European network on Research Programme applied to the Protection of Tangible Cultural Heritage

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NET HERITAGE

is the first Era Net Project in the filed of protection of tangible cultural heritage.

The existing national cultural heritage programmes, which NET-HERITAGE is building upon, are evidence that this field is prepared for a European cultural heritage research network, and will strongly contribute to the creation of the European research area.

NET-HERITAGE : OBJECTIVES

- **Provide an integrated picture of the state-of-the-art of cultural heritage research in the European Member States and at the European level;**

- **Overcome the lack of a coordinated research structure in this specific and multidisciplinary sector. With Programmes fostering integration between the art-history-conservation-maintenance-restoration areas and the architectural-chemical-physics-engineering areas;**

- **Limit fragmentation within, and among, national research programmes by identifying common strategic priorities for research and cultural heritage programmes;**

NET-HERITAGE : OBJECTIVES

- Create effective actions to stimulate the exploitation of research results, and underpin cooperation between researchers and cultural heritage institutions for the application of identified solutions;

- Face problems due to insufficient and dispersed funding, in terms of local level and size of funding, compared to other research sectors;

- Favour exchange between national programmes and European work programmes, in order to avoid a single top-down approach.

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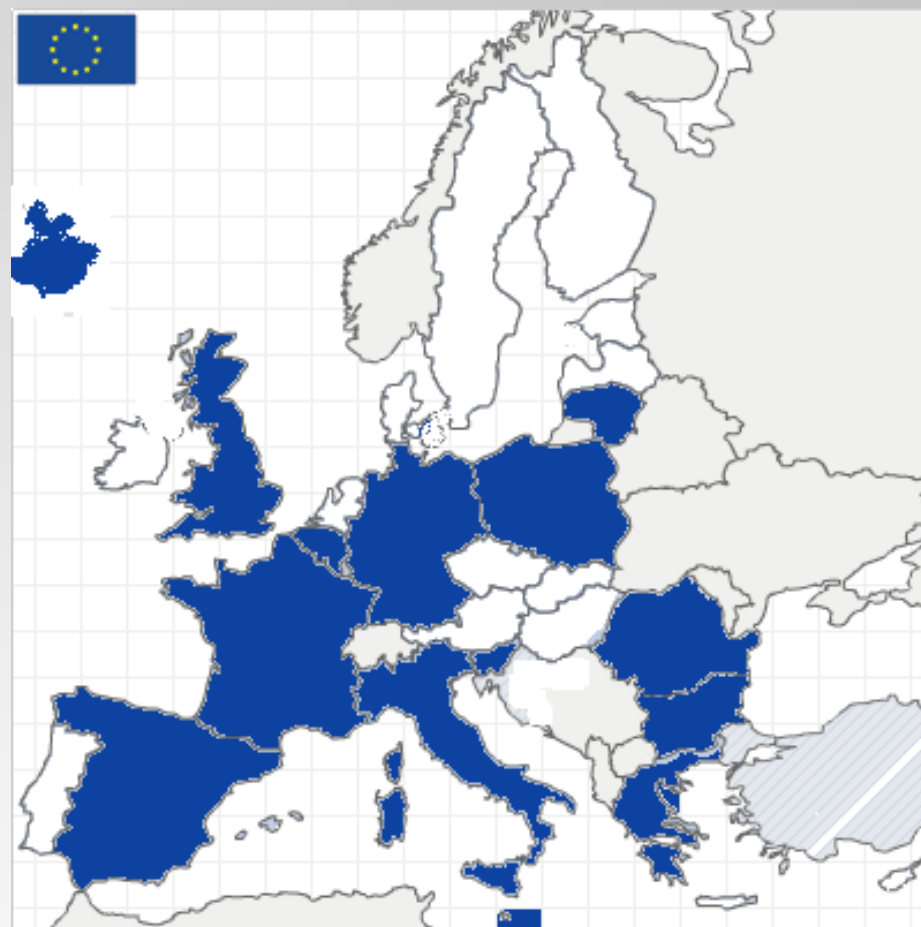| Name	Organization	Role	Person in charge	Country
MIBAC	Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities	Coordinator(CR1)	Ms A. Recchia	Italy
MUR	Ministry of University and Research	Beneficiaries no.2	Ms M. Uccellatore	Italy
BFSP	Belgian Federal Science Policy	Beneficiaries no.3	Mr.A. Naji	Belgium
MES	Ministry of Education and Science	Beneficiaries no.4	Ms J. Guenoveva	Bulgaria
MCC	Ministry of Culture and Communication	Beneficiaries no.5	Mr C. Dessaux	France
DBU	German Federal Foundation for the Environment	Beneficiaries no.6	Mr L. Töpfer	Germany
HMC	Hellenic Ministry of Culture	Beneficiaries no.7	Ms E. Korka	Greece
MCI	Archaeological Heritage Agency of Iceland	Beneficiaries no.8	Ms K. Huld Sigurdardóttir	Iceland
VKPAI	The State Inspection for Heritage Protection	Beneficiaries no.9	Ms K. Kukaine	Latvia
HM	Heritage Malta	Beneficiaries no.10	Ms O. Briffa	Malta

