Experiences from the EUROCORES programme « The Origin of Man, Language and Languages (OMLL)»

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OMLL

First Eurocores

Strong interdisciplinarity
 Linguistics, Population genetics,
 Paleoanthropology, Archaeology,
 Neuroscience, Computer modelling

Early problems

- Administrative « constraints »
 - Funding synchronisation
 - National evaluations

- Circulation of information (website)
 - Inside Eurocores PI
 - Other research initiatives (national)

First period of Eurocores

Eurocores agenda vs. research agenda

Sharing competence and training workshops

Organization of data collection (with archiving in mind)

Second period of Eurocores

« Exchange Workshops »
 (first results, sharing of software tools...)

- « Readjustment Workshops »
 - Domains unsuficently covered (e.g. Historical linguistics)
 - Unplanned themes (e.g. Migrations)

International visibility of Eurocores

 Mention of Eurocores programme in published research and in presentation at International meetings

 Participation of « outsiders » to workshops (and internet access to video recordings, see NDHL workshop)

Post Eurocores

 Scientific impact (eg universals vs. Diversity debate (Levinson and Evans))

Access to data

Printed « trace »

Funding after Eurocores