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Objectives of ERA-NET for coordination of European Research on Cultural Heritage

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Coordination is needed at European level



EU 6th and 7th FP on Research



ERA – NET

**Cooperation and coordination of
national research programmes**



NET - HERITAGE

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

NET-HERITAGE is the first significant initiative ever attempting to coordinate national RTD programmes of European countries in the field of research applied to the Protection for Tangible Cultural Heritage

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NET - HERITAGE : PARTNERSHIP

1. Italy - Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities (MIBAC)
2. Italy - Ministry of University and Research (MUR)
3. Belgium - Belgian Federal Science Policy (BFSP)
4. Bulgaria - Ministry of Education and Science (MES)
5. France - Ministry of Culture and Communication (MCC)
6. Germany - German Federal Foundation for the Environment (DBU)
7. Greece - Hellenic Ministry of Culture (HMC)
8. Iceland - Archaeological Heritage Agency of Iceland (MCI)
9. Latvia - The State Inspection for Heritage Protection (VKPAI)
10. Malta - Heritage Malta (HM)
11. Poland - Ministry of Culture and National Heritage (MKDN)
12. Romania - National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS)
13. Slovenia - Ministry of Culture (MK)
14. Spain - Ministry of Education (MEC)
15. United Kingdom - Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC)

Research Programme Managers working at national level

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.