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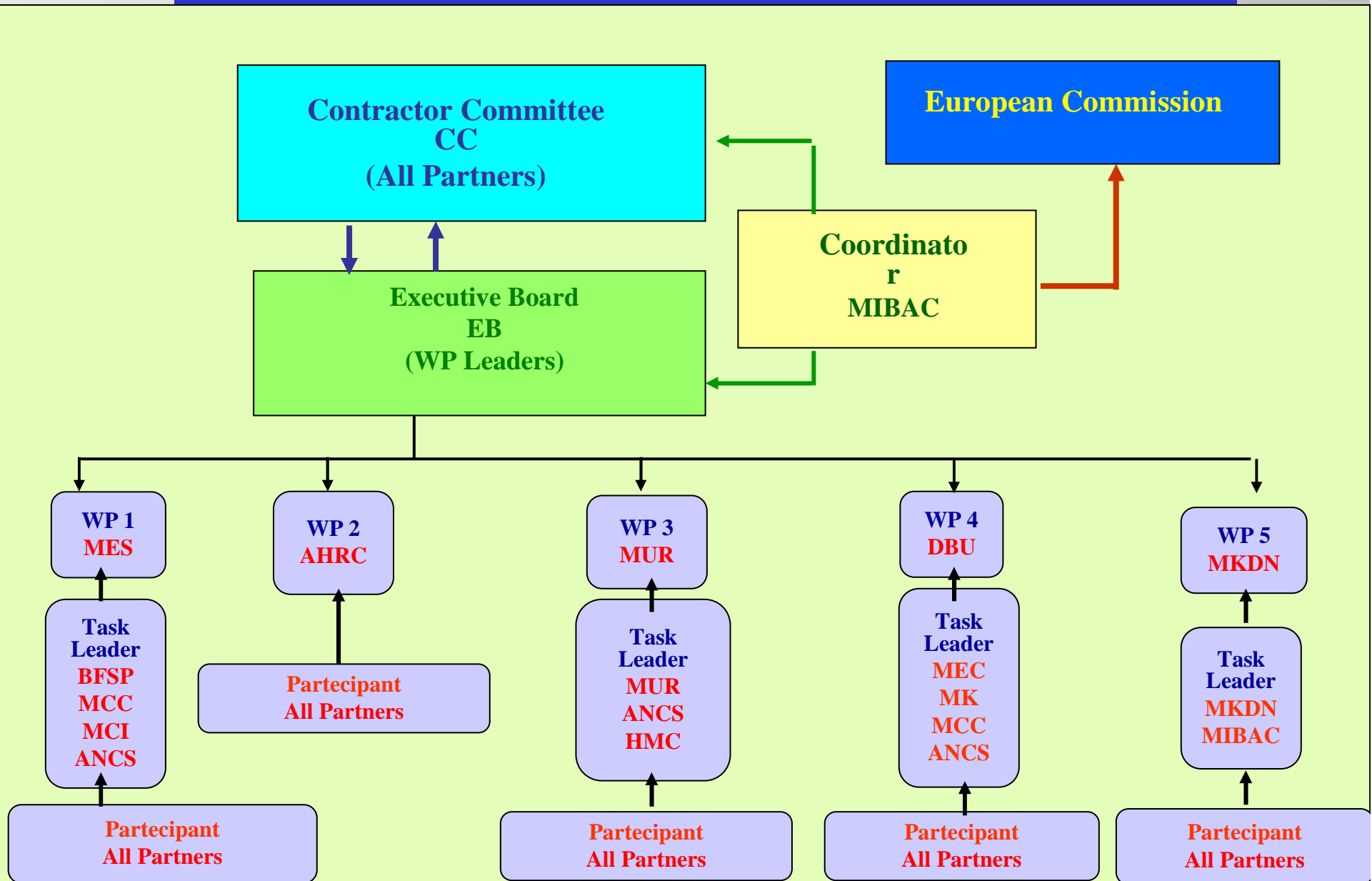| Name	Organization	Role	Person in charge	Country
MKDN	Ministry of Culture and National Heritage	Beneficiaries no.11	Ms M. Bociaga	Poland
ANCS	National Authority for Scientific Research	Beneficiaries no.12	Mr V. Vulturescu	Romania
MK	Ministry of Culture	Beneficiaries no.13	Ms J. Pirkovic	Slovenia
MEK	Ministry of Education	Beneficiaries no.14	Mr A. Gonzalez	Spain
AHRC	Arts and Humanities Research Council	Beneficiaries no.15	Ms C. Baylon	United Kingdom

