



Meeting with representatives of Albania

Tirana, 13-14 December 2010

EUREKA Secretariat (ESE)

- > the ESE, based in Brussels, is an international association acting as the central support unit for the network
- > the ESE undertakes marketing, communications and network-development activities including external relations
- > the ESE manages the EUREKA project database and it is also responsible for the collection and dissemination of information on projects
- > The ESE supports the Chairmanship and together with the National Offices promotes the EUREKA actions

ESE's organisation structure

- > Head of the Secretariat
- > Four sections
 - > Strategy & Evaluation department
 - > IT & Projects department (incl. Eurostars programme)
 - > Marketing & Communication department
 - > Administration & Chair support department
- > +/- 30 employees
 - > Permanent staff
 - > National secondees (for term 3-5 years)

NIP status is a transition period for applying membership

- > Obligations of NIP country
 - > to build EUREKA infrastructure incl. funding scheme
 - > to create project participation
 - > NIP representative participates in NPC meetings
 - > to pay NIP contribution /one half of the full member fee/; *(in case of Albania it is not applied because this obligation is valid since 2004)*

- > NIP status is approved by decision of EUREKA High Level Group

- > Duration of NIP status depends of national activity and interest

EUREKA membership is approved by the Ministerial Conference
(next MC in June 2012)

Organisations from NIP countries can propose new projects
but

- > project requires partners at least from 2 EUREKA members
- > organisation from NIP country cannot be a leader of project

Organisations from NIP countries can join ongoing projects

- > contacting lead partner's NPC
- > approval is done by the project consortium

National project co-ordinator (NPC) and/or NIP representative

- > Based in the relevant Ministry and/or Governmental agency
- > R&D expertise
- > Local market knowledge
- > Facilitates access to national funding
- > General support to national organisations
- > Local language and culture
- > National working contacts to framework (NPCs, ESE)

- > Democratic development
- > Market economy policy
- > IPR protection
- > Appropriate technology control arrangements (non-proliferation)
- > Participation in EUREKA projects also from industry (existing and potential)
- > National EUREKA infrastructure and functioning NIP Office
- > Ability to fulfill to obligations of a EUREKA member (including payment of yearly member contribution and co-funding projects)
- > Formal membership request
- > Sufficient time for consideration by HLG for recommendation to the Ministerial Conference

- > to pay full member contribution (*in case of Albania approx. 3.500 €*)
 - > to participate in the NPC and HLG meetings (four times during chairmanship term)
 - > to take part in the MC (every two years)
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- > to generate new EUREKA projects
 - > to provide national co-funding
 - > to contribute actively to EUREKA strategy and Action plan

EUREKA as a tool for European integration

- > an acting national NIP office
 - > projects involving
 - > participation in the regular NPC meetings

