AN INTERACTIVE EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR INDUSTRIAL CROPS & THEIR APPLICATIONS

Fact Sheet

Project Information

IENICA

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Objective

The principal objectives of IENICA are to:

- create synergy within the EU industrial crops sector through the formation of an integrated network linking key individuals for industry, government and science in all member states;
- use this network to identify or create scientific, industrial a market opportunities for specific industrial crops or the applications;
- identify the strengths of each EU member state in order to maximise the efficiency of RTD funding for industrial crops and encourage industrial and scientific collaboration between member states.
IENICA will also:

- determine the current state of scientific, industrial and commercial knowledge of each industrial crop or application member state and EU level;
- identify barriers to the progress of industrial crops (which could be scientific, technical, legislative or economic);
- identify and evaluate environmental benefits arising from industrial crops or applications;
- identify RTD priorities and make recommendations to policy makers on the basis of that analysis.

These objectives will be achieved through a carefully approach with 3 component parts:

- Discussive meetings, initially at national then later at EU level to:
  - determine current state of scientific, industrial and commercial knowledge for industrial crops and their applications;
  - identify opportunities in different types of industrial crops (e.g., fibres, oils, carbohydrates) for scientific or commercial development;
  - identify environmental benefits from industrial crops or industrial crop applications;
  - identify barriers to progress in scientific, commercial legislative or other areas;
  - prioritise RTD needs in EU;
- The formation of an interactive information network run on electronic or hard copy systems according to facilities open to users;
- A number of seminars to debate in depth specific issues related the industrial crops and facilitate technology transfer to industry.

Lead players in each state will be responsible for ensuring widest possible liaison at all levels of interest in that state for industry crops. Additionally, regional co-ordinators are envisaged for Scandinavia and the Mediterranean countries where geographical or climatic factors create some generic crop production challenges.

**Programme(s)**

**Topic(s)**

**Funding Scheme**
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