

INCONET-GCC: Challenges for Innovation in the GCC region

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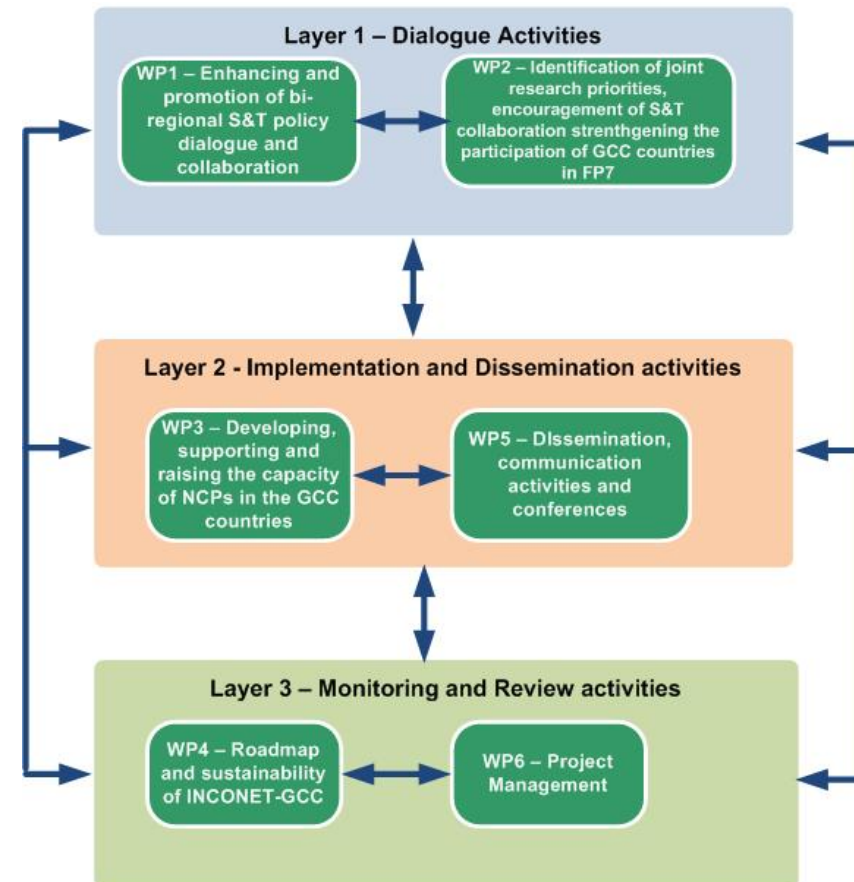
Overall Objective

INCONET-GCC is bringing together policy makers and stakeholders of GCC with the EU to in order to:

- Support a dialogue to identify S&T priorities for mutual benefit and interest and define cooperation policy orientations;
- Implement specific activities to promote and contribute to the participation of GCC in the Framework Programme

INCONET-GCC objectives

- Develops and supports the bi-regional dialogue by bringing together policymakers and stakeholders of GCC and EU.
- Creates a dialogue and action platform to identify common interests in research areas, set up S&T priorities, support capacity building activities, and enhance the interaction between different cooperation instruments of the EC.
- Creates an observatory of EU-GCC cooperation in S&T



INCONET-GCC Policy Dialogue

- Support for international S&T policy development;
- Support the bi-regional policy dialogue on S&T policy;
- Improve the bi-regional dialogue for mapping research needs and setting S&T cooperation priorities
- Strengthen the co-ordination and complementarities with activities carried out by means of Community foreign policy instruments;
- Create operational link with policy makers
- Identification of areas with potential for enhanced coordination

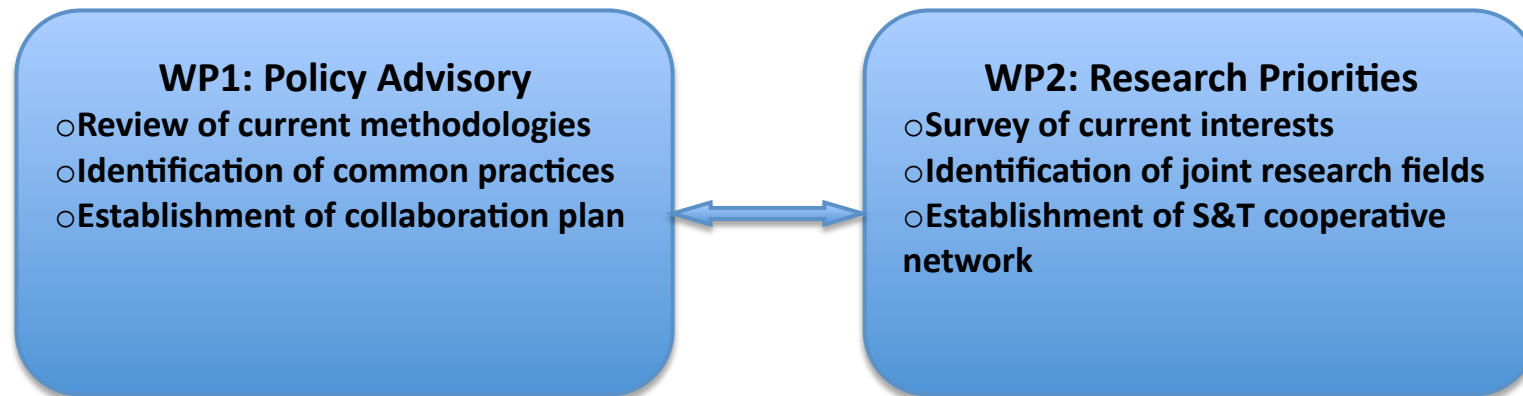
Strengthening cooperation

- Support the GCC National Contact Points
- Organise awareness actions and dissemination activities for scientific community
- Training activities for project managers
- Development of efficient knowledge management tools
- Strengthening regional research networking
- Support of future thematic pilot projects
- Link with other existing networks
- Coordination with other activities

