



## KORANET

### Korean scientific cooperation network with the European Research Area

An initiative to intensify and strengthen the regional  
S&T cooperation between Korea and the ERA

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### KORANET project launched successfully



KORANET, an ERA-NET with Korea was officially launched during a kick-off meeting in Bonn/Germany on 16-17 February 2009. The project is coordinated by the International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and funded under the 7th Research Framework Programme of the European Community. Around 35 participants – project partners, representatives of national ministries and the European

Commission as well as several interested observers – attended the kick-off meeting.

KORANET aims at enhancing the research partnership between European countries and Korea. Eleven partners from nine European countries and Korea form the consortium of the project which runs from January 2009 until December 2012. The project will contribute to increasing the quality, quantity, profile and impact of S&T cooperation activities between Korea and the European Research Area (ERA). With the help of several analytical exercises (mappings, foresight studies and other reports), the establishment of a Pilot Funding Scheme and a Joint Funding Programme as well as several joint activities (conferences, workshops and brokerage events) the project aims at building a sustainable and coordinated common research area and at increasing of Korean participation in the 7th Research Framework Programme.

Some of the **objectives** of KORANET are:

- Improving information exchange and cooperation between Korean and European research communities
- Exchanging best practices as regards the planning and implementation of S&T policies and international S&T cooperation
- Coordinating bilateral approaches of EU Member States and Associated Countries and Korea
- Specifying areas of cooperation in priority research fields
- Establishing an appropriate framework for strategic cooperation
- Networking thematic and regional competence networks/clusters in Europe and Korea

- Developing a one-stop agency for Korean S&T interests
- Developing and implementing a full concept for a joint funding programme in a thematic area (based on a pilot joint funding scheme)
- Increasing Korean participation in the EU Research Framework Programme

The work of KORANET is divided into five **work packages**, four of them dealing with thematic and one with organisational and managerial issues. The four thematic work packages are:

- **WP 1: Analysis, monitoring, review**  
Mapping of regional approaches including the preparation of reports and specific studies on S&T cooperation as well as an analysis of cooperation instruments and approaches
- **WP 2: Strategy and foresight**  
Strategic discussions, setting framework objectives, identification of cooperation areas of common interest
- **WP 3: Joint funding**  
Development and implementation of a pilot joint funding scheme and based on its evaluation a joint funding programme of programme owners
- **WP 4: Joint activities**  
Continuous scientific and policy dialogue (annual conferences, workshops, brokerage and information events, networking activities)

The KORANET **project consortium** consists of the following partners:

- Germany: International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) at the German Aerospace Agency (DLR)
- Korea: Korea Foundation for International Cooperation of Science and Technology (KICOS)
- Austria: Center for Social Innovation (ZSI)
- Germany: VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH (VDI/VDE-IT)
- United Kingdom: British Council (BC)
- Finland: Technical Research Center of Finland (VTT)
- Italy: Veneto Innovazione S.p.A (VenInn)
- France: Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
- Poland: Polish Academy of Science (PAN)
- Hungary: Hungarian Korean Technical Cooperation Center (HKTCC)
- Turkey: Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

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