NET-HERITAGE is a partnership of ministries, funding agencies and national RTD authorities from 14 European countries.
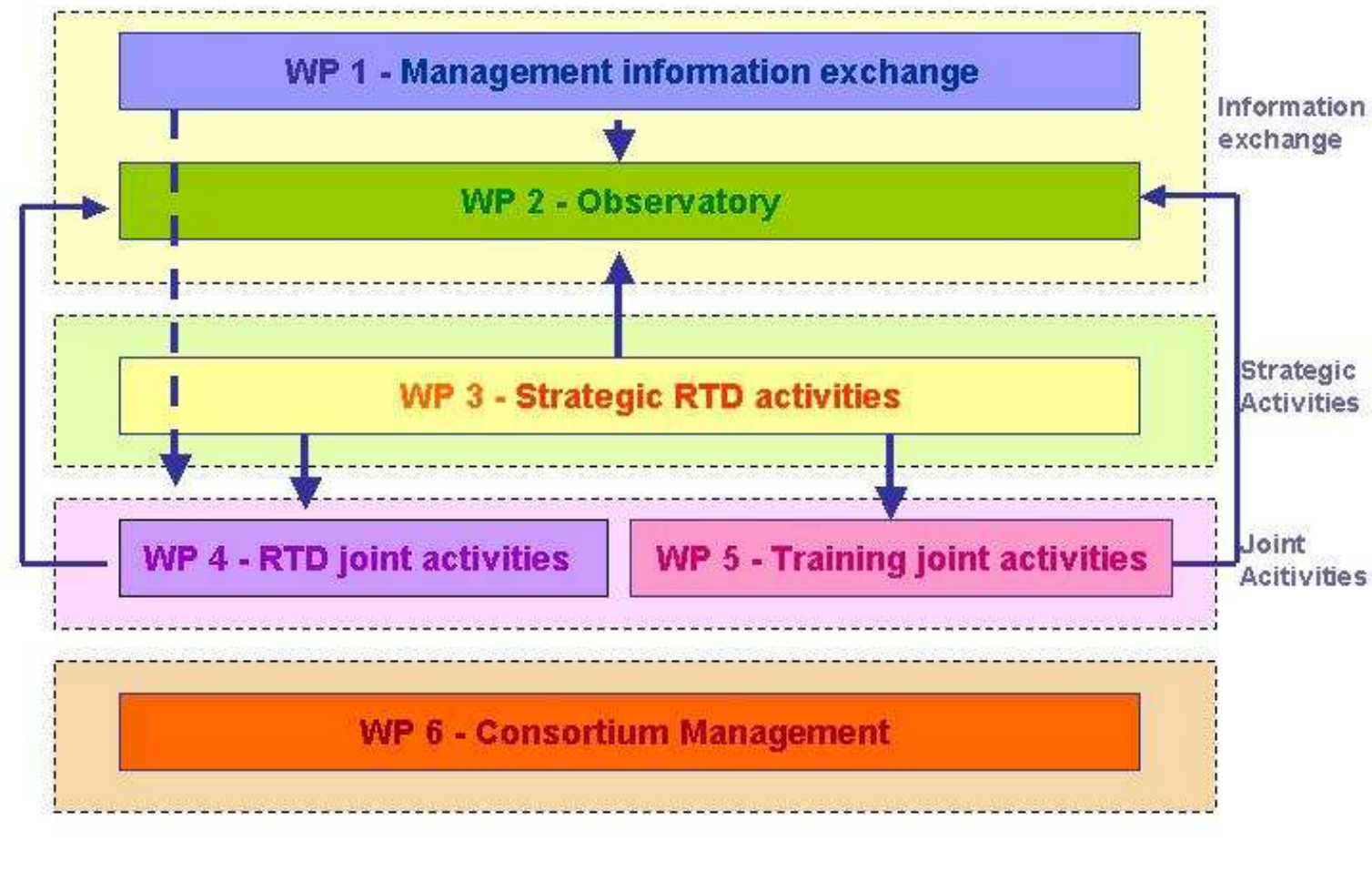
The geographic distribution of Partners assure the consideration of the different problems affecting the protection of cultural heritage due to different environmental conditions, including countries from the Mediterranean Basin to the Polar Area, as well as different typologies of tangible assets characterising the European cultural heritage.