Survey of the current state in GCC

- Capacity building in research
 - Concentration, critical mass, specialisation
- Technology diffusion and innovation
 - SMEs, mobility
- Social and non-technical innovation
 - Potential, lack of information
- Governance
 - Systemic, stakeholders
- Digital convergence and making use of ICT
 - Leveraging networks, labs (e.g., multimedia)

Towards the identification of research priorities



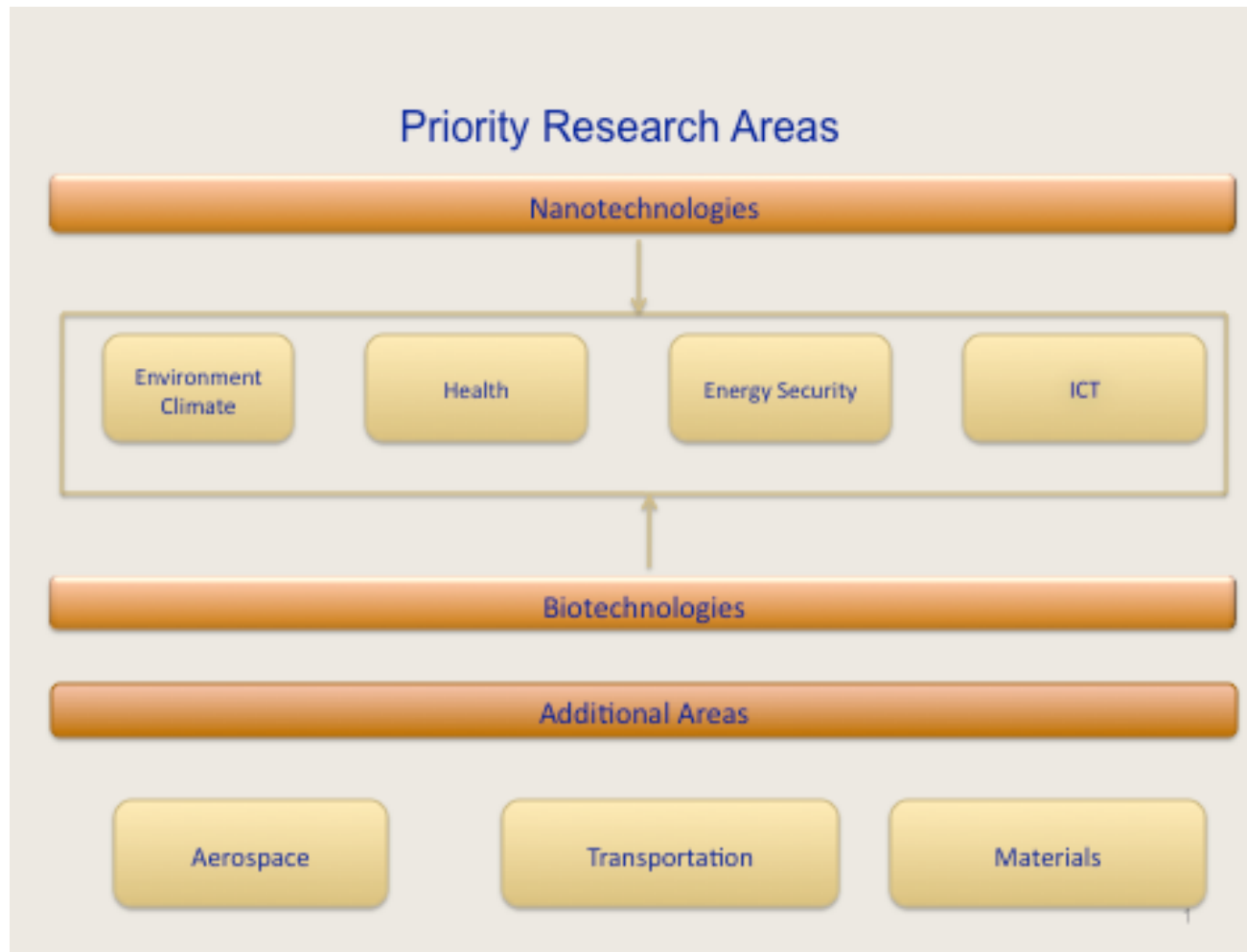
Identification of joint research priorities, encouragement of S&T collaboration

Research areas, identified on the base of the analysis of the region's needs and the development's strategies, are grouped following the main schemes of the FP7 programme as:

- Environment, Water and Climate (including Marine, Agriculture, and Food)
- Health
- Energy Security
- ICT

Additional subjects, more related to specific interests in some countries are: Aerospace, Transport, Materials

Priority Research Areas



Developing, supporting and raising capacity in GCC

- Support for the development of National Contact Points in each GCC country
- Training of the local people
- Organisation of Information Days in the different countries
- Participation of the local NCPs in the European Network of NCPs

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