

INCONET-GCC: Status of the project

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INCONET-GCC beneficiaries :

Beneficiary name	Country
Euroconsultants S.A.	Greece
Foundation For Research And Technology Hellas / Help-Forward	Greece
London School of Economics and Political Science	United Kingdom
Universita Degli Studi di Ferrara	Italy
Stiftelsen Hogskolan I Jonkoping	Sweden
International Association of Sciences Parks	Spain
Items International	France
The Research Council of Oman	Sultanate of Oman
Higher Colleges of Technology	United Arab Emirates
Bahrain Center for Studies and Research	Kingdom of Bahrain
Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences	Kuwait
King Saud University-Riyadh Techno Valley	Saudi Arabia
Public Establishment for Industrial Estates	Sultanate of Oman
Qatar University	Qatar
Political Development Forum	Yemen
Ministry of Higher Education	Egypt
Al-MamlakaAl-Maghrebia	Morocco

Summary of results - Year 1



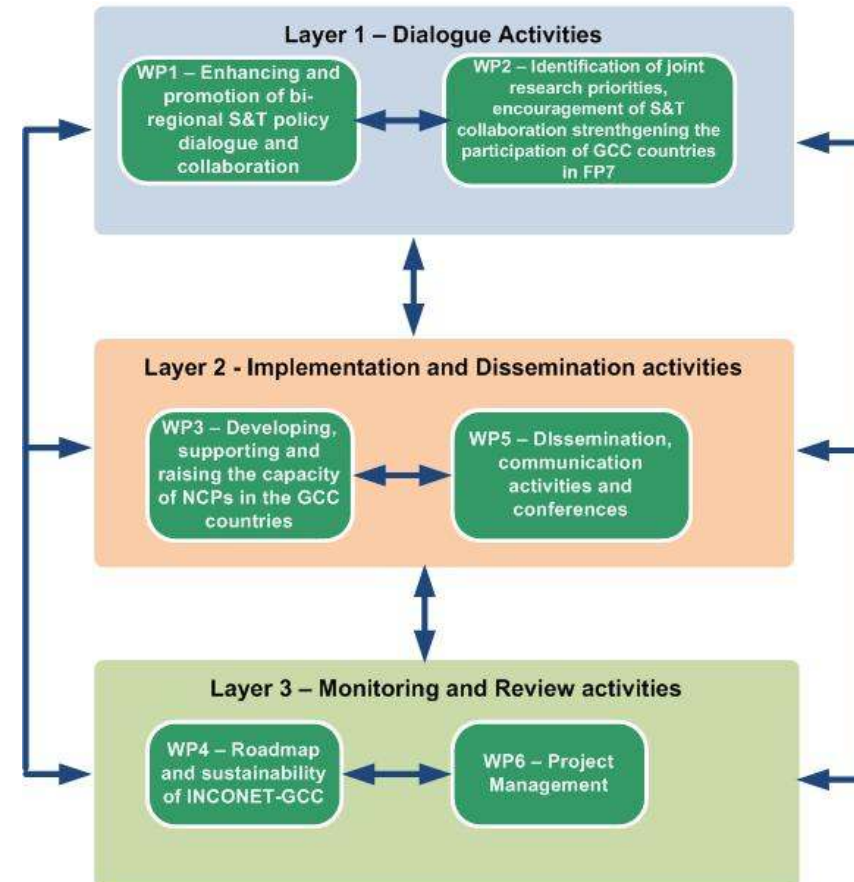
Overall Objective

INCONET-GCC is bringing together policy makers and stakeholders of GCC with the EU to in order to:

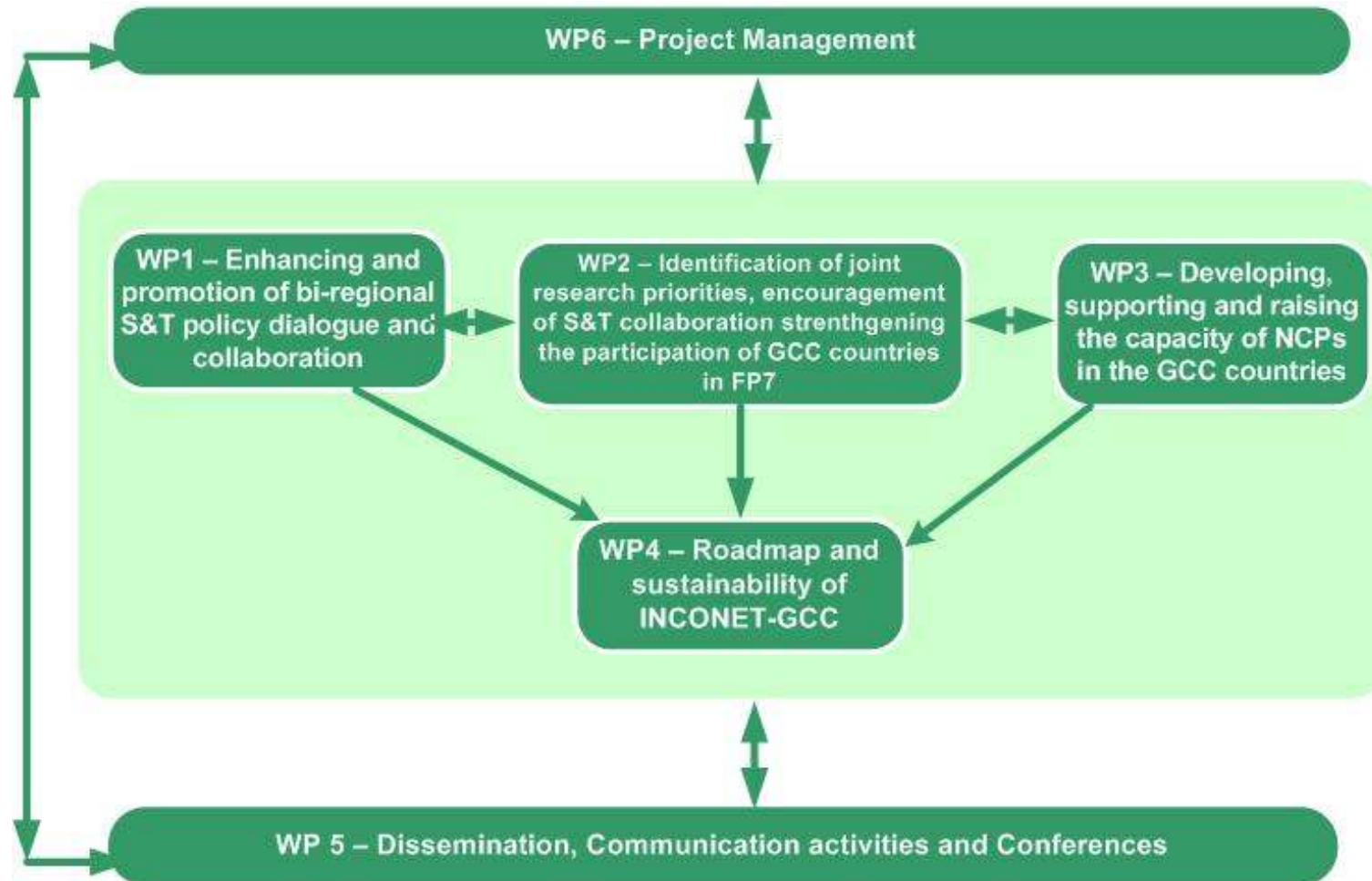
- Support a dialogue to identify S&T priorities for mutual benefit and interest and define cooperation policy orientations;
- Implement specific activities to promote and contribute to the participation of GCC in the Framework Programme

INCONET-GCC objectives

- INCONET-GCC develops and supports the bi-regional dialogue by bringing together policymakers and stakeholders of the GCC and EU Member States.
- It aims to create a dialogue and action platform to identify common interests in research areas, set up S&T priorities, support capacity building activities, and enhance the interaction between different cooperation instruments of the European Commission and EU Member States.
- In this sense, an observatory of EU-GCC cooperation in S&T will be created in INCONET-GCC framework.



INCONET-GCC Implementation



INCONET-GCC Policy Dialogue

- Support for international S&T policy development;
- Support the bi-regional policy dialogue on S&T policy;
- Improve the bi-regional dialogue for mapping research needs and setting S&T cooperation priorities
- Strengthen the co-ordination and complementarities with activities carried out by means of Community foreign policy instruments;
- Create operational link with policy makers
- Identification of areas with potential for enhanced coordination

Strengthening cooperation

- Support the GCC National Contact Points
- Organise awareness actions and dissemination activities for scientific community
- Training activities for project managers
- Development of efficient knowledge management tools
- Strengthening regional research networking
- Support of future thematic pilot projects
- Link with other existing networks
- Coordination with other activities

Setting the scene

INCONET-GCC information day is the unique opportunity for stakeholders from EU and GCC to be engaged in constructive dialogue on best practices in research and innovation policies.

