *Global Linkage Over Broadband Links*
 - how to communicate research gaps to potential funding sources, linking with CREST OCM on investment in science (& Portorož conference on „Global Philanthropists: Partners for Knowledge based responses to Climate Change“ June 1-3 2008; **Miroslav Polzer** Centre for Social Innovation Vienna – Ljubljana)
 - how to communicate „Global Issues“ infos to other EU external policies stakeholders/policy makers
- 12.30h **Interactive session with regard to technical solutions to be envisaged** (also possibility of use of WIKI software should be discussed)
- 13.00h **Lunch**
- 14.30h **Discussion with regard to choice and phasing of thematic foci of the INCO-NET Global Issues Information System** (proposal: in first phase clear thematic focus on Climate Change is proposed; once the system works, additional topics/issues can be added easily); brief discussion of findings of EC Dg Research Workshop „**Responding to Global Challenges: the role of Europe and of International Science and Technology Cooperation**“ http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=wkshp_4-5_10_2007
- 15.00h **Some information on Status quo with regard to Existing Information systems for RTD Policy and Programme Coordination with regard to Climate Change, Gilles Sommeria**, Deputy Secretary of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC
- 15.30h **German Examples of Climate Change related RTD Programmes, their documentation and related policy dialogue processes; Gesa Westermann** (German Aerospace Centre DLR)
- 15.45h **Scientific capacities for addressing climate change – bringing developing countries into the equation, Sara Farley**, Science and Technology Strategist – Consultant to World Bank, UNCTAD& UNIDO

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16.00h **Coffee break**

16.30h **Resources** (available ones and potentials for additional funds to be raised)

- **Financial Resources allocated to “Global Issues” tasks in INCO-NET projects**, *Elke Dall*, Centre for Social Innovation
- **other sources** (e.g. linked to ERA-Watch, IPCC, INCO-CfPs, etc.)

17.30h **Next Steps**

18.15h **Closing of the Meeting**

Rationale:

INCO-NET projects are a new instrument introduced by European Commission DG Research in FP7 (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=capacities>) for **Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation including priority setting and definition of S&T cooperation policies**. These bi-regional dialogues shall also take into account discussions taking place in the larger framework of external relations and cooperation programmes and policies.

The Workprogramme for the INCO-Nets states that INCO-NET projects have to consider:

*“The exchange of views with third country policy makers to lay down **common objectives on global issues** and face jointly the challenges and opportunities of the European Research Area (ERA) and its partners. Such discussions should focus on interdisciplinary issues with a real need for coordination of S&T policies and new rules that arise from the globalisation of research and S&T cooperation. **These issues could usefully be linked to the seven new thematic programmes of External Relations.**”*

Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) for instance, has included as coordinator of **WBC-INCO.NET**, a specific task in workpackage on ‘Monitoring and Analysis of S&T Cooperation’: Task 3.5 Analysis of National Policies Regarding Global Issues.

International Bureau of the BMBF at the German Aerospace Centre **DLR** as coordinator of **IncoNet EECA** has included with strong involvement of Academy of Sciences of **Moldova** and Centre for Social Innovation an activity called Task 5.4 Analysis of national policies towards global challenges.

It is obvious that **coordination among all INCO-NETs** (and other stakeholders) with regard to global issues is needed as their very nature implies that “global issues/challenges” require globally coordinated responses.

In order to avoid these aspects to be dealt with by each individual INCO-NET in a fragmented, marginalised and un-coordinated way, **coordination efforts and provision of additional (information exchange) structures to coordinate this specific aspect among INCO-NETs** will be very important.

Proposed first steps of coordination among INCO-NETs with regard to Global issues

The **Centre for Social Innovation** is involved in “**global issues**” **task groups** of four INCO-NET projects (Western Balkans (WBC-INCO.NET), Eastern Europe/ Central Asia (*IncoNet EECA*), Latin America (EULARINET), Southeast Asia (SEA-EU-NET)).

Therefore we take the initiative to suggest some concrete steps for coordination of INCO-NET activities with regard to global issues which could in the long run lead to the development of a comprehensive **information and knowledge infrastructure** for knowledge based implementation of “**MDG 8 - Develop a global partnership for development**” which shall help also for coordination of European STI INCO policies on global issues with EU’s programmes of external relations.

The first proposed inter-INCO-NET Activity on “Global Issues” is a **INCO-Net Global Issues Workshop** which will take place on **Wednesday March 5 2008 09.00 – 18.00 CET in Bled/Slovenia** as an accompanying event to Bled Forum on Europe Foresight conference www.bled-forum.org on „**Foresight and Knowledge Based Governance Responses to Climate Change**“.

In addition to a **general exchange of information among INCO-NETs about planned activities** with regard to global issues this workshop is intended to get a shared vision on development of a “**database/information system on science policies and programmes on global issues**”. Such an information infrastructure shall help to advance biregional and global coordination of STI policies with regard to global issues (UN Millennium Development Goals, Climate protection, Biodiversity, Energy and Water scarcity etc.) as well as it will enhance strengthening the coordination of S&T cooperation and the complementarities with activities carried out by means of other Community policy instruments (e.g. achieving “Policy coherence for development (PCD)” in line with “The European Consensus on Development” of 2005).

