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Specific Programme “COOPERATION”
10 Theme : ”SECURITY”



SEREN

SEcurity REsearch Ncp network

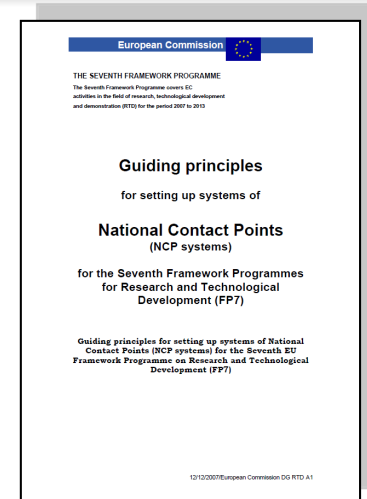
Iulia SIMION – “Security” NCP in FP7



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What is the NCP? / Missions

- ◆ Nominated by the Member State or the Associated Country
- ◆ Informing, awareness raising of Security research stakeholders
- ◆ Advising, assisting and training of participants



Activities (for Security research)

- ◆ Organization of information days, of training session...
- ◆ Information push to stakeholders on Security research thematic priority actuality
- ◆ Support to participants (WP relevance, project management, administrative)
- ◆ Support to partner search

In one sentence:

Supporting you in FP7-SEC calls for proposals

The Security research 'National Contact Point' (2)



REA



DG Enterprise + REA

Programme Committee

NCP 'Basic' services

- Information on ESRP calls
- Advises during proposal preparation (WP, administrative, partner search...)
- Call results
- ...

« Your interface »

Security research community
(Industry, SME, academia)



SEREN: context

- **Security research : a new thematic priority within FP**
 - ◆ Limited background (PASR: 3 years + 2 call for proposals in FP7)
 - ◆ New research and innovation stakeholders (many from defense background) not used to FP procedures
- **Security specificities**
 - ◆ Quite recent research field as such
 - ◆ Few integrated pan European industries (world market) but also many small highly specialized SMEs (national markets)
 - ◆ Necessity to involve End-users!
 - ◆ Necessity to closely work together with SHS communities
 - ◆ “Natural” sensitive issues (access to/exchange of information, ethical considerations...)
- **Security research presents close links with other EU policies**
 - ◆ typically DG JLS policies

SEREN: rationale + objectives

- **Improve each level of service**
 - ◆ Increase NCPs (and stakeholders) knowledge of Security research landscape and actuality: policy notes, exchange of best practices, mapping of national research programmes, preparation of competencies mapping...
 - ◆ Identify fields of improvements: stakeholders needs analysis, NCP needs analysis...
 - ◆ Creation of knowledge pool
- **Foster a network approach to NCP services by pooling together resources and cooperating**
 - ◆ Cooperate on partner search (brokerage events, database, process)

