



# **SNOWMAN**

**a new initiative for transnational research  
funding and cooperation in Europe**

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Internet: <http://www.snowman-era.net>

# ERANET scheme



- to set up the **cooperation and coordination of research activities** carried out at national or regional level in the Member States and Associated States through
  - the **networking of research activities** conducted at national or regional level
  - the **mutual opening** of national and regional research programmes
  - the development of **joint activities**

## ERANET – what has been achieved?

Since 2002 :

- 75 ERANETs around Europe within FP6
- 180 MEUR funding by the EC
- 20 ERANETs under the topic Environment/Energy
- Approx. 20 transnational calls in preparation or implementation

## **SNOWMAN is ...**

- **“Sustainable maNagement of sOil and groundWater under the pressure of soil pollution and soil contaMinAtioN”**
- **... the research funding platform for soil and groundwater in Europe**

## SNOWMAN refers to ...

- Water Framework Directive
- Groundwater directive
- Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection
- Directive on sewage sludge
- Directive on Urban Waste Water Treatment
- Landfill Directive
- Directive on Nitrates Pollution from Agricultural Sources
- Habitat Directive

# SNOWMAN Consortium

- AT : Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft, BMLFUW
- FR : Agence De l'Environnement et de la Maitrise de l'Energie, ADEME
- DE : Umweltbundesamt, UBA
- NL : Stichting Kennisontwikkeling en Kennisoverdracht Bodem, SKB
- UK : The Environment Agency of England and Wales, The EA
- BE : Openbare Vlaamse Afvalstoffenmaatschappij, OVAM
- SE : Naturvårdsverket



# SNOWMAN work programme (1)

- What do we HAVE ?
- Which research programmes are on stage ?
- How do they overlap ?
- What are the contents to be focussed ?

→ database analysis

“A SNOWMAN’s Navigator through Research  
Funding Programmes across Europe. 2006”

## SNOWMAN work programme (2)

- What do we WANT ?
- Which vision of a common ground can we set up ?
- What helps ? What hinders cooperation ?
- What are the contents to be focussed ?

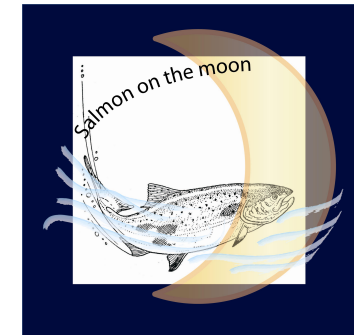
→ Vision paper

“Working together in research and development for sustainable land management in Europe – the vision of SNOWMAN. 2006”





# The vision of SNOWMAN



- Short term
  - To exercise a coordinated call
- Mid term
  - To share a common R&D agenda
  - To create a platform for funding proposals
- Long term
  - Coherence in European, national and regional R&D programmes
  - Strong network of funders, stakeholders and researchers
  - To become THE source of knowledge on soil matters

## SNOWMAN work programme (3)

- How can we GET cooperation NOW ?
- Which are contents and questions for coordinated research ?
- Which mechanisms for cooperation are available and feasible at the moment ?

→ 1st SNOWMAN transnational coordinated call

December the 1st 2006 – February the 28th 2007

## Call Objectives

- Support the Sustainable Management of Soil & Groundwater Pollution
- Underpin future SNOWMAN research agenda
- Provide first experience of programme cooperation
- Establish funding and research consortia for the future as well as settled and agreed rules

## Call technical content

- Principles of Sustainable Management of Soil & Groundwater Pollution
- Soil system processes
- Tools for Sustainable Management of Soil & Groundwater Pollution
- Application of science & technologies : new technologies or approaches for contaminated soils and groundwater, how sustainable are they ? How is “sustainability” defined ?

# Approaches to Coordinated Calls

- Spectrum of Approaches



Coordinated  
Activity

National Contributions  
(Virtual Common Pot)

Common  
Pot

# The Tightrope

- Common Activity
  - Advertising (Website)
  - Application Process (common application form and selection criteria)
- National Activity
  - Advertising (National Journals)
  - Funding (National Rules)
  - Fundability check

## International Peer Review

- Call Steering Committee & Secretariat
- Funding Recommendation
- Acceptance of outputs
- Funding Confirmation
- Establishing Research Contracts
- Contract monitoring

