

Workshop 1:  
**MNT ERA-Net:**  
**future role in the context of FP7,**  
**ERA-NET plus and European**  
**Technology Platforms**

Results from the workshop



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## Present (and future) positioning - other ERA-integration instruments – where to position MNT ERA-Net?

- Proposal to look at mutual **synergy possibilities within the ETP, find own place and role in the policy framework**  
*Ref. MINAM work giving inpt to FP7.*  
*E.g. find and clearly communicate complementarities to the clients and reduce overlap e.g. with EUREKA and esp. EURIPIDES*
- **MNT ERA-Net should aim for a "Bridging the gap"** function also between FP7 focus and national focus/activities
- **Discussion on P-P-funding:** Attract private investors (PE, BA, VC) to join in and top up total budgets – Raise funds through making use of leverage effect.
- **Request to MNT ERA: Plan for programming** for the next 3-7 yrs: incl. activities within ERA-NET scheme, coordination within ETP, prioritise what is useful to do with Eur. and national funding cmp. technology and social challenges. EC would like input on this before writing next call.



Shall there be a focus on innovation phases (presently no „hard focus“ on industry)?

- Depending on which **programs participating**; individual priorities, situation
- **„Bridge function“** – integrate/coordinate along innovation chain
- Integration of technologies that converge to systems (NBIC)
- **„Cross-technology coordination“ ERA-Net** (w. common calls?)



Shall there be foci on distinctive technology topics in the calls?

- Try again to implement coordinated activities on **topics from thematic priorities of ETP strategic research agendas** – national roadmap input possible, but not driving – calls with foci defined in variable geometry
- **Role to attack the fragmentation of research** – MNT ERA-Net platform for experimenting on finding common topics, flexible enough to try out new and possibly change topics (e.g. NBIC convergence) => much more visibility



Regional aspect - shall MNT ERA-Net extend only within Europe – or do we want to generate critical mass for worldwide co-operation?

- Interest exists outside Europe, demonstrated case from US
- Main objective is and should remain to coordinate national programs in Europe
- Some programs will have calls where it would be possible to include e.g. Russia and Asia



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