



## 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 website for promoting S&T cooperation with Korea is now online

The website (<http://www.koranet.eu>) contains information on the KORANET project that started in January 2009 and is financed by the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. Eleven partners from nine European countries and Korea participate in the project that runs for four years.

KORANET is an ERA-NET project whose main objective is **to enhance the cooperation between the European and Korean scientific communities**. Research funding agencies, research ministries and other research organisations from the participating countries work together to achieve this aim. One focus of the project will therefore lie in the **implementation of a joint call with Korea** and based on its results the **establishment of a joint funding programme**. Several **analytical exercises** (mappings, foresight studies and other reports) and specially **organised events** (public conferences, information and brokerage workshops) form the basis for this activity.

The new KORANET website contains information on the project and the project partners, descriptions of the individual work packages, references to planned activities (e.g. joint calls, conferences, workshops, etc.), analytical reports, studies and databases that are produced in the frame of the project (once available), information on the ERA-NET instrument, links to other relevant internet pages and projects, news on R&D cooperation with Korea and the option to subscribe to the project's newsletter.

The work of KORANET is divided into the following five work packages:

- **WP 1: Analysis, monitoring, review**  
Mapping of regional approaches including the preparation of reports and studies on S&T cooperation as well as an analysis of cooperation instruments and approaches
- **WP 2: Strategy and foresight**  
Leading strategic discussions, identifying cooperation areas of common interest, setting framework objectives for future cooperation
- **WP 3: Joint funding**  
Development and implementation of a pilot joint funding scheme (pilot joint call) and based on its evaluation a joint funding programme of programme owners
- **WP 4: Joint activities**  
Implementing a continuous scientific and policy dialogue (annual conferences dedicated to different topics, workshops, brokerage and information events, networking activities for researchers)
- **WP 5: Organisation and management**  
General coordination of the project including information dissemination

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