## Basic Call Parameters

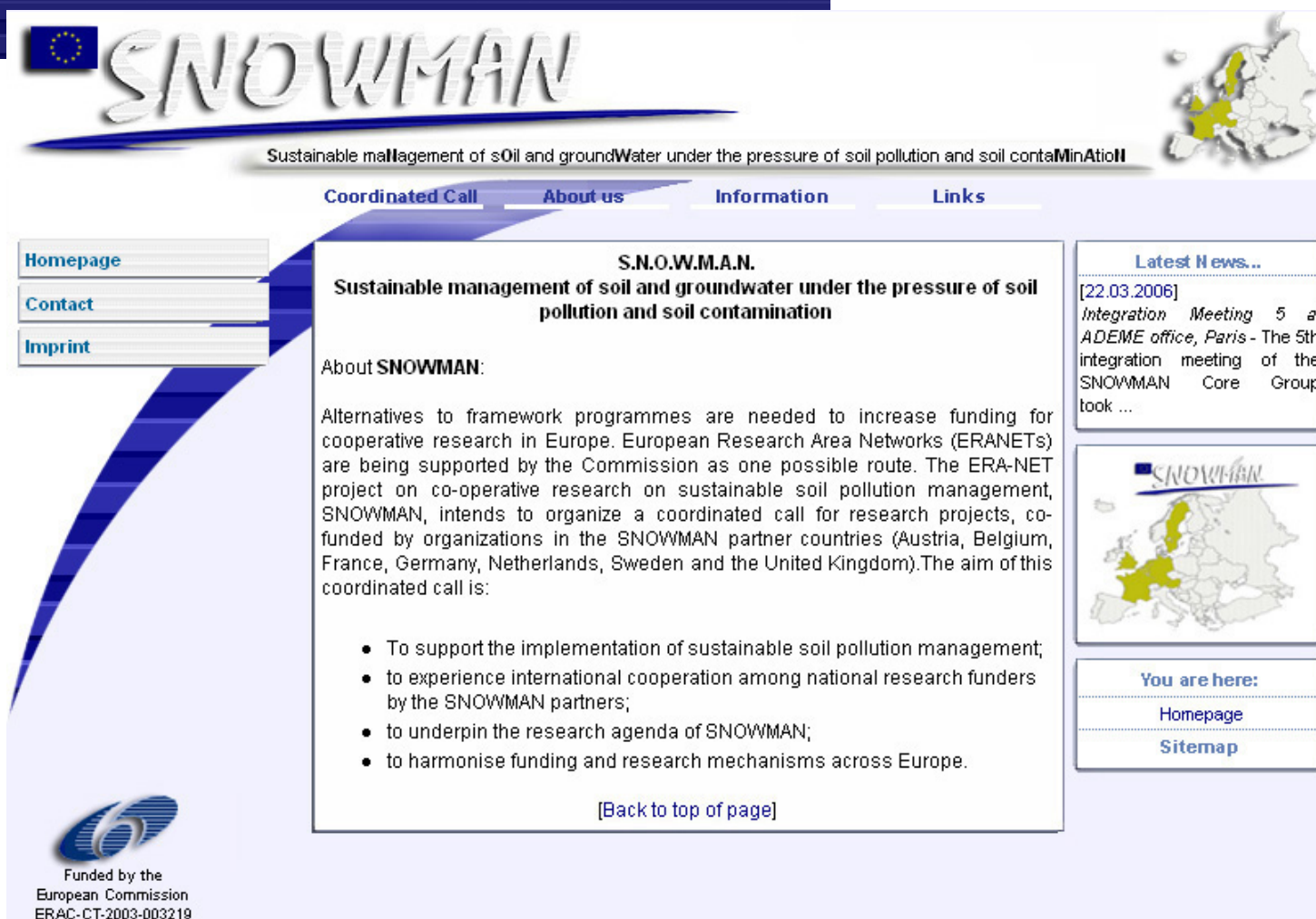
- Call open to legal entities eligible in the national programmes
- At least 2 partners from at least 2 countries
- 'Grant' style funding
- IPR placed in public domain, proactive dissemination

## Further SNOWMAN objectives ...

- ... to achieve the implementation of the 1st co-ordinated research call
- ... to disseminate the results of the funded projects and the lessons learned from the SNOWMAN Call
- ... to establish a future SNOWMAN research programme
- ... to tend to an enlargement of the group of national research funding organisations



# Further information : [www.snowman-era.net](http://www.snowman-era.net)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the SNOWMAN website. At the top, there is a header with the European Union flag, the word "SNOWMAN" in large stylized letters, and a tagline: "Sustainable management of soil and groundwater under the pressure of soil pollution and soil contamination". To the right of the tagline is a map of Europe with several countries highlighted in yellow. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Coordinated Call", "About us", "Information", and "Links". On the left side, there is a vertical menu with links: "Homepage", "Contact", and "Imprint". The main content area is titled "S.N.O.W.M.A.N. Sustainable management of soil and groundwater under the pressure of soil pollution and soil contamination". Below this title, it says "About SNOWMAN:" followed by a paragraph explaining the project's purpose and funding. A bulleted list of four points follows. At the bottom of the main content area is a link "[Back to top of page]". On the right side, there is a "Latest News..." section with a date "[22.03.2006]" and a short news item about an integration meeting. Below this is another map of Europe with the SNOWMAN logo. At the bottom right, there is a "You are here:" section with links to "Homepage" and "Sitemap". At the bottom left, there is a logo for the European Commission and the text "Funded by the European Commission ERAC-CT-2003-003219".

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**S.N.O.W.M.A.N.**  
**Sustainable management of soil and groundwater under the pressure of soil pollution and soil contamination**

About **SNOWMAN**:

Alternatives to framework programmes are needed to increase funding for cooperative research in Europe. European Research Area Networks (ERANETs) are being supported by the Commission as one possible route. The ERA-NET project on co-operative research on sustainable soil pollution management, SNOWMAN, intends to organize a coordinated call for research projects, co-funded by organizations in the SNOWMAN partner countries (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom). The aim of this coordinated call is:

- To support the implementation of sustainable soil pollution management;
- to experience international cooperation among national research funders by the SNOWMAN partners;
- to underpin the research agenda of SNOWMAN;
- to harmonise funding and research mechanisms across Europe.

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**Latest News...**  
[22.03.2006]  
*Integration Meeting 5 at ADEME office, Paris - The 5th integration meeting of the SNOWMAN Core Group took ...*

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