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Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context (CNCC)

An **ESF EUROCORES** (EUROpean COllaborative
RESearch) programme

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Part one: About the European Science Foundation (ESF)



About ESF



80 Member Organisations (in 30 countries, beyond the European Union):

- o Research funding organisations
- o Research performing organisations
- o Academies



About ESF

- Established 1974
- Independent, non-governmental
- Offices in Strasbourg and Brussels
- Budget: 45M€
- Networking Budget: 1-3B€
- Covering all research domains



Mission

To provide a common platform for our Member Organisations in order to:

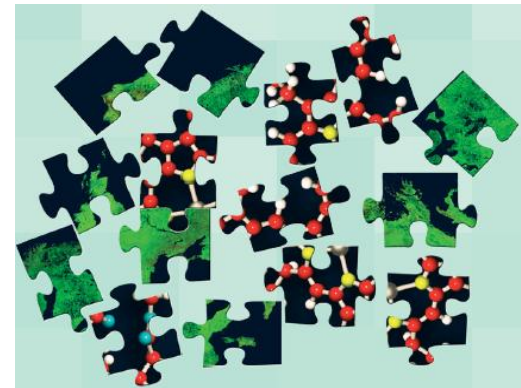
- » Advance European research
- » Explore new directions for research at the European level



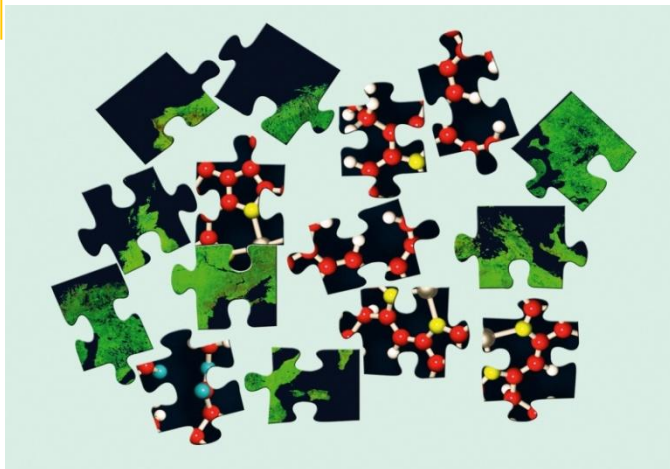
Through our activities, we serve the needs of the European research community in a global context.



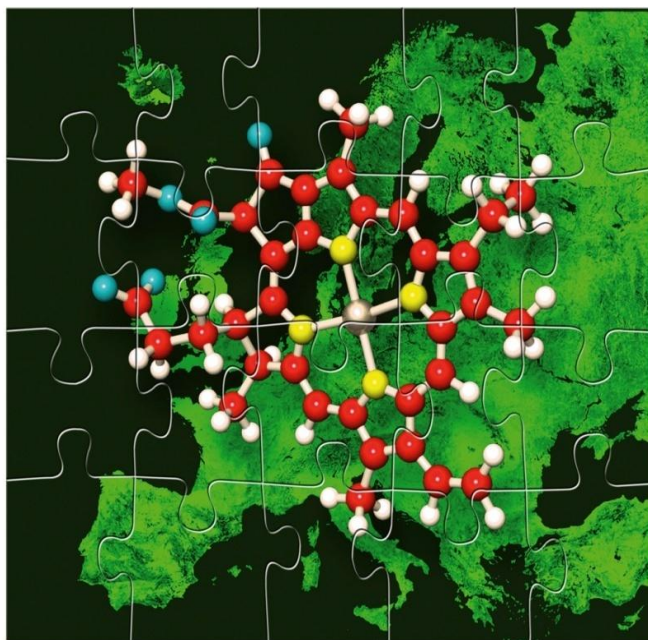
Part two: About EUROCORES



fragmented
research strengths



new, integrated
knowledge



EUROCORES Vision

Responsive mode

- Bottom-up, researcher-led identification of themes
- Consultation with funders
- Combines researcher's needs and strategic priorities

Funding agencies join forces to support cutting edge trans-disciplinary, trans-national collaborative research; multi-perspective on complex / broad questions

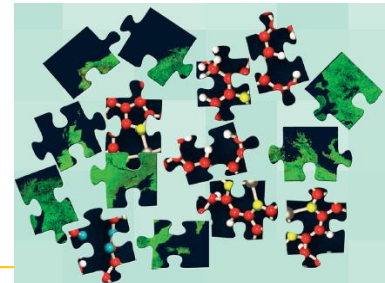
Create critical mass in a global context:
New approaches,
new collaborations, new
knowledge

EUROCORES - Main Features

- Multi-national research projects (research groups from at least 3 different participating countries)
- International competition
- Funding remains national
- ESF ensures quality control
- Provides flexible framework for collaboration of national funding agencies
- Investigator driven

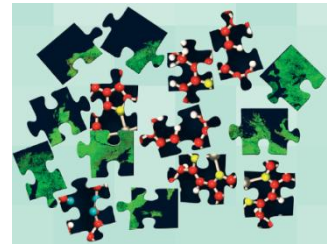
A Eurocores programme typically involves

- 10-20 participating countries (CNCC 20)
- a research budget of 5-10 M€ (CNCC 5 M€)
- a running time of 3 years



EUROCORES - Where are we now?

