

EUROCORES BOREAS – Launching meeting



- **78 ESF Member Organisations in 30 countries**
 - **Research funding organisations**
 - **Research performing organisations**
 - **Academies**
- Main objective:
Combat fragmentation**

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Non-governmental organisation with
offices in Strasbourg and Brussels

Coverage of all scientific domains through
"Standing Committees" (scientific
boards) for:

- Physical and Engineering Sciences;
- Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences;
- Medical Sciences;
- Social Sciences;
- Humanities

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The ESF provides a common
**platform for its Member
Organisations** in order to:

- advance **European** research
- explore **new directions** for
research at the European level

Through its activities, the ESF serves
the needs of the European research
community in a **global context**

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Humanities at ESF:

Disciplines: Anthropology; archaeology; art & art history; history; history & philosophy of science; literature; linguistics; musicology; pedagogy; philosophy; psychology; religious studies

Fields: e.g.: area Studies; development and environment; gender studies; heritage studies; media studies etc.

Questions: e.g. consciousness; global change; human dignity; human evolution; migration; security; society and technology

Research Infrastructures

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ESF instruments:

Strategy: Exploratory Workshops;
Research Conferences; Forward
Looks

“explore new directions”

Synergy: Research Networking
Programmes; EUROCORES

Management: EURYI; COST

“advance at European level”

BUT: “Global context”?

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- EUROCORES – ESF European Collaborative Research Programmes:
- European (plus)
 - Collaboration: transdisciplinary; transnational; researchers AND funders
 - Research: basic research; working together, not “just” meeting
 - Programme: addressing large-scale issues by offering opportunities for wide-ranging, multi-perspective approaches
 - ESF: “responsive mode”

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- OMLL: Origin of Man, Language and Languages (2004);
- CNCC: Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context (2005);
- BOREAS: Histories from the North – environments, movements, narratives (2005)
- “Inventing Europe”: Technology and the Making of Europe, 1850 to present (2006);
- TECT: The Evolution of Cooperation and Trading (2006);
- LogiCCC: Logical Modelling in Interaction, Communication, Cognition and Computation (2007)

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EUROCORES Networking (usually
10% of research funding) currently
provided through grant from EC:

Main internal objectives:

- **Programme coherence**
- **Programme visibility**

Main overall objective:

- **Strengthening the field
(capacity building)**

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EUROCORES Networking:

Tools:

- Joint science meetings: workshops; symposia; conferences
- Support for joint publications
- Mutual research visits
- Dissemination support (representation at larger science events)
- PR support

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EUROCORES Networking:

Programme coherence

- Promote development of synergies between funded projects
- Exploring programme aspects not covered by main research focus of selected projects

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EUROCORES Networking:

Programme visibility

- Promote the benefits of international research collaboration;
- Promote the contribution of the field to wider areas of participating Hum./SocSci. disciplines and areas of knowledge;
- Promote Hum./SocSci. approaches in the interdisciplinary contexts
- Promote the field in countries not participating in BOREAS

Practical: brochure; websites; reports

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EUROCORES Networking:

Rules:

- Joint science meetings: three CRPs involved (value € 15.-25.000); financial responsibility of local organiser; scientific report required
- Co-sponsorship welcome
- Meetings and visits in Europe (incl. Greenland; incl. cross-border meetings with Russia) [value/duration of visits tbc]
- Dissemination (programme representation worldwide) [ca. four times p.a.]
- Contributions to BOREAS "PR" material required
- Scientific Committee (PLs + with Coordinator) discuss merit