WP1 - Enhancing and promotion of bi-regional S&T policy dialogue and collaboration

- Preparation, distribution and collection of the questionnaires from all GCC countries
- Bi-lateral discussions with partners on the current state of the are of research and innovation in each country
- Successful organisation of high-level workshop in Oman on 6-7/12/2010 by TRC that was focus on Best Practices and the support of Policy Dialogue
- Coordination with other INCONET projects. Participation to the relevant events, such as INCONET administration meetings and ILN conference
- Collaboration with the Energy network
- Organisation of the 1st ACM meeting (Athens, June 2010)
- Discussion with GCC General Secretariat
- INCONET-GCC framework is included in the minutes of the last ministerial conference
- Preparation and submission to the EC of the D1.1 - Report on comparative analysis and best practice recommendations on Research in Europe and GCC region

Cooperation with other projects and initiatives

- Cooperation with other INCO projects
 - Participation to 1st INCO conference
 - Participation to ILN conference
 - Participation to concertation activities
- Creation and Operation of an EU-GCC Clean Energy Network (DG RELEX)
- Cooperation with other EC funded projects relevant to the selected research priorities

WP2 - Identification of joint research priorities, encouragement of S&T collaboration, strengthening the participation of GCC countries in FP7

- Selection of the research priorities of the different GCC countries
- Detailed preparation of the research priorities and mapping of them with the existing EC programmes
- Organisation of pilot projects like the Oman Food Cluster

WP3 - Developing, supporting and raising the capacity of NCPs in the GCC countries

- Methodology for the development and support of NCPs
- Training of the local people that will organise NCP in GCC region
- Training material and dissemination prepared and used
- NCPs are defined and nomination letter have been send from Yemen, Qatar, AUE, Oman and Kuwait. NCPs are already organised
- Organisation of Information Day in Qatar (3/5/2011)
- Organisation of Information Day in Kuwait (11/5/2011)
- Preparation and submission of the D3.1 - NCP development and organisation methodology, D3.2 - Participant list in the Thessaloniki training seminar, D3.3 - Participant evaluation in the Thessaloniki training seminar, D3.4 - Training material of the training seminar, D3.7 - Dissemination material.

WP4 - Roadmap and sustainability of INCONET-GCC

- Promotion of the different European Commission programmes in order to facilitate the sustainability of GCC stakeholders in EC funded projects
- Discussion with key stakeholders in the GCC region in order to engage them at the INCONET-GCC networking platform and to promote research collaboration

Meeting of partners and stakeholders in GCC

- **Saudi Arabia**

- GCC Secretariat General
- EC Delegation
- King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology
 - International Cooperation Dept
 - National Satellite Programme
 - BADIR Programme
- King Abdullah University of Science and Technology
- KSU-RTV
- Alfaisal University (Research Dept)
- United Nations

Meeting of partners and stakeholders in GCC

- **Qatar**

- Qatar University
- Qatar Foundation
- ICT Qatar

- **United Arab Emirates**

- Higher Colleges of Technology
- National Research Foundation
- KUSTAR University
- United Arab University
- MASDAR Institute
- Arab Foundation for Science and Technology

Meeting of partners and stakeholders in GCC

- **Kuwait**

- Kuwait Foundation for the advancement of Sciences
- Dasman Diabetes Institute
- Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research

- **Bahrain**

- Bahrain center for Research and Studies
- Bahrain University
- eGov Authority of Bahrain

Meeting of partners and stakeholders in GCC

- **Oman**

- The Research Council of Oman
- PEIE. The meeting was devoted in the development of the Food Cluster in Oman and its internationalisation and link with the European Food Initiative.
 - Minister of Commerce and the relevant departments (Directorate of Industry, Directorate of Standards) and the relevant research institutes
 - Industrial stakeholders such as Oman Flour Mill, Gulf Mushrooms, etc
 - Ministry of Agriculture and the relevant research institutes
 - Ministry of Fisheries and the relevant research institutes

WP5 - Communication, Dissemination activities and conferences

- Delivery of logo, portal, private site, brochure
- Participation to different events and conferences
- Organisation of the ICT Networking session (Brussels, Sept 2010)
- Organisation of the high-level round table (Muscat, Dec 2010)
- Organisation of the Qatar and Kuwait Information days (May 2011)
- Preparation and submission of D5.1- Dissemination of Support Material, D5.2 - Dissemination strategy and actions report , D5.3.1 - Yearly Dissemination and promotion activities report that includes the follow-up and evaluation of the events.
- Organisation of the International Conference