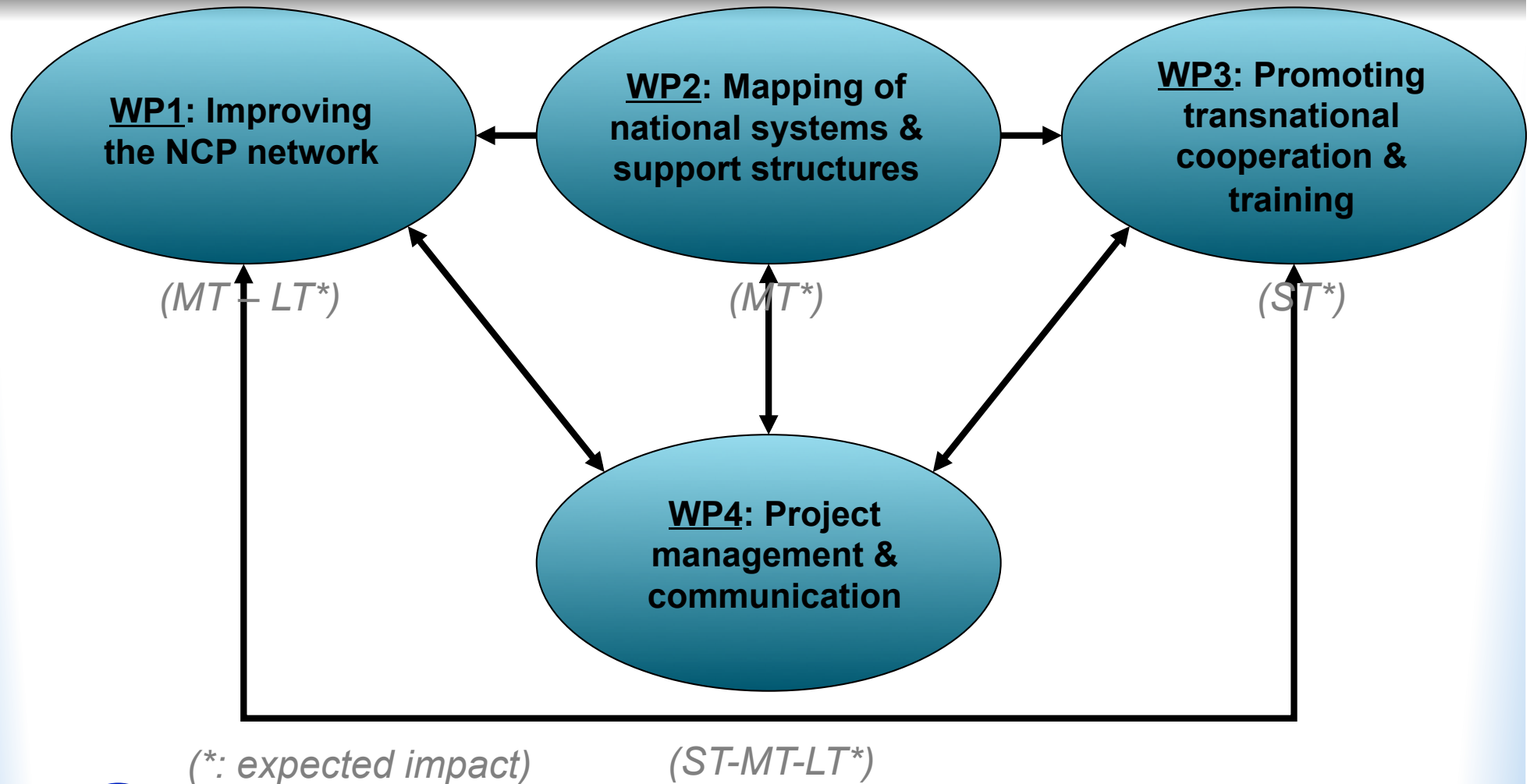
⇒ **Launch of the SEREN network for a limited 18 months duration**

⇒ SEREN – phase 1 (February 2008 – July 2009)

