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1. Objective of the Deliverable

The objective of the deliverable is to report the proceedings of the coordination meeting and the benchmarking workshop which was held at Hotel Claridges on the 10th and 11th of March 2010. The report also gives an update of the India gate partner's participation in different events wherein they could inform about the project and its objectives. The deliverable gives a summary of the project progress for the period January to March 2010.

2. Coordination Meet- 10th of March 2010: Summary

Project partners from EU and India belonging to India gate, New Indigo, EUNEC, Synchroniser and EU-India SPIRIT participated in the coordination meet to discuss synergies between the various projects undertaken with an objective to enhance the overall impact of the all the projects in India as well as EU.

The three major outcomes of the meeting were:

- To make EIRC web portal as the single point of location to host links of all the EU-India projects in ICT, biotechnology, health and other thematic sectors.
- All projects disseminate news about other projects in the events and info days they attend.
- All EU-India projects to give a letter of support to endorse India's participation in the major brokerage event organized by the European Commission at Brussels in May.

3. Bench marking Workshop-11th March 2010: Summary

The bench marking workshop held in March aligns fully well with the objective of the India Gate project which is to create a single information point on the funding opportunities available in India for European organizations. The workshop was organized to announce the objective to the relevant Indian government officials who are involved in the decision making process of creating funding opportunities. The intention was to create and assess the interest of the Indian government in the India Gate project objective and discuss ways





to achieve the objective for a mutually beneficial and enhanced cooperation between EU and India.

The list of participants of the coordination meet, the minutes of the coordination meeting, minutes of the benchmarking workshop, the attendees list and the photographs pertaining to both the events is given in the annexure.

The workshop began with the presentations from the European Commission- Robert Burmanjer, India gate project coordinator- Martina Desole, New Indigo coordinator- Ms Auriele Pachkoff, Dr A chakraborty- CSIR and Ms Sangeetha Bhakshi-TIFAC. The excerpts of the presentations are given below.

3.1 Excerpts of Rober Burmanjer's presentation:

The workshop opened with welcome words from Rober Burmanjer- EC followed by a presentation on the EU Scientific cooperation with various countries, FP7 and statistics relating to EU projects with other countries. He emphasized the role of science and innovation for economic growth and need for enhanced cooperation between the regions to improve competitiveness.

In his presentation on FP7, Mr. Robert asked for global approach for success and to support and promote S&T development of a country with the objective of competitiveness which is the need of consumers. He emphasized on in-house/Joint Work/Mobility of Research Fellows/Scientists between EU and third world countries for enhanced cooperation. **He also reiterated that India, like other countries like China, Korea, Argentina and Canada could increase its matching funded projects to build capacity in S&T.**

3.2 Excerpts of India gate presentation:

Ms. Martina Desole of Agency for Promotion of Research in Europe-APRE gave a presentation on the objectives of India gate highlighting on the structure and activities of the project. Focusing on the project she mentioned that a comprehensive database of existing funding opportunities and the rules of participating in them for the European researchers will be created by the project. This would aid targeted cooperation and improve mutual understanding of the research and technology programmes between the regions.





3.3 Excerpts of New Indigo presentation:

Ms Aurielle Pachkoff presented the objectives, structure and activities of New Indigo project. The broad objective is to provide a framework for Indian Scientific Community to access the European research Area and to create awareness among both the Indian and European researchers about various research programmes available for India in Europe and Europe in India.

3.4 Excerpts of presentation by CSIR

Dr A Chakraborty gave a presentation on the journey of CSIR, its history, its achievements, the vast multidisciplinary talent pool it harnesses, the technologies it has brought out, the research themes it fosters the knowledge it has created so far.

He stated that European scientists can participate in multilateral projects which bring them closer to Indian scientists. He further informed that CSIR is open to Fellowship Programme for Europeans.

3.5 Excerpts of the Presentation of TIFAC

Ms. Sangeeta Baksi made a detailed presentation on TIFAC objectives and activities highlighting the vision 2020 programme. She also made presentation on the India-IIASA Programme, the opportunities available for improved participation by Indian researchers with IIASA etc at various institutes. Focusing on the India-IIASA Programme she mentioned the programme focuses on ***Leveraging Collaboration for Scientific Research and Capacity Building*** among Indian researchers, scientists and policy makers utilizing the strength of IIASA researchers on three interlinked global areas: environment and natural resources, energy and technology and population and society.





3.6 Discussions and Conclusions

Following the presentations, members from DSIR had asked questions regarding the

- Impact of the FP7
- Rationale behind the priority of the thematic areas,
- The need to create awareness amongst Indian scientists on EU research programmes.

Rober Burmanjer answered all the questions relating to the FP.

Following the questions by members of DSIR, Martina had a few questions to DST and CSIR on the existing funding opportunities and also the possibility of creating new funding opportunities to European researchers in Indian national programmes.

Responding to Martina's question on existing funding opportunities for EU researchers in Indian national funding programmes Dr Chakraborty of CSIR said that CSIR funds its own labs and scientists participate in research programmes through bilateral and multilateral projects.

Responding to the same question Dr Sood of DST mentioned that funding to EU researchers at the moment is through bilateral and multilateral funding programmes on mutual basis. He mentioned that DST programmes are project based and it would be a joint research work. He also mentioned EU researchers can take part in Science and Research Councils and National programmes through a joint call.

Further he added that a **request by the New Indigo project to open funding for EU researchers is being considered** and similar request from India Gate can be made.

Responding to Mr Burmanjer's question on what would be the funding like for one Indian and one European Organization applying for funding for a research project? Dr Sood said it is possible by signing a **MOU under the bilateral agreement**

The progress of the tasks so far executed is satisfactory. The India Gate project team in accordance with the suggestions of the governing officials from the funding agencies and in addition to its pre defined objectives can also formally inform the heads and decision



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making authorities about the aim and objective of the project and can enhance the chances of achieving the objective.

4. Presentation of IG project in other events

The India gate project partners had a meeting on the 10th of March 2010 in the morning session at the Centre for International Trade and Technology, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade- New Delhi with the faculty of IIFT, where in the project objective of India gate and the rules of participation relating to FP7 were disseminated.

The India Gate project objective was presented at the EU-India summit which took place on the 10th of March at the Hote Taj Mahal, New Delhi. Delegates from European Commission, Indian Government, Project partners of DYNAMAG, MALSIG, Synchroniser, New Indigo EU-India SPIRIT and India gate participated in the summit. A few pictures pertaining to the above event conducted at CITT and the benchmarking workshop are given below.



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5. Annexes

5.1 Attendees & Signatures of 10th March 2010 – Workshop




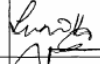



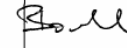


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