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NET-HERITAGE : MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Contractor Committee
CC
(All Partners)

European Commission

Coordinator
MIBAC

Executive Board
EB
(WP Leaders)

WP 1
MES

WP 2
AHRC

WP 3
MUR

WP 4
DBU

WP 5
MKDN

Task Leader
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ANCS

Partecipant
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NET-HERITAGE : WORKPROJECT DESCRIPTION

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

WP1 Systematic exchange of information and best practices concerning the management of running RTD programmes on the Protection of Tangible Cultural Heritage

Task 1.1. Developing web-based intranet information protocols and tools for mapping all information from existing programmes

Task 1.2. Identifying best practice and Centres of Excellence

Task 1.3. Benchmarking activities devised through a comparison between identified best practice and finalised evaluations

Task 1.4. Mapping the Partners' participation in bilateral, European and International Programmes

Lead Partner: MES

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INFORMATION EXCHANGE

WP2   **European NET-HERITAGE observatory on cultural heritage research exchange of information**

Task 2.1. **Development of a site specification by the project manager/executive producer of the web portal and agreed by the Observatory Editorial Advisory Board**

Task 2.2. **Design of the architecture and content of the web portal**

Task 2.3. **Creation of the web portal**

Task 2.4. **Organise a consultative workshop**

Task 2.5. **Promote the Observatory**

Lead Partner: AHRC

NET-HERITAGE : WORKPROJECT DESCRIPTION

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

WP3 Strategic activities between **RTD programmes** applied to the Protection of Tangible Cultural Heritage

Task 3.1. Coordination framework among Partners engaged in national programmes and activities in the field of protection of tangible cultural heritage

Task 3.2. Strategic Activities leading to the identification of complementarities and potential networking among National Research programmes

Task 3.3. Identification of areas for potential future cooperation

Lead Partner: MUR

JOINT ACTIVITIES

WP 4   **Implementation of joint activities through the coordination between national RTD programmes on tangible cultural heritage**

Task 4.1. **Joint activities among members of the Partnership in preparation for future implementation of transnational programmes**

Task 4.2. **Actions and developing strategies towards the degree of convergence of RTD programme management and evaluation approaches**

Task 4.3. **Actions towards the implementation of a "Common Research Agenda" for multilateral RTD Projects in preparation for opening of programmes**

Task 4.4. **Raising visibility of the importance of this sector**

Task 4.5. **Establishment of mechanisms for networking of RTD programmes for the enhancement of cooperation frameworks and Integration in pre-accession, EU geographical neighbours and non-EU**

Lead Partner: DBU

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JOINT ACTIVITIES

WP5 **Implementation of joint activities through the coordination of advanced training in the field of tangible cultural heritage**