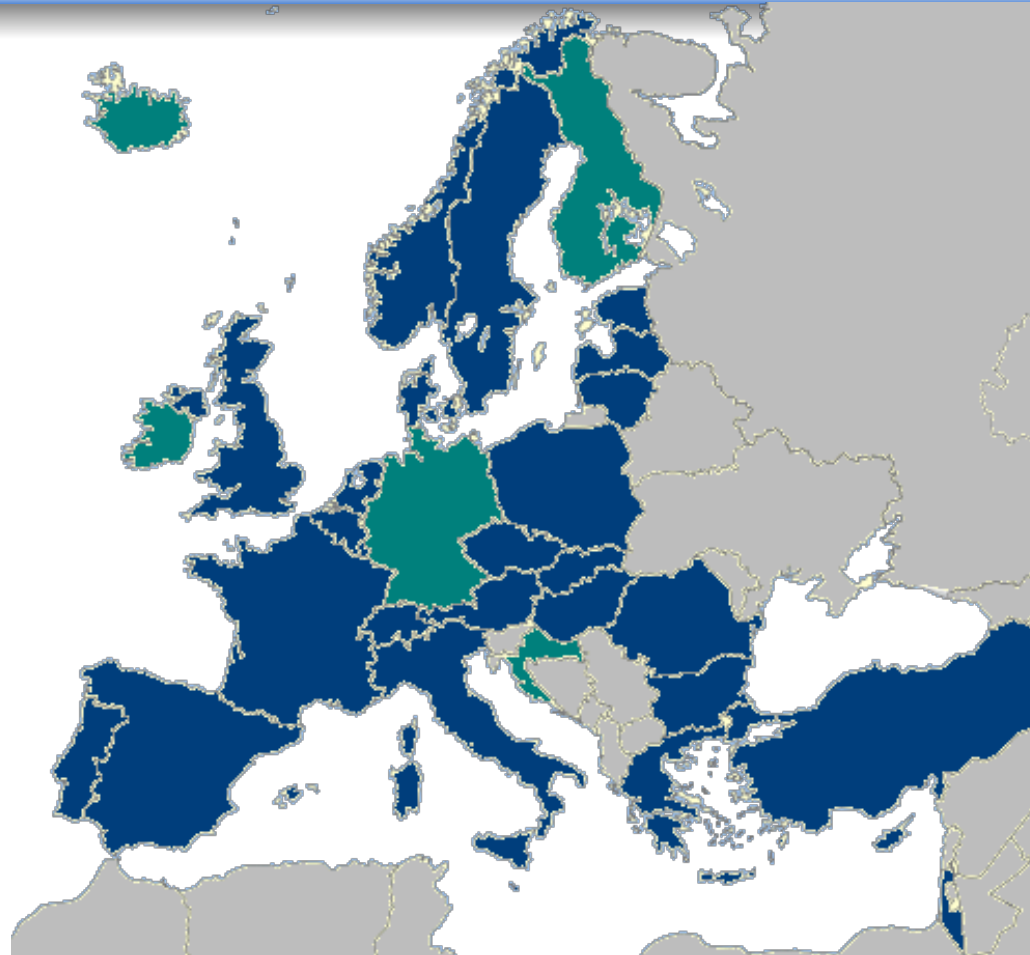
SEREN phase 1 – activities

- WP1** { **“Improving the NCP network”**
Objectives : identify network needs and initiate coordination
- WP2** { **“Mapping of national systems, programmes and support structures”**
Objectives : increase NCP knowledge and awareness of the European security landscape
- WP3** { **“Promoting transnational cooperation and training”**
Objectives : training of NCPs in order to increase the added-value of each NCP and the network as a whole + improvement of the partner search
- WP4** { **“Coordination”**
Objectives : project coordination and monitoring of EU policies having potential impact on Security research

SEREN phase 1 – Work Packages



Participating Countries (1)



SEREN network: 27 (MS + AC) + ZA



Achievements of SEREN I

- Identification of Security NCPs and Stakeholders Needs and Potential
- NCP Guidelines
- Methodology for setting up NCP Focus
- SEREN I website
- Mapping of national security research programmes and support structures
- Partner Search system
- Training session for NCPs
- Policy monitoring

