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# ***"ERA co-ordination initiative in the field of Networked Enterprise"***

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# ***An Initiative of the Networked Enterprise & RFID Unit***

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## **Overall Aim:**

... to facilitate the **networking** and the European, national and regional **co-ordination of the research activities** in the field of the Networked Enterprise & RFID Unit (D4) ...

## **The Key Four Areas:**

- ⇒ **Ambient Intelligence Technologies for the Product Lifecycle (+ RFID)**
- ⇒ **Enterprise Interoperability**
- ⇒ Technologies for Business Networking
- ⇒ Technologies for Digital Ecosystems

**Geographical Scope:** EU-27 + Turkey

**Start:** Dec 06 - **End:** Jun 08, **Duration:** 18 months

**Agent Responsible for the Study:** Q-PLAN North Greece Ltd.

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# Potential Impact

**ERA co-ordination initiative in the field of Networked Enterprise is an opportunity to:**

- ⇒ **Identify the Good Practices** and **recommend an action plan** to improve ERA co-ordination.
- ⇒ **Introduce more distinctively the related key research areas** (e.g. [RFID related research](#)) in the European / national / regional policy agendas & priorities.
- ⇒ **Provide recommendations** that could contribute to the definition of **(FP7 priorities with focus on the next Work programme)**.
- ⇒ **Create a long-lasting effect by introducing sustainable interfaces and structures** among the Networked Enterprise & RFID community to support networking, interaction and co-ordination well after the end of the study.

## ***Study's key tasks in brief...***

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- 1. Identify the European, national and regional ICT policies / initiatives** regarding the 4 key areas (28 National and 1 European Report on related policies / initiatives).
  - 2. Identify Unit's policy-related activities** (incl. projects & clusters activities regarding ERA coordination).
  - 3. Make a comparative analysis on policies / initiatives** (provide initial recommendations for better coordination).
  - 4. Organise 2 rounds of discussions / web-consultation and 4 workshops** among the key European and national policy makers / experts (to increase and improve coordination of European and national related research policies / priorities).
  - 5. Update the comparative analysis** based on the outcome of those 2 rounds.
  - 6. Prepare the Final Comparative Analysis** which will include **Good Practices** and an **Action Plan** to improve ERA co-ordination.
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## ***Foreseen activities (Feb-Mar 07) towards the Networked Enterprise & RFID Community***

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*Experts of the Study Team will contact (among others) the Project Coordinators and/or Clusters' Participants to:*

- ⇒ **Collect specific information on projects' and clusters' ERA related activities** (already implemented and planned).
- ⇒ **Create (per project) a Project Profile** that will be later used to map and analyse / compare projects' ERA co-ordination activities.
- ⇒ **Assess level of interest and commitment** to provide input and / or **participate** in the study future activities (**e.g. discussions with decision makers, consultation, workshops, etc**).

# ***Next stages: Actors – Discussions - Workshops***

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## ***Identification of Actors – Knowledge Hubs:***

- ⇒ Finalise a complete list of European national & regional key actors in the area of Network Enterprise & RFID.
- ⇒ Identify the key organisations acting as 'Knowledge Hubs'.

## **Launch discussions / web-consultation**

- ⇒ Launch the initial discussions (web-consultation) among the above stakeholders.
- ⇒ Prepare the ground for the workshops.

## **Organise 4 Workshops in 2 rounds**

- ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> Round (Sept. – Dec 07)
- ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (Jan – June 08)

# ***ERA Coordination Initiative Web-Portal***

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***A Web-Portal will be launched soon and gradually include:***

- ⇒ Policy related content and reports.
- ⇒ A web-forum / web-consultation facility.
- ⇒ E-questionnaire regarding ERA co-ordination.
- ⇒ Study's outcomes: 28 National reports, European reports, Compendiums, consultation and workshop's outcomes, comparative analysis, etc.
- ⇒ Databases with Country profiles, projects' profiles, etc.
- ⇒ Good practices, recommendations, etc
- ⇒ ....

# ***Thank you for your attention !!!***

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