Task 5.1. **Analysis of existing training possibilities**

Task 5.2. **Definition of the model for Advanced Training Programme**

Task 5.3. **Promotion activities to encourage the formation of a pilot group of training institutions in Partner states willing to use and evaluate the programme developed**
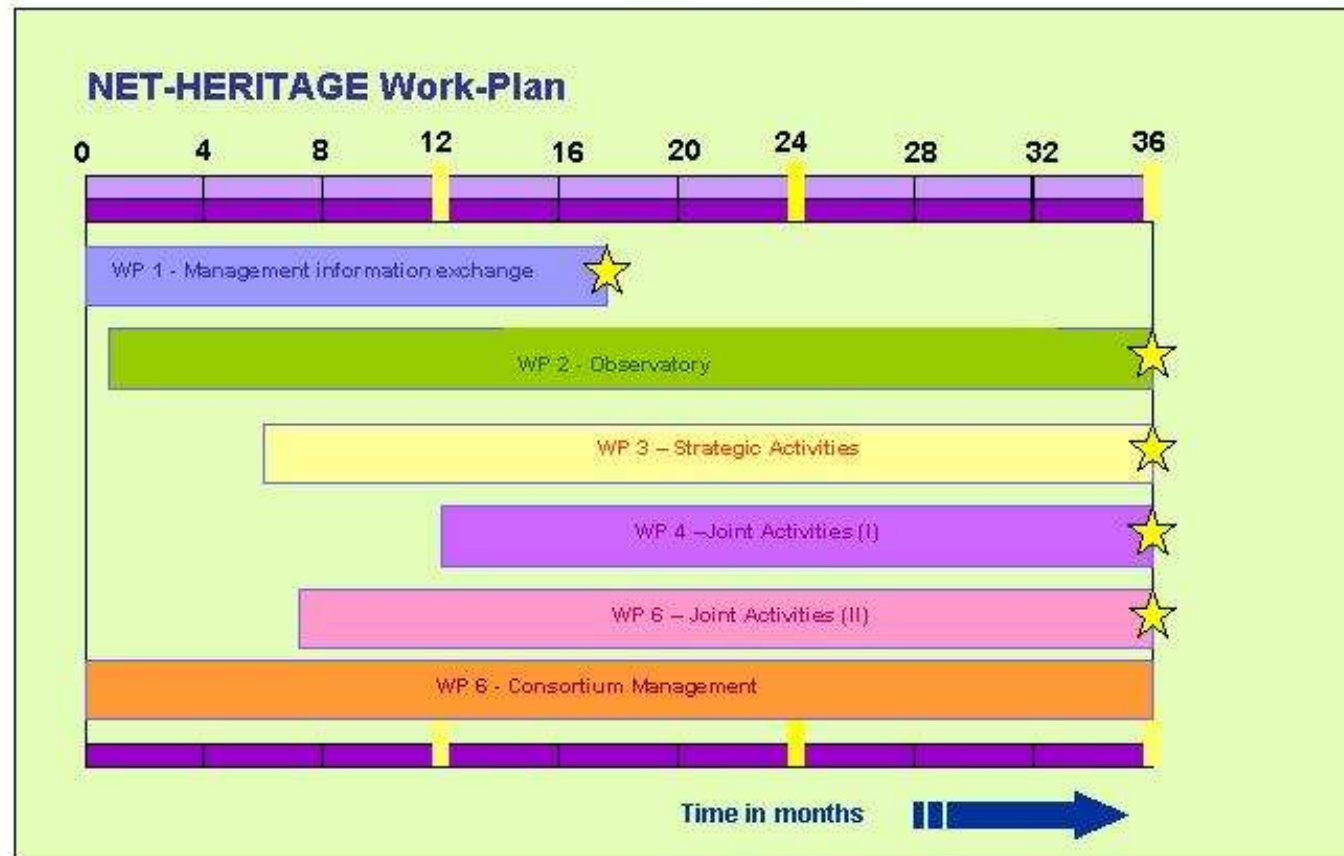
Lead Partner: MKDN

NET-HERITAGE : IMPACT

Impact on the coordination of national RTD activities on Protection of Tangible Cultural Heritage

- ➢ Overcome institutional barriers
- ➢ Prevent the duplication
- ➢ Foster European competitiveness
- ➢ Through NET-HERITAGE Observatory web portal overcoming European fragmentation
- ➢ Complementarity and synergism within the field of intangible and digital heritage
- ➢ Impact on educational, training and knowledge transfer
- ➢ Impact on inclusion of cultural heritage protection in the EU legislation
- ➢ Impact on the harmonisation and acceptability of technologies and methodologies applicable to the tangible cultural heritage

NET-HERITAGE : TIMESCALE

Figure 2. Generalised timescale of Work-packages during the 36 months of NET-HERITAGE

Strategic importance of European coordination in the sector of research applied to the protection of tangible cultural heritage

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