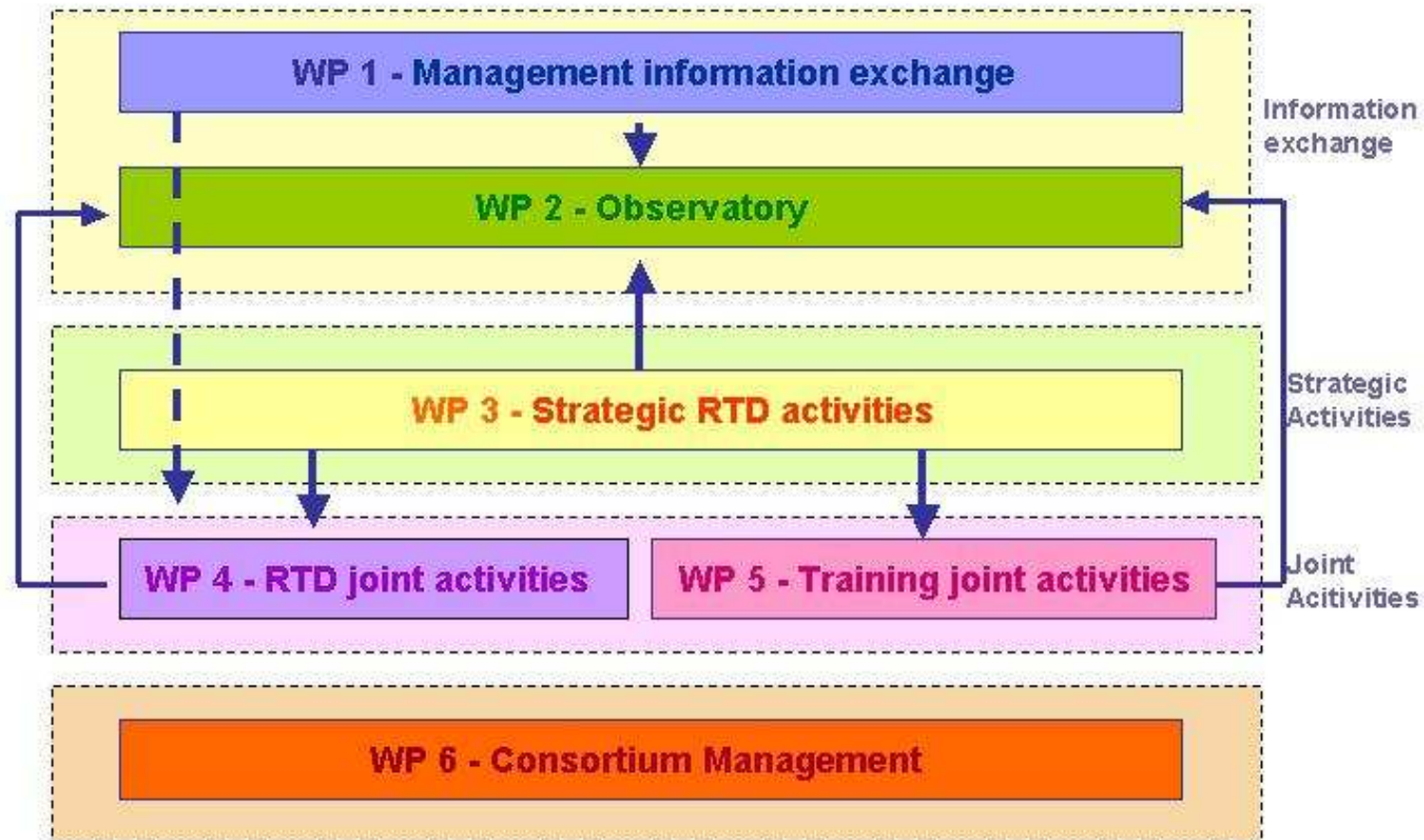
NET-HERITAGE : PRINCIPAL BENEFITS

- Coordinating actions within the European partnership, aiming to promote and maintain the excellence of European research applied to tangible cultural heritage;
- Favours the protection of the moveable and immovable tangible heritage through measures designed for an integrated and sustainable development of the European environment;
- Expanding the potential of the cultural heritage research sector, which has much in common with environmental and social sustainability, in particular, underpinning collaborative research in the field of Sustainability and Cultural Heritage, Environmental Technologies, Global Change, Environmental Impact Assessment;

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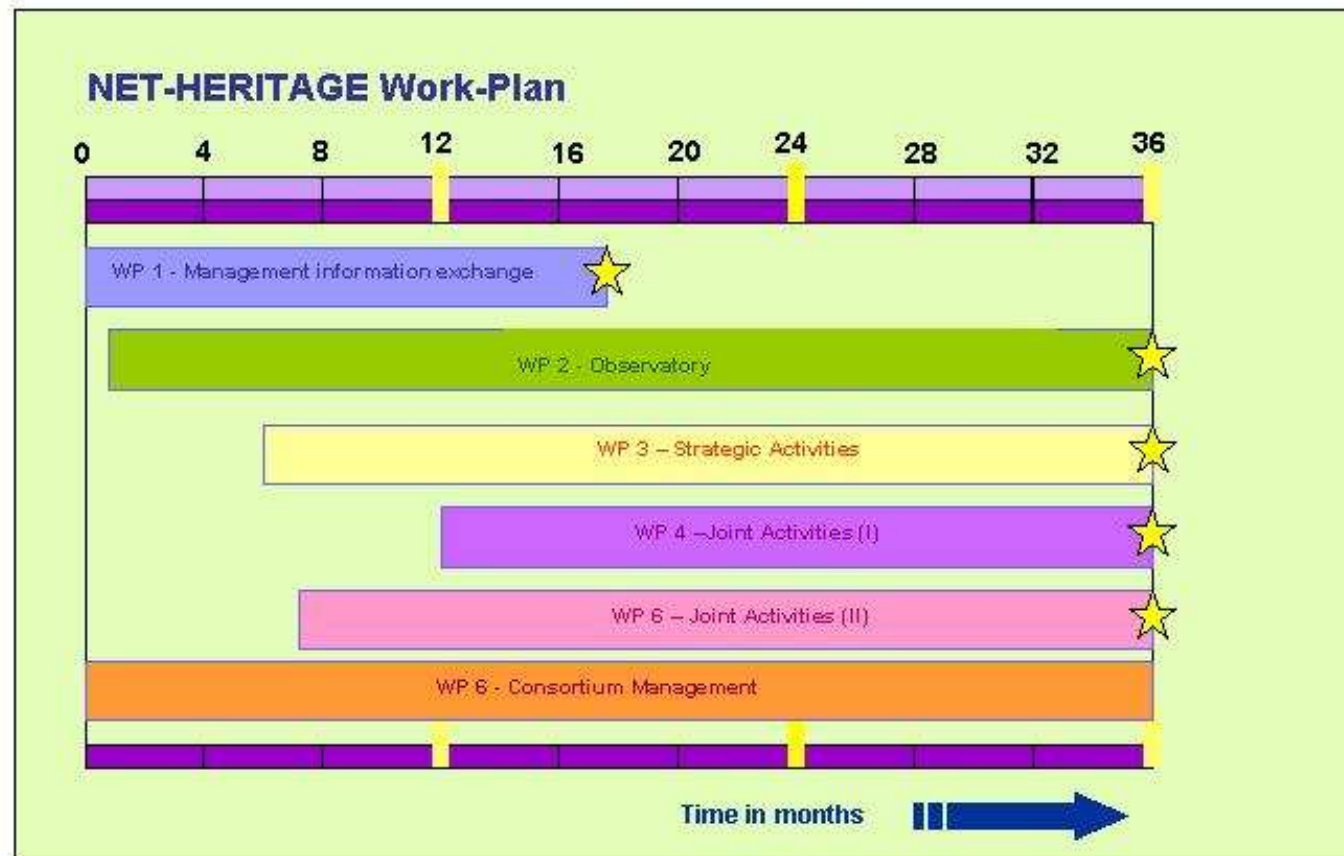
- Enhancing the dissemination of research results and news in the field of protection of tangible cultural heritage;
- Increasing the visibility of the social and economic importance of the cultural heritage sector both at the European level and among member states;
- Supporting educational and training programmes and activities in the sector;
- Developing a common framework of policies aimed at improving the protection of cultural heritage;
- Favours common actions aimed at promoting European Cultural Heritage research outside Europe.