The way forward

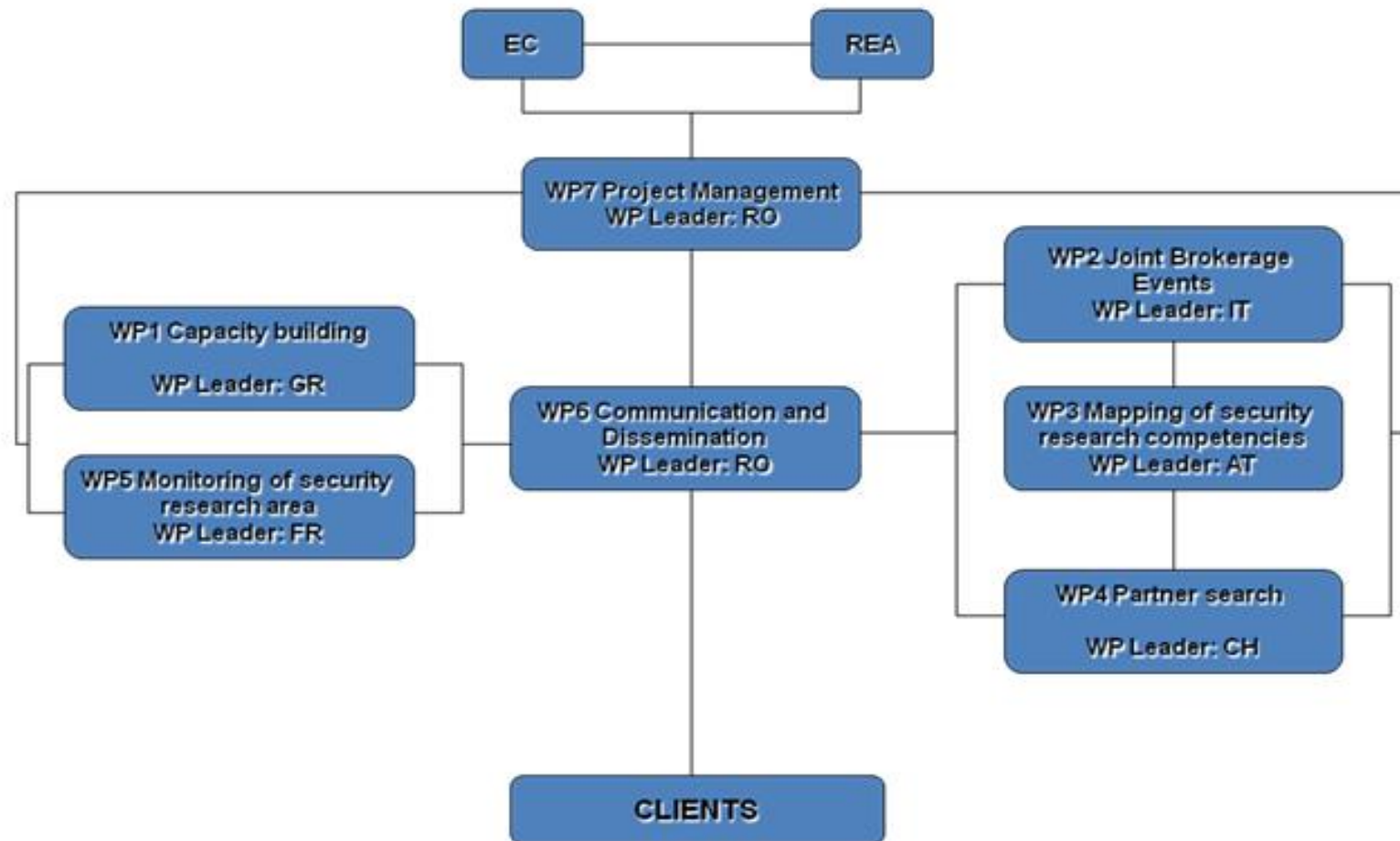
Topic SEC-2010.7.0-6 Trans-national co-operation among NCPs - phase 2

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Description of topic:

- Based upon the phase 1 NCP project, SEREN, further reinforce the network of National Contact Points (NCP)
- The action will focus on identifying and sharing good practices. This may entail various mechanisms such as benchmarking, joint workshops, technical training on security specific issues, and twinning schemes. Practical initiatives to benefit cross-border audiences may also be included, such as trans-national brokerage events.
- The proposal should include an in-depth mapping of security research national systems and programmes, improved presentation of the mapping in order to leverage the impact of the dissemination of the results.
- As for the partner search tool, it should be coordinated with CORDIS, or any other tool upon which the Commission agrees.
- Special attention will be given to helping less experienced NCPs rapidly acquire the know-how accumulated in other countries. However, the participation as partners to the project should be organised around a number of regional clusters of NCPs.
- It is expected to fund co-ordination and support action (coordinating action); and a funding of up to an indicative EUR 1.5 million is envisaged. It is expected that the project should last for a maximum of 3 years, and should in any case finish before March 2013.

Towards SEREN 2



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The Network of SECURITY NCPs:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ncp_en.html

Thank you for attention!

