



Network of reference laboratories and related organisations for monitoring and bio-monitoring of emerging environmental pollutants

NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

(SUB-PROJECT: NETWORK)

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The NETWORK sub project

Will assist the **construction** and **effective implementation** of the NORMAN network as “a network of European reference laboratories and related organisations dealing with monitoring and bio-monitoring of emerging environmental pollutants”.

Main objectives are

- To ensure the sustainable production and availability of **reliable data** on emerging pollutants in all MS
- To improve the **accessibility** of data by all stakeholders
- To promote the **transfer** of know-how and expertise
- To assist with the **co-ordination of research** at EU level to identify gaps in existing knowledge and future research needs and to prevent duplication of efforts.

NETWORK: Overall objectives

- The « umbrella », the « engine » of all NORMAN sub-projects
- Designed to ensure the transition of the initial *core network* (NORMAN partners) to an extended *permanent network* (to be built)

NETWORK

The work is organised in two main activities :

- **Setting up the extended network by:**
 - Identification of key EU organisations and experts : **the core network**
 - dissemination of information
- **Institutionalisation of the network by :**
 - Draft design and test of the permanent network (setting up a **Business Plan** and a **Joint Programme of Activities**)
 - dissemination of information

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Two main goals:

- **Identification of key EU organisations and experts**
- **Dissemination of activities**
- **Institutionalisation of the network (design of the future permanent network, JPA and BP)**

Identification of key EU organisations and experts

- **Development of criteria and indicators for the identification of**
 - reference laboratories,
 - research centres,
 - Related organisations dealing with emerging pollutants(these criteria will be then used by SEARCH for the design of the database)

Different steps :

- Establishment of a **glossary** to find a common definition of reference laboratories, research centres and associated criteria
- Glossary extended to the “entire” Norman project : selection of terms to be used by all actors during the project in order to speak the “same language”.

➔ Selection of definitions by task leader, circulation between partners, comments or corrections to have a common agreement on a definition for each term
The first version of the glossary : established but will be upgraded during the time life of the project.

Identification of key EU organisations and experts

- **Development of criteria and indicators :reference laboratories**
 - **Criteria related to potential competences:**
 - Capable of interacting with research labs
 - Capable of interacting with quality area
 - Capable of interacting with standardisation, reglementation
 - Capable of interacting with test laboratories
 - **Criteria related to objectives/missions:**
 - Assistance / test laboratories
 - Support/ public authorities
 - Dissemination of information
 - Leadership in EU Research projects

Identification of key EU organisations and experts

- **Development of criteria and indicators**
 - :research laboratories**
 - Activities in policy area
 - Activities in standardisation area
 - Activities in the research area
 - Mission' criteria : technical support to public authorities
- Criteria related to activities

Identification of key EU organisations and experts

2- Identification of NORMAN Contact Points in the different EU countries

➤ Definition of a profile of a Contact Point : tasks and identification

Criteria to define a Contact Point could be :

A geographical criteria

A technical criteria

- Family of pollutants

- Type of Matrixes (water, soil, air...)

- Activities (monitoring, risk assessment ...)

Sphere of Influence

➤ First list of candidate of Contact Point

To keep regular exchange of info with the Contact Points → dissemination activities

Dissemination activities

- **Newsletter** : publication of newsletter (5 issues)
- **Website** : development and regular updating of the project website
- **Conferences / Workshop** : contribution and organisation

Newsletter

Information on the **goals** and the **progress** of the project

- Current situation of emerging pollutants in Europe
- latest relevant EU research activities,
- environmental policy development
- EU-funded projects

Contributions from Editorial committee, but also from project partners and contact points (if possible)

→ Publication of the first Newsletter : end of June 06

web site

- **Workspace for Norman partners**
 - comments from partners on intermediate documents
 - space dedicated to reference documents
- **Public area** for external users
eg : database, newsletters, events, deliverables
(public dissemination level)

<http://www.norman-network.net>

Workshops

- Contributions to workshop / conferences / working groups/ RTD projects
 - eg, CMA meeting, workshop of Swift ...
- Organisation of 3 workshops (month 15, 21 and 24)

Institutionalisation of the network

- **Objectives :**
 - design of the future permanent network (definition of the roles and responsibilities for different categories of partners)
 - definition of the Joint Programme of activities
 - preparation of a business plan for the future permanent network