NET-HERITAGE : WORKPACKAGES



NET-HERITAGE : TIMESCALE

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



NET-HERITAGE : INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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

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

NET-HERITAGE : STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

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

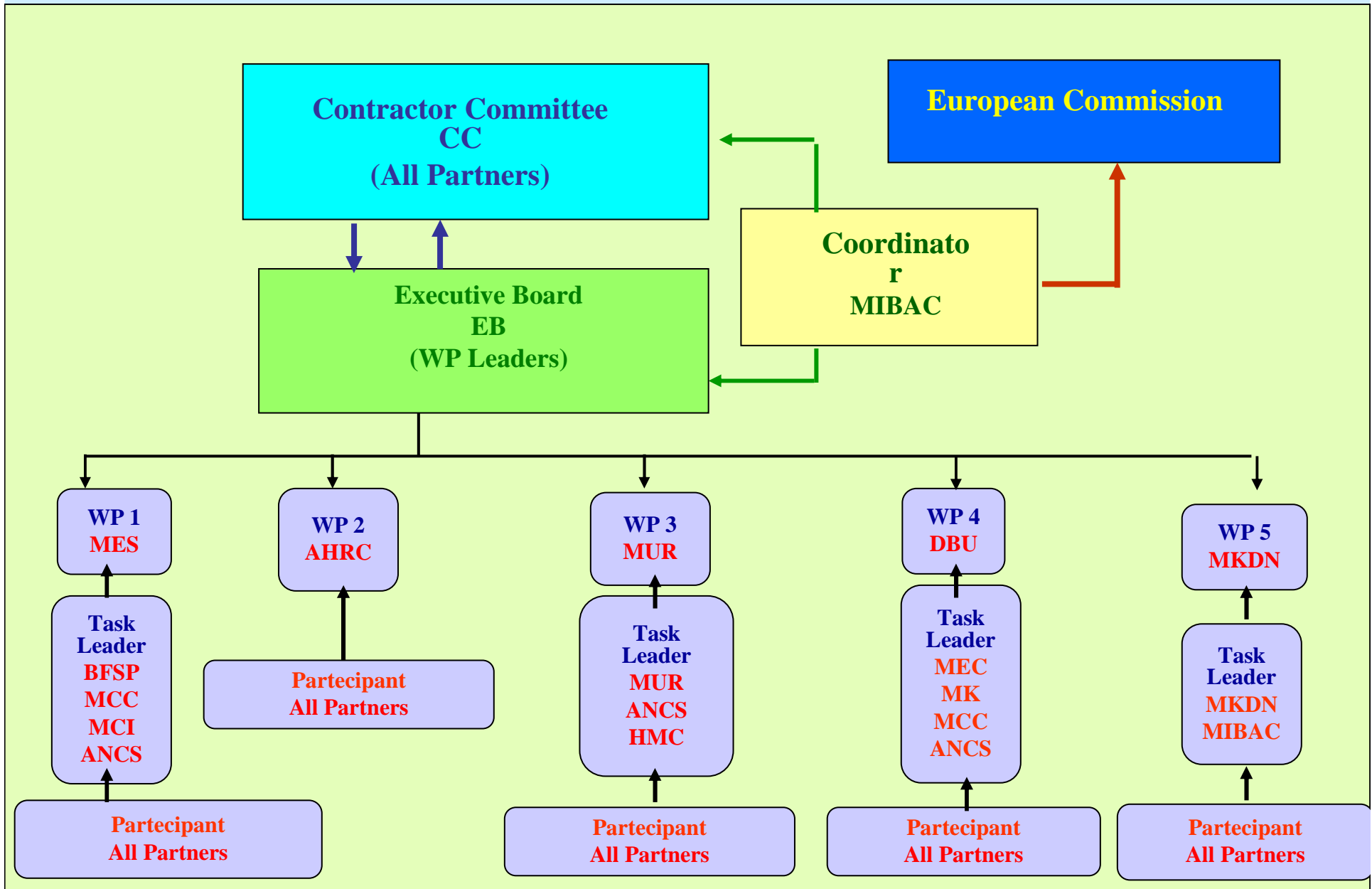
Identify areas for potential future cooperation in the different fields, including environmental monitoring for pollution, climate change, seismic risks, materials and technologies for conservation, security technologies, tele-survey and GIS for protection and management of tangible cultural heritage.

NET-HERITAGE : JOINT ACTIVITIES

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

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

NET-HERITAGE : MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



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

Thanks for your attention