Furthermore this workshop aims also at **coordination of the INCO-NET Global Issues Activities with DG Research’s activities** (for instance by building on the outcomes of the Workshop „**Responding to Global Challenges: the role of Europe and of International Science and Technology Cooperation**“ http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?lg=en&pg=wkshp_4-5_10_2007 and at **coordination with ERA-Watch** (<http://cordis.europa.eu/erawatch/> ERAWATCH provides information on national research policies, structures, programmes and organisations) which shall allow to develop an ERA-Watch compatible information system.

Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:

- **Consensus on definitions/ delimitation of terms:** e.g. global versus regional, project versus programme,
- **identification of current and future potential users** of the Global Issues STI policies/programmes information system and discussion of their information needs
- getting a glimpse of **status quo regarding existing information systems** (especially ERA-Watch on the programme/policies level and EuroCRIS on project level) and
- outline of a **common system of categorisation and documentation** of research programmes, policies and research infrastructures (?) of International Cooperation Partner Countries of EU and EU member states on some selected global issues (**focus on complementarity and compatibility** (perspective of integration of different systems in the long run should be kept in mind))
- discussion and at least partial consensus on the **niche/the scope of the project** (What are the borders of the INCO net Global Issues Information system(s), which can only be some kind of **feasible pilot action** in this field in light of limited funding and limited coverage of the involved INCO nets)

List of Participants

1. **Elke Dall** (Centre for Social Innovation, coordinator of WBC-INCO.net)
2. **Klaus Schuch** (director of Centre for Social Innovation, EULARINET)
3. **Miroslav Polzer** (Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna - Ljubljana)
4. **Tomaž Boh** (Slovenian Research Agency, morning session only, Slovenian Current Research Information System)
5. **Gilles Sommeria**, Deputy Secretary of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC
6. **Lucka Kajfez-Bogataj** (University of Ljubljana, vice chair of working group II of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), *afternoon session only*)
7. **Slavi Krusic** (Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia, work package leader WBC-INCO-net)
8. **Totti Konnola** (IPTS, Knowledge for Growth Unit (KfG), Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS); resource person with regard to ERA-Watch and Foresight programmes of EC)
9. **Gesa Westermann** (German Aerospace Centre DLR Korea-ERA-NET)
10. **Jesper W. Simonsen** (Director, Global Issues department, The Research Council of Norway, EULARINET, EECA INCO.net)
11. **Elena SEVERIN** (Senior Specialist, Directorate for European Integration and International Cooperation, Academy. of Science of the Republic of Moldova; EECA-INCO.net)
12. **Florian Gruber** (Centre for Social Innovation, SEA-EU-INCO.net)
13. **Djuro Kutlaca** (Science and Technology Policy Research Centre of the "Mihajlo Pupin" Institute, Belgrade; WBC-INCO.net, Research Priorities WP)
14. **Sylvia McCarthy**, Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna-Ljubljana
15. **Laura Pombo Juarez**, Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo, Finland
16. **Juan Miguel González-Aranda**, Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC)
17. **Sara Farley**, STI policy consultant to World Bank, UNCTAD and UNIDO

Additional Information

Participation in Bled Forum on Europe Foresight conference „Foresight and Knowledge Based Governance Responses to Climate Change“

Participants of the INCO-Net Global Issues Workshop are kindly invited to participate also in the **Bled Forum on Europe Foresight conference „Foresight and Knowledge Based Governance Responses to Climate Change“** (see www.bled-forum.org for details).

The participation in the Bled Forum conference will be very valuable for INCO-net project partners especially also with regard to the fact that top-level foresight experts from IPTS, WFUNA Millennium project etc. will give their presentations and this **knowledge with regard to foresight** might be useful for implementing the “vision-building” component which is essential to all INCO-NET projects.

Costs:

Each participant has to cover his/her own expenses related to travel and accommodation. In some INCO-nets there are provisions for coverage of these expenditures in some not. Please consult your project coordinator if you are not sure.

For Participants of the INCO-Net Global Issues Workshop there is no registration fee to be paid for participation at the Bled Forum on Europe Foresight Conference and in case assistance with regard to costs of accommodation is needed, please contact the organisers (polzer@zsi.at) as there will be available some funds for such cases in order to make it possible for as many Participants of the INCO-Net Global Issues Workshop too attend the BF 2008 conference as possible.

Organisers of Bled Forum on Europe conference will organise and cover the costs of transfer from/to airport/train station and the lunch on March 5th 2008.

Accommodation:

Hotel Golf, Bled/Slovenia www.hotel-golf-bled.com; single room, 107 €/night, here the workshop takes place
Hotel Park, Bled/Slovenia <http://www.hotel-park-bled.com/index.html>; single room, 89 €/night
Hotel Jeovica, Bled/Slovenia www.hotel-jelovica.si/, single room, 44 €/night, 15 minutes walking distance away from Hotel Golf

If you need **assistance with regard to making your hotel reservation**, please contact **Mr. Gorazd Weiss** (ZSI) weiss@zsi.at, +386-1-568-4168

Transfer to and from airport to Bled:

will be provided and covered by Bled Forum on Europe organisers, please contact Mr. Weiss for details weiss@zsi.at, +386-1-568-4168

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