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Overview

What is INCONTACT 2020

Project objectives

Partners in the project

Activities of the project

Current status

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Supporting International Cooperation

Official project series of the FP7 INCO NCPs and Experts:



Platform for stimulating closer cooperation among INCO Experts around the world

Supporting International Cooperation

- 2 year project, 1/1/2014- 31/12/2015
- INCONTACT 2020, builds upon the work of the previous projects:
 - Promoting the International Dimension of Horizon 2020
 - Supporting the work of the national experts and of the newly established NCPs in third countries.



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The Partnership

- FORTH/PRAXI, Greece
- DLR, Germany
- APRE, Italy
- Estonian Research Council
- MINCyT, Argentina
- DST, South Africa
- IRD, France
- CSTEC, China
- ASRT, Egypt
- The Research Council of Norway
- NSTDA, Thailand
- HSE, Russia
- CERTH, Greece

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Three Main Activities Areas

INCONTACT 2020 activities in Horizon 2020:

- **INCO conferences:** Annual flagship events targeted primarily at European and third countries international cooperation experts
- **Trainings and Horizon 2020 Info days:** Organisation of centralised training events on Horizon 2020 to third countries NCPs and Infodays to increase awareness on Horizon 2020
- **Enhancing NCPs capacity:** Exchange of Best Practices, NCP events, Benchmarking

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NCPs IN 3RD COUNTRIES

- Each country may formulate their own NCP structures;
- There should be one nodal point of coordination with the EC;
- The NCP coordinator may invite experts or other international NCPs for assistance in setting up of the network or training on the management of the NCP network;
- The priority however is to have one contact person appointed.

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Trainings and Infodays

INCONTACT 2020 has already delivered a series of events in the framework of the programme:

- **Organization of Infodays on H2020** (Med, Eastern Partnership, Industrialised, Emerging Economies, Asia, Africa, LAC, Pacific)
- **Organization of regional workshops gathering EU and local NCPs and other important stakeholders:** (Egypt, Ukraine, Russia, China, Thailand, South Africa, Ghana)

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Support to African countries in 2015

Through INCONTACT2020,DST provided support to:

- 27-28 May 2015 - INCONTACT 2020 workshop and NCP training in Accra, Ghana;
- 17 July 2015 - H2020 info session in Yaonde, Cameroon;
- 5-6 October 2015 - H2020 info session and Science Technology and Innovation workshop in Gambia;

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Where are we now??

- Currently consortium coordinated by DLR-PT submitted a proposal within the frame of the Service Facility;
- The DST has expressed interest in working with consortium partners to among others:
 - support for awareness raising, event management skills
 - NCP or other multiplier in the African countries
 - strong in dissemination activities in South Africa
 - thematic expertise in all H2020 thematic areas



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Message



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networks!**

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Siyabonga

Siyathokoza

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