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INDIAN PARTICIPATION TO THE IST PROGRAMME NOW SUPPORTED BY A NATIONAL CONTACT POINT

With a newly established National Contact Point and with a network of support organisations grouped under the IRSN (India Research Support Network), Indian participation to the ICT programme in FP7 is expected to increase significantly in the years to come.

Started one year ago by the INCITE project, an IST funded Specific Support Action, the process for the establishment of the first National Contact Point of India for the IST programme was concluded in October this year with the appointment International Co-operation Division of DIT (Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology), under co-ordination of Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, who is now attending his first IST event in the quality of Indian NCP.

Given the size and diversity of the Indian IT community, the Indian Government has opted for a decentralised approach, thus creating the IRSN (Indian Research Support Network), a core of IST experienced organisations operating under co-ordination of the Ministry and targeting different groups of IT stakeholders.

A new generation higher education establishment, the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (iiit-b) will function as the main contact for universities and large companies, including multinationals operating on the Indian territory. C-DAC, the Centre for the Development of Advanced Computing, one of the most reputed Indian scientific bodies, will look at research centres, while ITSMA (Interactive Technology Software and Media Association), a not-for-profit organisation based in Bangalore will be in charge of Small and Medium Sized companies.

With its impressive human resources capacities and a growing involvement in research activities, India bears a huge potential for research co-operation with Europe. The participation of Indian organisations in the IST programme has progressed steadily in the last years, making it now the international co-operation partner country ranking at the 5th place in terms of successful proposals in the IST programme. The activities of the newly established NCP should now contribute to spread more awareness and attract a growing number of Indian organisations to work with European counterparts within FP7.

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To get in contact with the Indian NCP and the representatives of the IRSN, see us at the Euro-India co-operation stand No 71, or attend at the Networking Session on EU-India ICT co-operation on 22/11/2006 at 11.00, Room 203b