INCONET-GCC Portal



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INCONET-GCC logo

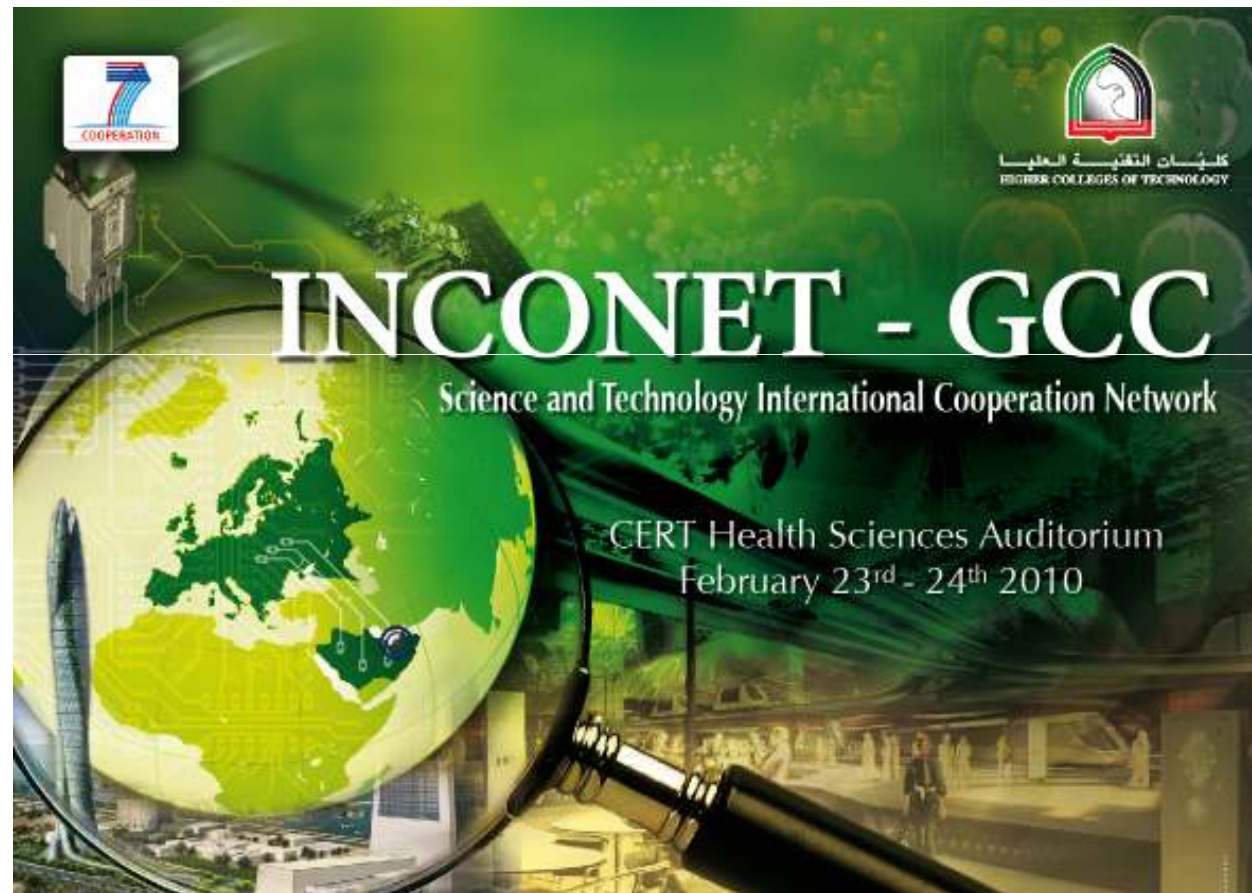


The designed logo clearly captures the need for INCONET-GCC and its results and provides an identity to it and it successfully encapsulates the vision of INCONET-GCC.

The INCONET-GCC logo, depicting its network dimension, has been designed to serve as the flag of the project.

It will be used at any public appearance and document.

INCONET-GCC kick-off meeting



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ICT Event 2010: Networking organised (27-29/9/2010, Brussels)



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WP6 - Project Management

- Organisation of the kick-off meeting
- Organisation of three full group meetings (Athens, Thessaloniki, Oman, Kuwait)
- Engagement of the members of the ACM
- Organisation of 1st ACM (Athens, June 2010)
- Support of the beneficiaries for the administrative implementation of the project
- Amendment is in progress
- Reporting to the EC, quality review of deliverables and submission to the EC

Deliverables submitted during 1st year

Del No	Deliverable Name	WP No	Partner	Dissemination Level	Due Date
D1.1	Report on comparative analysis and best practice recommendations on Research in Europe and GCC region	WP1	HJ	PU	12
D3.1	NCP development and organisation methodology	WP3	HF	PU	3
D3.2	Participant list in the Thessaloniki training seminar	WP3	ITEMS	PU	12
D3.3	Participant evaluation in the Thessaloniki training seminar	WP3	ITEMS	PU	12
D3.4	Training material of the training seminar	WP3	HJ	PU	9
D3.7	Dissemination material	WP3	HF	PU	9
D5.1	Dissemination of Support Material	WP5	ECSA	PU	3
D5.2	Dissemination strategy and actions report	WP5	ECSA	PU	6
D5.3.x	Yearly Dissemination and promotion activities report that includes the follow-up and evaluation of the events	WP5	ECSA	PU	12
D6.1.x	PMB Meeting Minutes Reports	WP6	ECSA	CO	2, 13
D6.2	Project Management Handbook	WP6	ECSA	CO	2
D6.3.x	Quarterly Management Reports	WP6	ECSA	CO	3, 6, 9, 12
D6.6	Parameters for measuring project success	WP6	ECSA	CO	6