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## 1. Section 1: Introduction

The 1st European Thematic Workshop was organized on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Bilbao (Spain) in the context of Spain's 2010 Presidency of the Council of the European Union.



## 2. Workshop Objectives

The overall objective of this thematic workshop was to identify relevant research topics to foster cooperation between Europe and the Asian-Pacific target countries.

The findings will help to develop a European-Asian-Pacific roadmap with concrete recommendations to the European Commission for actions on ICT research cooperation between Europe and the Asian-Pacific countries. These recommendations will be included in the EU-ASIA PACIFIC ICT Cooperation Strategy to be developed by the project team within the work package 4 and to be discussed with DG Information Society (Deliverables D4.1 and D4.4).

This workshop provided a forum that brought together the policy and research level from Europe and Asia-Pacific countries and to continue the dialogue between both regions, providing a new opportunity for improving support to current cooperation initiatives at EU member states level.

The specific objective of the workshop was to explore new alternatives and means to promote scientific cooperation in ICT between Europe and the Asia-Pacific region.

## 3. Programme



## First EURASIAPAC European Workshop organised in Spain in the context of Spain's 2010 Presidency of the Council of the European Union

15:00	Welcome - EC representatives preferably in the field of ICT / Int. Cooperation <b>International Cooperation Opportunities</b> <i>EURASIAPAC Project Officer. (European Commission)</i>
15:20	EURASIAPAC Block <b>Project Presentation, Cooperation concept, Stakeholder involvement through the Portal, User requirements for the Portal, Workshop Objectives</b> <i>Christian Blobner. (FhG/IFF)</i>
15:30	Policy Block <b>European and national initiatives to foster international cooperation, political priorities for international cooperation, support programs and agencies to support cooperation initiatives</b> <i>CDTI Spanish initiatives</i> <i>KORRIDOR Project</i> <i>SECAS Project</i>
16:15	Science Block <b>ICT Research presentation of Europe and examples of successful cooperation projects</b> <i>AIST (Japan)</i> <i>COJAK Project (Sigma)</i>
16:45	Conclusion, Recommendations and suggestions to generate successful ICT research cooperation.
18:00	END OF MEETING

#### 4. Promotion

The Workshop was promoted through personal and professional contacts of the consortium members basically by emails and phone calls.

#### 5. Audience

Attendee List:

Number	Name	Organisation
1	Megumi Ishigami	Fhg Japan
2	José Antonio Heredia	Jaume I University
3	Cristina de la Maza	SQS
4	Francisco Buján	CARSA
5	Robert Triendl	AIST
6	Camille Torrenti	SIGMA
7	Ian Morgan	Optimat
8	Jorge Gasós	European Commission
9	Christian Blobner	Fhg/IFF
10	Javier Echavarri	CDTI
11	Mohammad Obaid	UC/HITLAB NZ
12	Kicheol Kion	KIST Europe
13	Jongwoon Huang	KIST Europe
14	Yooduk Jun	KIAT
15	Gareth	KIAT
16	Mercedes Arjona	ATOS
17	Pilar Pérez	ATOS

## 6. Event Outputs

The session started with a short welcome from the Coordinator of EURASIAPAC, Mr. Christian Blobner, from Fraunhofer Institute for factory Operation and Automation (Fhg/IFF) and was followed by specific speeches about research priorities per target country and European and national cooperation initiatives to foster international ICT research cooperation.

Christian Blobner highlighted that the promotion of cooperative research as a promotion of core European values such as free flow of goods as a model for the free flow of ideas, and that global collaboration on globally relevant problems will build a knowledge-base and interface with relevant international initiatives. He pointed out that the project aims at defining a strategically plan ICT research cooperation between Europe and Asia-Pacific and at contributing to the design of effective and mutually beneficial international research cooperation programs.

Other successful cooperation projects were also presented.

Jorge Gasos, Information Society and Media Directorate General, Software & Service Architectures and Infrastructures Unit, European Commission, provided an overview about the International Cooperation initiatives promoted by the European Commission.

The national opportunities for International Cooperation were presented by Javier Echavarri Delmas, from the Spanish Technology and Industrial Development Centre

(Centro de Desarrollo Tecnológico e Industrial – CDTI), which is Spanish National Contact Point.

Javier stated that CDTI main goals are to foster the technology cooperation between entities of Spain and counterpart countries through joint research, development and technology transfer projects and to promote competitiveness of companies through financing R&D market orientated international cooperation projects. He also mentioned that other goals were

- To create a multi-bilateral framework within the countries for the support of project generation.
- Attract technology-based companies to interaction between the countries.
- Increase competitiveness of the companies through the development of joint projects.

The next sessions of the workshop were focused on policies to support international cooperation in development. EU and several country level initiatives to foster international cooperation were presented along with political priorities for international cooperation, support programs and agencies in charge to support these initiatives.

Dr. Ki Cheol Kim, KIST Europe Forschungsgesellschaft, underlined the relevance of stimulating and facilitating the participation of European researchers in Korean R&D programs.

Ian Morgan of Optimat Limited presented SECAS - Strategies for European ICT RTD Collaboration with Australia and Singapore identified potential plans to collaborate with EURASIAPAC, as there are several similarities between both projects. SECAS project aims at developing a strategy for future ICTS&T collaboration enhancing quality, quantity, visibility and impact of cooperation: EU-AU, AU-SG also NZ

- Identify strategic priorities for RTD cooperation: topics, research groups, industries, joint challenges, best-practices and procedures
- Improve collaboration strategies: attract policy makers by success stories of mutual benefits, increased interest in collaboration from research community/public
- Assist the community with practical advice for cooperative projects

The Science Block included ICT research presentation of Europe and examples of successful cooperation projects such as COJAK - Promoting and supporting the Development of cooperation on ICT research between Europe and Korea by Camille Torrenti from Sigma Orionis, Robert Triendl from AIST (National Institute of Advance Industrial Science and Technology) and Mohammad Obaid from University of Canterbury / HIT Lab NZ that presented two ongoing initiatives: IPCity & CALLAS - EU Research with New Zealand Partners

The EURASIAPAC project coordinator, Christian Blobner, (FhG/IFF) finalised the presentation sessions explaining in details the cooperation portal, stakeholder involvement through the Portal and the upcoming tasks for the following months.

## **7. Conclusions and lessons learnt**

The first EURASIAPAC Workshop presented how ICT organizations from the given country can be involved in joint R&D projects with European organizations under the financial support of EU-funds and national programs. FP7 was explained in detail, specifically the ICT theme, and upcoming calls were put forward highlighting their international dimension, participation rules and success stories concerning cooperation between EU and the AP target countries.

This workshop ended with an open discussion session devoted to generate recommendations and actions to promote further cooperation between Europe and Asia-Pacific regions.

The attendees to the workshop evaluated it as very fruitful, according to a feedback questionnaire fulfilled after the sessions. The relevance of the information provided and the networking opportunities for future shared international collaboration were mentioned in several questionnaires.

A new workshop in Europe was scheduled by the consortium in order to further promote ICT research cooperation between Europe and Asian – Pacific countries. This new workshop was held in Brussels on October 26th, 2011.