- Ca. 200 programme proposals submitted
- Ca. 40 programmes selected
- Ca. 8.000 applications of Collaborative Research teams (CRPs)
- Ca. 200 M€ funding
- Ca. 70 funding organisations from ca. 35 countries, within and outside Europe



Part three: About CNCC



Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context (CNCC)

The EUROCORES programme CNCC offers a framework for researchers from the humanities, social and natural sciences to build joint research projects to approach the question of consciousness.

Running time:

November 2006 – November 2009

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CNCC – Collaborative Research Projects

- **Brain, Agency, Self, Intersubjectivity and Consciousness**
Project leader: Andreas Roepstorff, University of Aarhus
- **Unconscious boundaries of mind; research into the extended mind hypothesis**
Project leader: Tjeerd Jellema, University of Hull
- **The conscious experience of what is reachable: neural, behavioural, cultural and philosophical aspects**
Project leader: Yann Coello, Université de Lille
- **Consciousness in Interaction. The Role of the Natural and Social Environment in Shaping Consciousness**
Project leader: Cristiano Castelfranchi, ISTC - CNR, Roma
- **Metacognition as a precursor to self-consciousness: evolution, development & epistemology**
Project Leader: Joëlle Proust, Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris

CNCC – Participating funding organizations



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Research Council



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Danish Agency for Science
Technology and Innovation
Ministry of Science
Technology and Innovation



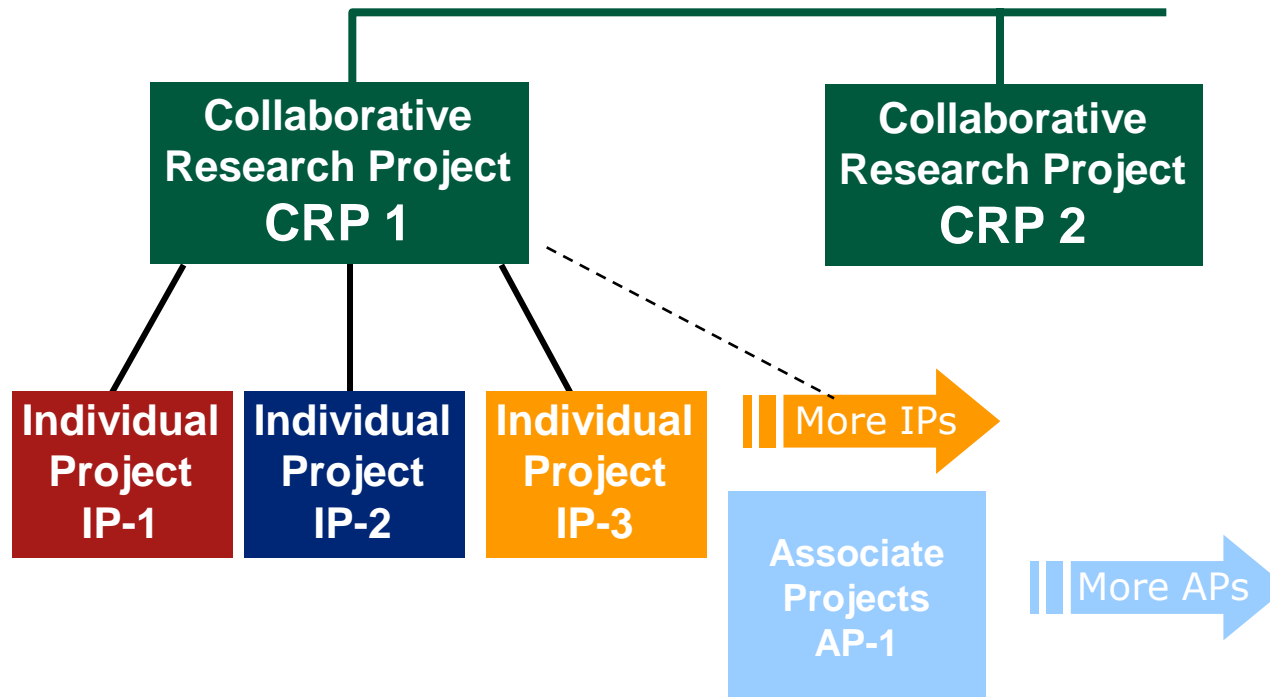
EUROCORES - Networking

Aim:

- Enhance existing collaborations;
- Identify new and strategic partnership opportunities;
- Explore aspects of the programme which are not covered by the funded projects



EUROCORES Programme



CNCC – Examples Networking Activities



- CNCC Launch Conference
12-14 November 2006, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Workshop “Perception, Interaction and Consciousness”
3 July 2007, Bristol, UK
- Conference “Fallibilities, illusions and metacognition”,
12-13 July 2007, Paris, France
- CNCC Session at the conference “Cognition: Embodied,
Embedded, Enactive and Extended”
20-24 October 2007, University of Central Florida, US

Minds, Brains, and Beyond
an international conference in memory
of Susan Hurley (1954-2007)

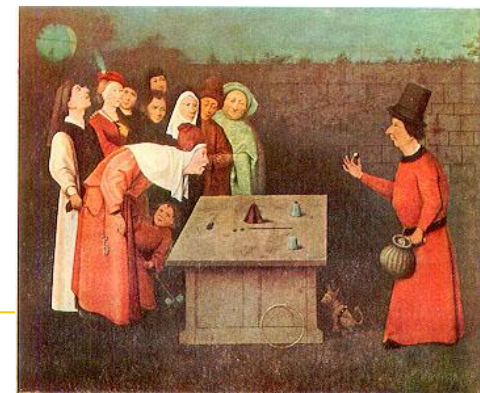
University of BRISTOL
2009
CENTENARY

20-22 March 2009
Public lecture on the evening of Friday 20 March by Daniel C. Dennett (Tufts University).

Speakers:

Josef Luis Bermudez Washington University in St Louis	Douglas Higgins University of Oxford	Nicholas Rescher University of Duquesne
Sarah-Jayne Blakemore University College London	Thomas Metzinger University of Würzburg	Niccolò Spinoza University of Chicago
John Campbell University of California at Berkeley	Markus University of Connecticut	Kim Sterner Aston University
Andy Clark University of Edinburgh	Ruth Millikan University of California at Berkeley	Michael Wheeler University of Sussex
Allen Goldman Dartmouth	Alan Nida University of North Carolina	Co-Chair: Fran Spicker (Photography)

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"CNCC Final Conference", Edinburgh, 1-4 October 2009

CNCC – Examples Networking Activities



- Series "Self and Other in Social Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind", 23-24 November 2007, London, UK, 26-28 October 2008, Alghero, Italy
- Workshop "Boundaries of what the mind can reach" 28-29 February 2008, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
- CNCC session at "Toward a Science of Consciousness" 8-12 April 2008, Tucson, Arizona, US



CNCC – Examples Networking Activities



- Final "CNCC Essay Award"
27 June 2008, Edinburgh, UK
- Summer school "Social Cognition and Social Narrative"
7-13 July 2008, San Marino
- Session "Consciousness in Context" at the European Science Open Forum 2008, 20 July 2008, Barcelona, Spain
- Short Term visits

Social Cognition and Social Narrative
7-13 July 2008

Collegium/Summer School
University of San Marino
Università degli Studi della Repubblica di San Marino

Participating Faculty:
 Gordon Gollwitzer
Psychology (ECC-CNCC, Rome)
 Ursula Griebel
Developmental Psychology
 Douglas Gosholtz
Cognitive, Social, and Behavioral Sciences
 David Gosholtz
Psychology
 Daniel Fortin & Stefania
 ... (list continues)

A one-week interdisciplinary collegium/summer school sponsored by the European Science Foundation, on contemporary research in the area of social cognition, theory of mind, and narrative theory.

This collegium is designed to bring researchers from the EUROCORES programme "Consciousness in a Natural and Cultural Context (CNCC) and major figures in the area of social cognition together with younger scholars, graduate students, and post-doctoral researchers to discuss the role of narrative and embodied intersubjectivity. Within the framework of a week-long summer school, research presentations, discussions, and informal meetings will allow researchers and students to share knowledge and interests. Researchers from outside the CNCC projects, together with researchers from CNCC projects will be participating.

Application deadline: 1 March 2008

Application materials and further information is available on the following website:
<http://www.eurocores.org/eurocores/collegium.html>

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INVITATION

The European Science Foundation at ESO

CNCC – Final Conference



From the programme booklet:

“The CNCC Final Conference brings all CNCC projects together after three years of intensive research collaborations.”

“An important outcome of the CNCC programme is that the programme as a whole has proven to be more than the sum of its parts. To present this added value, the CNCC Final Conference is structured around 5 sessions that each addresses a research question that lies on the interface of various CNCC projects. In each session, speakers from two or more Collaborative Research Projects will present their views. In this way, the conference goes beyond the work that has been carried out in the various projects and points towards new directions for research.”

Wishing you a successful meeting!

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